

PHILOMATH HS ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Sports Offered At Philomath High School for 2009-2010

FALL: boys/girls cross country, football, boys/girls soccer, volleyball

WINTER: boys/girls basketball, *dance team, boys/girls swimming, wrestling

SPRING: baseball, softball, boys/girls track, boys/girls tennis **team chosen by try-out only*

PROCESS FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION (TO OBTAIN A CLEARANCE CARD FOR A SPORT)

You must bring/do the following—more detailed information below:

- Signed (by parent) Annual Interval/Emergency Medical Authorization Form. You must have medical insurance to participate in athletics. If you do not have medical insurance, you may purchase insurance through a program offered through the school.
- Signed Transportation Form (by parent).
- Signed Athletic Communication Form and Acknowledgement Form (by parent and student/athlete).
- A completed current OSAA Physical Form (must be renewed every two years).
- New students to PHS must present a transcript from previous school.
- Pay the participation fee.

PHYSICALS: All incoming 9th graders and students new to the district who would like to participate in PHS athletics must have a physical prior to participation. **YOU MUST USE THE OSAA PHYSICAL FORM.** Physicals on any other form WILL NOT be accepted. The forms stay in effect for two years from the date of the exam. **Physical forms (also called Pre-Participation Examination Forms)** are available at any time in the high school main and athletic offices, can be found on the high school website, or at www.osaa.org. Physicals must be renewed every two years. The Booster Club is holding a physical night on Tuesday, August 11th from 5:00—7:00 pm at Philomath Family Medicine. Physicians and nurse practitioners will be on hand to give physicals for a flat fee of \$25.00 (checks made out to Philomath Booster Club) on a first come, first served basis. CLEARANCE CARDS may also be obtained that night (see below.)

CLASSES AND GRADES: For freshmen in the fall, their 8th grade classes are not taken into account, so anyone who participates in the fall has “a clean slate.” The OSAA and PHS have separate policies concerning grades. All rules and consequences are explained in the sports participation packet.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION PACKET: There is a packet of papers entitled “Welcome to Philomath Athletics.” The packet contains important information (including rules and policies for participation) that parents and athletes need to read. It also includes five forms that need to be completely filled out, signed by both the athlete and parent/guardian, and returned to the Athletic Office with the sports participation fee before a clearance card will be issued. Forms will be available August 3rd in the main and athletic offices as well as on the athletic page of the school website.

PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEE: The Philomath School District Board of Directors approved the following fees for high school students who wish to participate in athletics:

First Sport (any season)	\$125
Second Sport (any season)	\$100
Third and Any Additional Sports (any season)	\$75

For example, an athlete who did not participate in a fall sport and then went out for a winter sport would pay \$125. If they then participated in a spring sport, that fee would be \$100. The purpose of the fee is to help offset the cost of athletics and help make it possible to continue with our present athletic programs. Participation in athletics is an optional, co-curricular activity. Partial waivers are available from the Booster Club for those who may be experiencing financial hardship (requires community service through the athletic department in return for each waiver granted). The entire policy is included in the Sports Participation Packet.

CLEARANCE CARDS: Official practices for **fall sports** begin on Monday, August 24th and a clearance card must be obtained before an athlete can practice. Athletes attending sports camps or playing on teams in June, July and early August DO NOT need to have a clearance card to participate until the official fall date. Besides the date of August 11th (at the sports physical night), dates when clearance cards may be obtained will be sent out with registration forms and posted on the PHS website.

Information and forms can be found on the high school website athletic page: <http://www.philomath.k12.or.us/phs/sports.php>

FOR FALL SCHEDULES go to www.highschoolsports.net