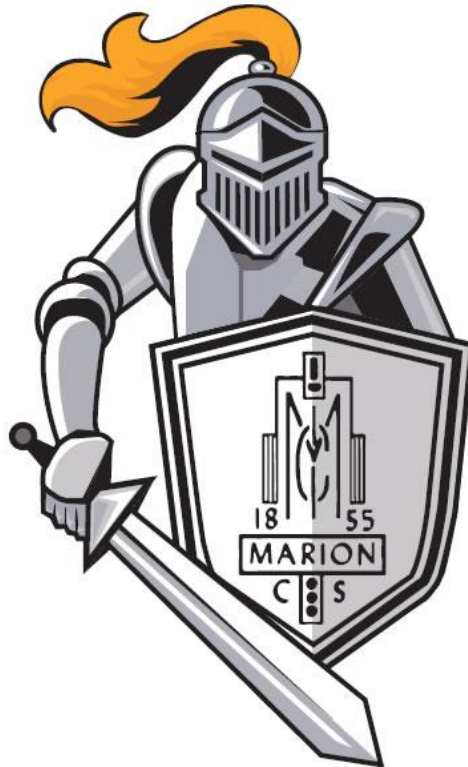


# Procedures and Regulations for Marion Central School District Interscholastic Athletics and Extracurricular Activities



The **MISSION** of the Marion Central School District is to engage all students to achieve their fullest potential today and to be prepared for tomorrow's opportunities.

The **CORE BELIEFS** of Marion Central School District are:  
We Believe...

**Students** are at the heart of what we do

**Innovation** is critical to our success

**Integrity** is the foundation of our conduct

**Engagement** is achieved through rigor, relevance, and relationships

**Teamwork** is the key to excellence

**Personalized Learning** is the future of education

## MARION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

### PHILOSOPHY:

The Extra-Curricular and Interscholastic Athletic program is an integral part of the entire educational process in the Marion Central School District. Our goals are to develop a competitive athletic program, and to instill high educational and lifetime values including sportsmanship, wellness, and high academic achievements for the development of lifetime skills to ensure our students become productive members of society.

### CONDUCT:

Participants and Spectators of Extra-curricular activities are subject to all rules and regulations set forth by the Marion Central School District. Further, all students who attend Marion Central School District are expected to demonstrate exemplary conduct and behavior representing Marion at all times. Violations occurring outside of the season are subject to disciplinary procedures as set forth in this document. Insubordination, profanity, destruction of personal or school property, fighting, illegal conduct, and other unacceptable behavior may result in removal from the activity by the coach/advisor/administrator.

In accordance with the **Dignity for All Students Act**, such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, threats, intimidation, or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived, race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender as defined in Educational Law Section 11(6), or sex; provided that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit a denial of admission into, or exclusion from, extra-curricular activities based on a person's gender that would be permissible under Educational Law Sections 3201-a or 2854(2) (a) and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC Section 1681, et seq.) or to prohibit, as discrimination based on disability, actions that would be permissible under 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The coach/advisor of the activity has the authority to establish additional rules pertaining to the organization and efficient operation of the team or group. The person in charge will review any such additional rules with participating students. The coach/advisor may dismiss or suspend any member for insubordination, unsportsmanlike conduct, repeated tardiness, absences from practices and competitions, and any other behavior deemed unacceptable. Students who have maintained good academic standing may receive priority when developing extracurricular memberships.

### SCHOOL DISCIPLINE:

Consequences assigned by school authorities may have an effect on participation. Any student that is assigned In-school Suspension is not eligible to participate in that day's activities. For any suspension that "carries over" a weekend or holiday, participation on non- school days is determined by the Principal. Any student assigned Out-of-school Suspension is not eligible to participate for the duration of the suspension, including weekends and vacations. Students who are subject to Out of School Suspension may not participate or attend an activity during suspension as well as additional time stated in the student handbook.

### ACCEPTABLE ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOR:

**A student must attend a full day of school, both on the day of an event and the day after, unless there is a legal excuse other than illness. If a student is not in school, unless there is a legal excuse other than illness, they cannot participate in their Extra-Curricular/Athletic Programs that day.** Students who wish to participate in the Extra-Curricular/ Athletic Programs must be in good standing and have acceptable attendance and behavior records.

Clubs/Practice Attendance: All students need to be in attendance at all scheduled practices unless excused by the advisor/coach. Unexcused absences may result in suspension or dismissal from the club/team.

Physical Education Attendance: An athlete must participate in his/her scheduled physical education class, unless excused by the school nurse or the athlete's physician. Participation in athletics does not exempt an athlete from gaining the many benefits of the District's Physical Education curriculum. Unexcused absences or failure to participate in physical education without a valid excuse will result in loss of practice or participation.

Failure to follow this attendance provision may result in the student being unable to participate in the next upcoming event.

**ILLEGAL TARDIES – 3 STRIKE RULE:**

Students participating in an Extra-Curricular/Athletic Program arriving late to school are subject to the following:

***1<sup>st</sup> Illegal Tardy = WARNING***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Illegal Tardy = WARNING***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Illegal Tardy = SUSPENSION FROM NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT***

Tardies are cumulative during a marking period. If illegal tardy is past 8:00 am, student will not be eligible to participate in that day activities. **If you leave school early (sign out) due to injury or illness, you are not allowed to come back to practice, play, or perform that afternoon / evening.**

**This does not apply to performances associated with credit bearing courses.**

**PARENT/SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES:**

All those who attend Marion Extra-curricular events, home or away, are expected to behave in a manner that reflects positively on our school community and promotes good sportsmanship and citizenship. Spectators who fail to conduct themselves appropriately may be removed from the event site and may be subject to a long term ban from attending Marion events. The Marion Central School District campus is a tobacco-free, drug-free, and weapon-free environment in accordance with state and federal law.

**All spectators at Extra-curricular events involving Marion students are expected to obey following guidelines:**

1. Demonstrate the proper fundamentals of sportsmanship and citizenship
2. Respect the property of the school and the authority of school officials.
3. Show respect and courtesy to opposing student-athletes, coaching staffs and fans.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
5. Do not applaud opponent error or penalty.
6. Do not jeer or distract the opposing team.
7. Follow all posted rules and guidelines.

Any violation of the above guidelines could result in loss of privileges to attend any Marion events.

## **DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE/POSSESSION OR DISTRIBUTION:**

It is important for students to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The use of alcohol, tobacco, non- authorized prescription drugs, and illegal drugs is not conducive to good health.

In addition, the use of supplements of any kind is discouraged and supplements are not permitted on school grounds.

The privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities at Marion Central School may be denied to a student who shows disrespect for the value of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

**Note: the following regulations and associated penalties apply throughout the student's athletic/extra-curricular career in the Marion Central School District.**

### **RULES:**

Students must refrain from use, possession and/or distribution of the following, **throughout their athletic/extra-curricular careers:**

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Drug Delivery Devices
- Non-authorized prescription drugs
- Illegal drugs
- "look alike" forms of any of the above
- E-cigarettes, vaping devices, etc.

In addition, on or off school grounds, student must not attend any social functions where the above mentioned products are being used by minors or where controlled substances are being used unlawfully by anyone. A student who is knowingly in the presence of the illegal use of alcohol and/or drugs (ex. underage drinking, illegal drug use, inappropriate use of prescription or OTC medication, etc.), will be expected to take immediate and decisive action to remove him/herself from the situation. Immediate and decisive action is defined as the student removing themselves immediately from the situation and/or contacting a parent, guardian or other responsible individual to remove them from the situation. Students are encouraged to contact coach/advisor or administrator to establish their role in connection with the event. Students who attend and willfully remain at an event where there is alcohol or other illegal substances are deemed to be in the presence of those illegal substances or alcohol and will be subject to discipline. There will be a 30 calendar day suspension each time a student is found to be in the presence of illegal substances or alcohol.

### **PENALTIES:**

Following an investigation, any student found to be in violation of these rules may be suspended from all participation with any group, club, team, etc., as determined by the administrator. The student may not be with the group, club, team, etc., in any capacity during the suspension (i.e. attend meetings, contests, bus rides, practices, rehearsals, performances, etc.), as determined by the administrator. The duration of a suspension is determined by the number of offenses the student has incurred:

**FIRST OFFENSE:**            *30 calendar days (may be reduced to 15 days under conditions defined by the building principal and athletic director- excludes summer)*

**SECOND OFFENSE:**        *90 calendar days (excludes summer)*

- THIRD OFFENSE:** 180 calendar days (excludes summer)  
**FOURTH OFFENSE:** Permanent loss of Extra-curricular activities

The onset of the suspension is determined by the student's status at the time of the determination. NOTE: July 1<sup>st</sup> to the start of the FALL ATHLETIC SEASON FOR ATHLETES and start of the SCHOOL YEAR FOR NON-ATHLETES will not count toward suspension time served. **For example:** A 30 day calendar suspension that starts in the middle of June, will continue in September as the calendar days when school is not in session are not counted.

If the student is a member of an athletic team, their suspension begins immediately during that sport season or at the beginning of their next sport season, whichever comes first. Participation in an extra-curricular activity does not preclude a suspension from the next sports season.

- If the student is currently involved in an extra-curricular activity, their suspension begins immediately and continues until served in full.
- If the student is not currently involved in an extra-curricular activity, their suspension begins at the start of the next involvement in an extra-curricular activity and continues until served in full.

#### **REPORTING VIOLATIONS:**

Reports of alleged violations coming from the four categories of individuals listed below, having **personally witnessed** the alleged violation, must be investigated by the district administrator or designee.

1. Any district employee or school board member
2. Any adult acting as a chaperone/assisting with a school activity at the request of the district
3. Any law enforcement officer or agency
4. A parent or legal guardian of the student involved

Reports of alleged violations from persons other than the above may be investigated if cause to do so is warranted, by a district administrator or designee.

Alleged violations may be reported to a coach, advisor or a school administrator.

#### **EARLY RETURN OPTION:**

The administrator may restore a student's participation privileges after the student has served at least half the suspension and successfully completed a drug/tobacco/alcohol prevention program or other educational program. Course may be provided by the Council of Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes, District approved online course, or other district approved outside agencies. The suspension of the activities occurs until documentation of completion is provided to administration. Also, the administrator, when appropriate, may encourage students and parents to seek non-school counseling and treatment services, and may give information to parents and students regarding services available.

#### **CARRY OVER RULE:**

If the suspension is a carry over, from one season to the next, the athlete is allowed a 3 day try- out period for the next season sport and then the suspension continues until its completion. Also, a suspension will be carried over from one school year to next (spring season to fall season)

### **HONORS/RECOGNITIONS:**

Students suspended due to a violation of this procedure are not eligible for Marion awards and recognitions (for the season/event in which the violation occurred). Students who violated this procedure, but were not found in violation until after their participation ceased, will forfeit all Marion awards and recognitions (for the season/event in which the violation occurred).

### **SELF-REFERRAL:**

Students who do have an issue or problem with a substance, and want to seek help, can self-report themselves to a staff member. The student and staff member will work with the counseling office on a self-help plan. As long as a student fulfills all obligations of the plan, that student will remain eligible for athletics. A self-referral is not an option after a student has been caught breaking the COC and/or once the District begins investigating an incident.

### **APPEAL PROCESS:**

The Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee will be responsible for conducting hearings of the appeals of decisions made by the Principal and/or Athletic Director on violations of Extra- Curricular Code of Conduct policies.

The Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee is comprised of the following:

1. District Administrator
2. Student's Coach or Advisor
3. School Counselor or Psychologist
4. Teacher
5. Coach or Extra-Curricular Advisor (impartial, not associated with student's sport/activity)

The Principal or Athletic Director's role will be limited to presenting the case on appeal to the Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee. The District Administrator will be responsible for overseeing the appeal and appointing the committee members.

In the event that a member of the Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee is absent or otherwise unavailable to participate in the appeal, the hearing shall continue, provided that there are at least 3 of 5 members present and in attendance.

### **Appeal Procedures**

1. The Principal or Athletic Director's will present the case on appeal to the Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee.
2. The student and parent will have the opportunity to appear at the appeal to address the evidence against the student and present his/her own evidence.
3. The student will be given the opportunity to explain any extenuating circumstances surrounding the alleged conduct pertinent to his/her defense. Witnesses may be called to support the students' case.
4. The decision of the Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee will be issued within two (2) school days of the hearing.

## Appeals

Decisions of the Principal or Athletic Director may be appealed by the student, parent, coach or advisor to the Principal or Athletic Director within five (5) school days. The appeal must be made in writing and must request an Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee hearing. The Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee has the authority to uphold, rescind, modify or increase the penalty imposed by the Principal and/or Athletic Director. The appeal decision will be based on a majority rule of Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee and will be made in writing, specifying the reasons and circumstances upon which the decision was based. The decision of the Extra-Curricular Appeal Committee will be issued within two (2) school days of the hearing.

**During the appeal process, the student's suspension will remain in effect.**

**Extra-curricular/athletic eligibility due to academic issues is not appealable.**

**ALL PARENTS AND STUDENT PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE READ OUR MARION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BEFORE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE RULES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE COACHES/ADVISORS.**

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**The full Academic Status Reporting System document can be found on the Jr.-Sr. High School Website.**

The 2021-2022 Marion Jr.-Sr. High School Academic Status Report System is designed as a proactive and preventative approach to retaining students' eligibility for participation in extra-curricular activities. The cornerstone of this system is early identification of those students who are experiencing failure that could result in exclusion from extra-curricular activities, complemented by effective and sustained communication between the classroom teacher, student, parent, coach/advisor, and administration. This system will assign all students an academic status which will indicate any additional expectations that the student must comply with in order to participate and/or compete in athletics or another extra-curricular activity:

- **Eligible:** Eligible students may participate freely in extra-curricular activities without complying with any additional expectations. A student will be assigned a status of Eligible if he/she is passing all classes.
- **Probation:** Students on probation may participate in practices/meeting and competitions provided that they comply with academic interventions and other additional expectations. A student will be assigned a status of Probation if he/she is failing one course on an Eligibility report.
- **Ineligible:** A student will be considered "ineligible" if they are failing 2 or more classes on an eligibility report. In order to continue participating in their activity, they must schedule a meeting with the Principal or Assistant Principal, their counselor, and their parent/ guardian within 5 school days of the eligibility report. During that meeting, a contract will be developed to help the student improve their grades. The student and parent/guardian will sign the contract and the student will be permitted to continue participation in their activity as long as they are meeting the terms of the contract. If they do not meet the terms of the contract, they will immediately be removed from the activity.

### **Academic Status Reporting Schedule:**

Report Type	Report Date	Description
Late Warning	9/28/21	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	10/8/21	Based on 5 Week Progress Reports
Late Warning	11/2/21	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	11/15/21	Based on 10 Week Report Cards

Late Warning	12/7/21	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	12/17/21	Based on 15 Week Progress Reports
Late Warning	1/24/22	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	2/1/22	Based on 20 Week Report Cards
Late Warning	3/1/22	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	3/11/22	Based on 25 Week Progress Reports
Late Warning	4/5/22	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	4/22/22	Based on 30 Week Report Cards
Late Warning	5/10/22	Based on live gradebook data
Eligibility	5/20/22	Based on 35 Week Progress Reports
Late Warning	6/9/22 (Friday)	Based on live gradebook data

***All late warning and eligibility reports will be sent to students and parents/guardians via email. It is critical that parents and guardians have a current email address on file with the district to ensure that they receive these reports.***

**The full Academic Status Reporting System document can be found on the Jr.-Sr. High School Website.**

#### **Student Ownership and Responsibility**

Students are expected to commit themselves to their sport/extra-curricular activities and their team/fellow group members without allowing outside jobs and other commitments to conflict with their participation, their coach/advisor, or their teammates/group. Students are responsible for being aware of all practices and competitions, including dates, times, locations, and team/group commitments. It is also the responsibility of the student to communicate personally with the coach/advisor if he/she is unable to attend a practice or a competition for any reason. This communication should occur with as much notice as possible. Students are responsible for the proper care and return of the school issued uniform/equipment. It is expected that all uniforms and equipment will be returned to the coach/advisor at the conclusion of the season/performance. The student is responsible for any lost or stolen equipment and is expected to compensate the district for equipment or uniforms that are not returned. Students will wear proper attire at all times when participating in practices and competitions.

#### **Academic Responsibilities**

Students are expected to maintain good academic standing and prioritize their academics over all other commitments. Students are expected to arrive at school on time, attend all of their classes on a regular basis, and put forth their best academic effort. Specific academic eligibility requirements and consequences are outlined in this code of conduct.

**Extra-curricular/athletic eligibility due to academic issues is not appealable.**



## **PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO MARION CENTRAL SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

### **MARION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS**

The Marion Central School District is committed to providing an Interscholastic Athletic Program with value for all students. The Program focuses on educational development, self-esteem, and individual skills as well as promoting an atmosphere of teamwork, citizenship, and sportsmanship. In addition, the Program emphasizes discipline, leadership, respect, loyalty, and cooperation.

We believe that athletics is an integral, voluntary component of the overall educational development of the "whole" student. Athletics builds overall school spirit and friendship, and lead to a lifelong interest in physical fitness.

The district provides qualified coaches who are positive role models and are enthusiastic in working with our student-athletes. We strive to create a healthy and safe environment to meet these ends.

- The Marion Central School District

**Marion Central School District is a member of the following Athletic Associations and will follow all rules, regulations and policies established by these organizations. They are as follows:**

1. New York State Public High School Athletic Association
2. Section V
3. Wayne County Public School Athletic Association
4. Associate Member Finger Lakes High School Athletic Association

#### **N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Code of Ethics**

***It is the duty of all student athletes in High School Athletics:***

- ◆ *To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.*
- ◆ *To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.*

- ◆ *To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.*
- ◆ *To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.*
- ◆ *To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.*
- ◆ *To respect the integrity and judgment of the sport officials.*
- ◆ *To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and standards of eligibility.*
- ◆ *To encourage leadership, use of incentive, and good judgment by the players on the team.*
- ◆ *To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical well-being of the individual players.*
- ◆ *To remember that an athletic contest is only a game . . . it is not a matter of life or death for the player, coach, school, official, fan, community, state or nation.*

### **Section V Student-Athlete Code of Behavior**

#### **It is the responsibility of the student to:**

- ◆ *Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times be they coaches, officials, spectators or athletes.*
- ◆ *Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.*
- ◆ *Deal with opponents with RESPECT. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.*
- ◆ *RESPECT the integrity and judgment of the officials.*
- ◆ *Remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly upon yourself, your family, your school and your community.*
- ◆ *Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.*
- ◆ *Accept victory with GRACE and defeat with DIGNITY.*

### **Wayne County Public School Athletic Association Code of Ethics**

#### **It is the Duty of all Student-Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Spectators concerned with high school interscholastic athletics:**

- ◆ *To remember that an athletic contest is only a game, not a matter of life or death for a student-athlete, coach, official, spectator, community, state or nation.*
- ◆ *To emphasis the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.*
- ◆ *To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the competition. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.*
- ◆ *To establish a cordial relationship between visitor and host. To respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.*
- ◆ *To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.*
- ◆ *To encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment by all student-athletes on the team.*
- ◆ *To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional wellbeing of the individual student-athletes.*

#### **PARENTAL CONCERNS:**

If parents or guardians have a concern regarding their son or daughters participation on an athletic team and

wish to discuss the situation with a school official, the following procedural steps are recommended:

1. The student-athlete should first address the situation with the coach (if appropriate).
2. Contact the team coach and schedule a mutually agreed upon time to meet to discuss the situation.
3. Contact the Director of Athletics to arrange a meeting between parent, student (if appropriate), coach, and Director of Athletics.

### **PHYSICAL HEALTH AND PREPARATION:**

It is the responsibility of the student athlete to maintain their physical health and conditioning and to prepare themselves for the best possible performance at all times.

- Strive to get as much rest as possible, especially prior to a competition.
- Follow basic nutritional guidelines for proper diet and hydration to support physical activity.
- Take proactive steps to prevent illness, injury, and poor health. All injuries and illnesses should be reported to the coach, regardless of the severity.
- Use of or possession of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia and being in the presence of illegal drugs or the illegal use of alcohol is strictly prohibited. Students who violate these expectations will be subject to discipline as outlined in this code of conduct.
- Use prescription and over-the-counter medications only as directed.

### **SPORTS PHYSICALS:**

Each student wishing to participate in the interscholastic athletic program in the Marion Central School District must have on file a record of a physical from the school physician or their own private family physician, which clearly states the student's ability to participate in athletics. Please note:

- A physical is valid for 12 months.
- The physical runs through the end of the month.
- Once a student is cleared for the start of the season, that student is cleared for the full season.

Prior to **each season** a registration/consent form (health history update) **Registration is sport specific and therefore needs to be redone for each new sport.** If a student-athlete is injured and removed from activity and later is cleared to participate by a doctor, a new recertification form may need to be submitted to the nurse in order to return to athletics.

### **PHYSICAL FITNESS & TRAINING:**

Student athletes are **STRONGLY** advised to include enough physical preparation prior to the start of the season so that they minimize the risk of injury. If unsure of proper preparation, consult your Physical Education Instructor, coach, or Athletic Director. Note that for all sports, off- season clubs/leagues are available in the local area. Although participation in such clubs is not mandatory, it is encouraged as a means of building an athlete's physical fitness and sport- specific skills

### **RISK FACTOR IN SPORTS:**

Participation by a student in athletic activities involves a certain degree of risk of physical injury. Such physical injury can occur in any type of activity, be it a contact or a non-contact sport. By choosing to participate in a school-sponsored interscholastic athletic activity, a student and his/her parents/guardians assume the risks for injuries to occur.

### **INJURIES:**

In order for the coach to make the best decision for both the student-athlete and the team, ***it is extremely important to report all injuries a student-athlete suffers immediately to the coach.*** Medical expenses

resulting from any injury related to athletic participation must first be submitted to your own insurance carrier. Any remaining balance may be submitted to the school's accident insurance carrier for possible reimbursement by processing a claim form that can be obtained from the school nurse, contact the nurse for details.

### **RETURNING TO AN ATHLETIC TEAM AFTER AN INJURY, ILLNESS, OR A PERIOD OF INACTIVITY:**

Any athlete who is seen by a doctor for an illness or injury must obtain a physician's release (signed statement) and may need to submit a new recertification form to the nurse in order to resume participation with their team. If you have to go to an emergency room for care, a written release should be obtained either before leaving the hospital or from the athlete's family physician at the time of a follow-up examination. The release should clearly indicate that the athlete may participate in school athletics, or the minimum time before an athlete may resume playing, e.g., "no strenuous exercise or sports for two weeks". *This release must be filed with our school nurse.* It is the student-athlete's responsibility to get the release to the school nurse.

In cases where the coach and/or Athletic Director are aware of an injury suffered by an athlete, the coach and/or Athletic Director can request that the athlete see a physician or athletic trainer. *The athlete will not be permitted to participate in the sport until examined and released by a physician or athletic trainer.*

Students absent from school 5 consecutive days due to illness or injury must be re-certified by a physician before they can practice or play in an athletic contest.

### **HEAD INJURIES:**

Please note: Head injuries are a great cause for concern. Recent findings of post-concussion syndrome have led to an increased awareness of the long term dangers associated with severe head injuries. Since the law requires the school district to consider all concussions, parents must promptly inform the district of concussions that occur outside of school. Return to Play protocol will be followed.

### **PARENT/SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES:**

All those who attend Marion athletic events, home or away, are expected to behave in a manner that reflects positively on our school community and promotes good sportsmanship. Spectators who fail to conduct themselves appropriately may be removed from the competition site and may be subject to a long term ban from attending Marion athletic events. The Marion Central School District campus is a tobacco-free, drug-free, and weapon-free environment in accordance with state and federal law.

All spectators at athletic contests involving Marion Athletic Teams are expected to obey following guidelines:

- 1 Demonstrate the proper fundamentals of sportsmanship
- 2 Respect the property of the school and the authority of school officials.
- 3 Show respect and courtesy to opposing student-athletes, coaching staffs and fans.
- 4 Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
- 5 Do not applaud opponent error or penalty.
- 6 Do not jeer or distract the opposing team.
- 7 All posted rules and guidelines.

Any violation of the above guidelines could result in loss of privileges to attend any Marion Athletic Contest.

### **CHANGING SPORTS:**

Students may change from one sport to another sport prior to the end of tryouts (if there are not tryouts, then the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the season), provided that they have received permission from the coaches involved

and the Athletic Director. If he/she has been cut from one team, it is legitimate to try out for another, if there are open positions remaining on a team. The athlete must understand that practices are sport specific and do not count from one sport to another.

#### **QUITTING AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM:**

After final rosters have been established, the student is expected to remain a member of the team for the entire length of the season. If not, the student may be ineligible to participate in any other sport during that same season.

**A student-athlete must participate in scheduled physical education in order to participate in athletics for the day.**

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Each student-athlete will be transported both to and from all away contests by school authorized vehicles only.

**Exception to this policy would be a written request on an Athletic Transportation Release Form that is turned into the coach or Athletic Director and signed by the parent/guardian prior (24 hours preferred) to the athletic contest or practice. Request may be emailed to Athletic Director.** In this case it is understood that the student-athlete must be transported by their **parent/guardian or a parental/guardian approved adult**. It is stressed that this is to be the exceptional case. Travel time is an integral part of being on an athletic team. It affords time to the coaches and student-athletes to prepare prior to the contest and to reflect on the contest afterwards.

#### **RETURN OF SCHOOL CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT:**

It is the responsibility of the athlete to return to the coach all clothing and equipment issued during the season. Failure to do this will result in the athlete paying for the missing articles. Athletes not paying for the missing articles will have their report cards (and diploma if applicable) held and will forfeit their right to receive any school clothing or equipment the next sport season.

**MARION CENTRAL SCHOOL  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW AND UNDERSTANDING**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Coach/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Initial                      Student Initial

*I understand that the extra-curricular code of conduct contains extensive changes as compared to last year.*

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*I understand that ineligibility due to academic failure is not subject to appeal through the appeals process as outlined for situations involving alcohol, tobacco, devices and other drugs.*

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*I have read and understand the new expectations set regarding daily tardiness to school, and how that may impact a student's ability to participate in extracurricular activities.*

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*I have read and understand that the regulations and associated penalties for Drug, Alcohol, Devices and Tobacco Use/Possession or Distribution apply throughout the student athlete's career in the Marion Central School District.*

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*I understand that all students participating in extracurricular activities are subject to the expectations.*

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*I have reviewed and understand the rules, procedures, regulations and responsibilities of participating in any extracurricular activity as outlined in the Procedures and Regulations for Marion Central School District Interscholastic Athletics and Extracurricular Activities.*

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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