

Hadley Interscholastic Sports

The goals of the Hadley athletic program encompass development of healthy living habits, discipline, leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship and respect for structure, rules, and responsibilities. Individual initiative, character, and teamwork will be enhanced by being part of a Hadley team. Participation in Hadley Athletics is a highly encouraged experience that benefits students in many areas of their life. Students choosing to participate in these activities bear the responsibility of representing their school at competitions and in the community. These extended responsibilities include holding students who choose to participate to a high standard of conduct both inside and outside of school as a condition of participation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION - In order to be eligible for participation on a Hadley athletic team, students must observe the standards of behavior set forth in the district's athletic code. In addition, students must maintain grades which are in accordance with the student's ability. Teachers will notify coaches whenever a student's performance does not match his/her ability level and when they feel a student is not putting forth the effort needed to succeed. Student's will not be eligible to practice or play in games until the situation is resolved. Students must have a current sports physical on file with the nurse's office prior to participation in a sport. Physicals are good for one calendar year. For information on low cost athletic physicals please contact the school nurse.

Costs

No student will be denied participation in any sport due to an inability to pay for the activity fee or any necessary equipment. In this case, please notify the coach and fees will be waived and equipment will be provided.

CLUB AND TRAVEL TEAM PARTICIPANTS

Hadley does not prohibit our athletes from participating in club or travel teams while their Hadley sport is in season. However, all Hadley sports practices and games must take priority over activities with a club or travel team.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL, PRACTICE, OR GAME - Athletes must be in attendance for at least a half day of school to participate in a game or practice that day. Excused absence from school is considered an excused absence from a practice or game. Pre-arranged absences for family commitments, medical appointments will also be considered excused. Absences will be considered unexcused for the following reasons: detention, suspension, individual or group lessons, participation in a sports practice or game with another team. **Three excused absences or one unexcused absence may result in removal from the team**

CUTS - Many different factors are taken into consideration when choosing a team. Athleticism, fitness, and skill level are important attributes but attitude, hustle, hard work and being coachable are intangibles that are equally important. Behavior and academic effort at school will also help guide decisions. Unfortunately, everybody does not make the athletic teams at Hadley and those who do not are encouraged to continue to work hard and find other outlets to participate in athletics. We do offer a few no cut sports at Hadley as well as a strong intramural sports program.