

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



SPORTS PARENT Information Guide

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MS/HS Home Playing Sites SUBJECT TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



HS Boys & Girls Soccer —Field #3, #5, #7, #8

MS Boys & Girls Soccer—Field #7 & 8

HS Field Hockey—Field #3, #6

MS Field Hockey—Field #6

MS Football—Field #3, #5

JV/V Football—Field #1, #3, #5

HS Boys & Girls XC—Field #2 (start) / Field #3 (finish)

MS Boys & Girls XC—Field #5 (start) / Field #3 (finish)

HS Boys & Girls Tennis—HS Tennis Courts

HS Boys Golf—Green Acres

461 A South Northkill Road, Bernville, PA 19506

HS Boys & Girls Bowling—Heister's Lanes

801 Heister's Lane, Reading, PA 19605

HS Wrestling—New /Old HS Gym

JH Wrestling—MS & New/Old HS Gym

HS Boys & Girls Basketball—New HS Gym

MS Boys & Girls Basketball—MS Gym

HS Baseball—Field #4

HS Softball—Field #2

MS Softball—Field #8

MS Baseball—Field #6

MS & HS Boys & Girls Track (run & jump events)—Field #3

MS & HS Boys & Girls Track (throwing events)—Field #5

Athletic Department

Vision Statement

An athletic department distinguished statewide for excellence in all respects.

Mission Statement

Strive for excellence, within the framework of integrity and fiscal responsibility, by offering model programs which allow student-athletes to develop meaningful standards of athletic performance, scholarship, leadership, citizenship and sportsmanship.

Goals

1. To ensure all student-athletes receive equitable treatment with equal access to top quality coaching, excellent medical care, superior academic support and resources the equal of any similar size program.
2. To attain statewide prominence for academic and athletic achievement.
3. To maintain traditional standards of institutional control.
4. To encourage student-athletes, coaches, and administrators to create an environment where the teamwork between the School District and the public is both healthy and productive.
5. To operate the athletic program in a fiscally sound fashion, managing resources in a manner that produce the most beneficial end product for the student-athletes, coaches, and staff being served by athletics.
6. To field an athletic program that is representative of the High School and its student body.



Core Values

1. We respect each student as an individual, and their personal welfare is our highest priority.
2. Our most important asset is our people.
3. We view competition as the means to a healthy respect of self and others.
4. We promote traditional values of honesty, integrity, commitment and hard work as the foundation of the athletic program's reputation and continuing success.
5. We are committed to providing coaches who regard themselves first and foremost as teachers.
6. We value health and safety as paramount to a successful athletic program.
7. Teamwork should prevail in all interactions among students, coaches, staff and administrators.
8. We regard athletics as integral to the mission and goals of the School District.
9. No goal exceeds the mandate to educate and graduate the student-athlete.

Athlete Drop Off & Pick Up

One coach will remain on site until all team members have been picked up or have departed the team area as designated by your child's coach. Please be prompt in arriving to pick up your child following practices & contests. During the winter months, athletes being dropped off or picked up at the HS should enter and exit through the main lobby of the new gym. All other doors will be locked. If you need to park & wait for your child, please use the parking spaces in front of the HS—not along the curb at lobby.



Medical Care

The athletic department contracts with *Lehigh Valley Health Network* for coordination of sports medicine services, including pre-participation athletic physicals, as well as two Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) and team physician services. The trainers are dedicated to Hamburg Area student-athletes year round, and should be consulted first regarding injuries suffered while playing a sport at or for Hamburg Area. The athletic training room houses equipment and supplies to meet most rehabilitation and treatment needs. If you have questions regarding sports medicine services, contact the athletic training room.



Insurance Coverage

The athletic department **does not provide medical insurance coverage on student-athletes.** The parents/guardians of all prospective student-athletes are required to provide proof of medical insurance coverage prior to the student joining or trying out for a team. Families without medical insurance can purchase a policy through the District Office for all sports except football.

Campus Speed Limit



The speed limit on the MS/HS campus is 15 MPH. Please be cautious & aware of pedestrians when driving on campus.

Varsity Letters

Varsity letters are earned. The criteria for earning a letter varies from sport to sport—innings, quarters, halves, etc, but always includes perfect attendance unless excused by the coach. Check with your child's coach if you have questions relative to their sport's requirements.

Informational Web Sites

Hamburg Area School District www.hasdhawks.org
Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association www.bciaa.org
District 3 <http://district3.piaa.org/>
Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association www.piaa.org
National Collegiate Athletic Association www.ncaa.org

Booster Clubs

The Hamburg Area Sports Booster Club is recognized as the official support group for all District-sponsored athletic programs, because the club's purpose is to provide support solely to District-sponsored teams (7-12). This does not preclude other groups from providing support to any District-sponsored team. President, Brad Valentino can be contacted at gohawks82@comcast.net



Contest Admission Fees

Single game admission is \$3 for a student (K-12) and \$5 for an adult (anyone no longer a student). Adult admission is \$6 for varsity-level tournaments at which multiple events are contested in one day—excluding JH/HS Wrestling Tournaments. Discounted tickets are available via presale through the athletic office during school hours & are not sold at the gate on game day. 10-packs cost \$35 for adults & \$20 for students, and are good for entry to all HASD athletic contests. Parents of participating senior athletes are admitted free on senior night. A no re-entry policy is in effect for all contests with paid admission.



Athletic Physical Exams

Prior to participation, athletes must have an initial physical documented on the athletic department's (PIAA) physical packet. Packets are available in on the District web site. Prior to the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons, the athletic department provides opportunities in to receive the initial physical at no cost (as of 2/27/23). Information for each is announced in advance on the District web site. Athletes missing this opportunity shall have the examination performed by a physician at their own expense. Once initially certified, athletes need to complete a re-certification packet in order to participate in a subsequent sport. Re-certification is also free.



What to do when you have to visit a doctor's office AFTER completing the initial physical

Pick up a SECTION 8 form in the athletic training office, and have the doctor's office you visit complete it prior to departing from your visit. The form can also be found on the ATHLETICS link of the HASD website. Click on ATHLETICS, SPORTS PHYSICAL INFORMATION.

Schedules

Schedules are provided on HASD website. Click on TEAM SCHEDULES. Refer to the map on the opposite side of this page for home playing site locations.



Academic Requirements

Academic performance is monitored weekly. To be eligible for competition, an athlete must be passing at least four (4) full-credit subjects & failing less than two (2) credits, or the equivalent. As of any Friday, athletes not meeting the standard are ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through Saturday. If an athlete's work at the conclusion of a marking period does not meet the standard, they are out of competition for 15 school days. Ineligible student-athletes on HS teams are required to complete 45 minutes of daily remediation prior to attending practices/contests.



Attendance Requirements

Athletes must be in school by 10:00 AM in order to participate in an athletic contest or practice that day. Exceptions can only be approved by the building Principal. Attendance at in season practices and contests is mandatory. However, emergencies arise and will be taken into account on a case by case basis.

District-Issued Equipment

Equipment issued to athletes becomes the sole responsibility of the athlete. Each item distributed by a coach to an athlete is required to be returned on the date & time announced by the coach. This is considered the final practice for the season. Failure to attend the equipment return session as identified by the coach will be considered an unacceptable absence from practice. This could be a deterrent to earning a varsity letter or other year-end award. Athletes who do not return District-issued equipment will be billed for REPLACEMENT cost. All cloth items are to be returned washed & clean.



Transportation of Athletes

Athletes may not drive their automobiles to contests or practices. Exceptions are made for events which require students to leave the MS/HS campus in order to obtain use of facilities, and other situations pre-approved by the HS Principal. HASD provides BCTC student-athletes with transportation from BCTC back to campus. Under ordinary circumstances, in order for an athlete to depart the site of an away contest on transportation other than that which is provided by the District, the parent must complete a *Transportation Request Form* (see coach) and submit it to the coach prior to the departure from the away site.

Expectations of Spectators

Spectators are expected to assist in the promotion and achievement of good sportsmanship ideals by modeling behaviors we want the students to emulate. Show your *Hawk Pride* and cheer loudly. However, be a good sport and respect others in attendance—including participants, coaches & officials.