

Dual-Sport Participation Policy Clarinda Community School District

Rationale

Clarinda Community Schools seeks to provide quality co-curricular athletic opportunities for its students. **(Cheerleading is included in this)** Some students have talents and abilities, which they have a desire to contribute to more than one team in a particular athletic season, and both of these teams can benefit. Some activities may struggle with low numbers, and this can boost participation in those sports.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TWO ACTIVITIES DURING THE SAME SEASON

Students are allowed to participate in two co-curricular sports activities during the same season. Students wishing to participate in two sports during the same season will need to obtain a request form from the athletic director and follow the guidelines set down by the athletic department involving dual sport participation. Request must be turned in before the first practice.

RULES OF DUAL-SPORT PARTICIPATION

1. A student who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by IHSAA/IGHSAU for the season of participation.
2. A primary sport is defined as the sport, which takes precedence over another sport, in the event there is a conflict of schedule or any other matter that could lead to a conflict. If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence. **If one sport has a competition and the other has a Hawkeye 10 conference contest, District/Regional contest or state contest the student will go to conference, district/regional or state contest regardless of primary or secondary sport designation.**
3. The student must practice in both sports but the amount of practice time will vary. **On non competition days the athlete will go to their primary sport practice and then try to make it to their secondary sport practice if that is an option. Secondary sport coaches will need to work out practice times with the dual sport athletes. Playing time should not be affected by dual student athlete missing practice.**
4. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the sport season. The athlete then will participate in the primary sport only.
5. The student and parents or legal guardians, must sign a contract of dual-sport participation before the first practice session he or she attends.
6. In the event that a student is disciplined for any infraction in a specific sport, the consequence will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation.

Request for Dual Sport Participation

It is the intention of the athlete named below to participate in two sports during the same season. In order for this to occur, the following stipulations must be met in accordance with CCSD Policy:

1. The process must be initiated by a scheduled conference with the athletic director.
2. The athlete must declare which sport is primary and secondary for participation purposes.
3. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the sport season. The athlete then will participate in the primary sport only.
4. Practice and Game/Meet requirements must be established prior to the sport season. Contests take precedence over practice/rehearsals, and the primary sport contests take precedence over secondary sport contests.

The higher the level of competition (state vs. district, conference vs. non-conference) has priority.

This should be detailed in writing below after a conference between the athletic director and coaches involved.

Name of Athlete: _____ Sports: _____

Primary Sport: _____

Secondary Sport: _____

Practice and Game/Meet Requirements (attach calendar):

Additional Stipulations:

Signature of Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Head Coach-Primary: _____ Date : _____

Signature of Head Coach-Secondary: _____ Date : _____

Signature of Athletic Director: _____ Date: _____