

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC TRYOUTS

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Trumbull Board of Education to encourage students to participate in the Trumbull Public Schools' athletic programs. Coaches will consider as many students as possible for a team without compromising the safety of their sport. Coaches must consider time, space, facilities, equipment, and other factors that will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport.

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5151/ Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts

Regulations

1. Tryout guidelines and evaluation criteria will be formulated by the head coach in consultation with assistant coaches.

The coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team and the athletic director:

- Length of tryout period
 - Practice commitments should a student make the team
 - Game commitments
 - Eligibility regulations
 - Extracurricular participation policy
2. The student must submit a physical form and completed emergency card to the school nurse. The school nurse will complete their portion of the emergency card and submit it to the Athletic Director prior to tryouts.
 3. Trumbull Public Schools carries insurance to protect all interscholastic athletes. This insurance is SECONDARY to a student's primary health insurance. Students participating in tryouts for interscholastic sports must be covered by primary health insurance. As part of the online registration process, parents/guardians must read and accept the Certificate of Insurance/Waiver of Liability for Students Participating in All Athletic Activities and Waiver of Liability for Students Participating in All Athletic Activities forms for a student to be eligible to try out for an interscholastic sport.
 4. A student is not permitted to participate in tryouts while serving an out of school suspension or expulsion.
 5. Tryouts are open and available to students who meet the eligibility criteria as described in the Interscholastic Athletic policy.
 6. Tryouts should be structured so that they are fair and equitable for all candidates.
 7. A minimum evaluation period of three days is required. Team selections will be made after this evaluation period.

Team selection is based on criteria formulated by the head coach in consultation with assistant coaches and the Athletic Director including but not limited to:

- Sport specific skills
 - Athletic abilities
 - Attitude
8. If a student is going to miss tryouts due to extenuating circumstances, e.g. religious reasons, extended sports season, sickness, injury, or another compelling reason, he or she must have prior approval of the coach and the Athletic Director to try out at another time.

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9. With approval of the Athletic Director, the results of tryouts must be announced in a timely fashion to all prospective team members. Empathy should be shown to all candidates; cut lists will not be posted. Coaches must communicate that they are available to meet with student athletes and/or parents/guardians to discuss the results of tryouts.
10. If a coach foresees or experiences difficulties as a result of squad cuts, he or she must discuss the situation with the Athletic Director.

References

- Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-204a and 10-206
- CIAC Handbook
- Trumbull Public Schools Coach's Manual
- Trumbull Board of Education Policies:
 - Interscholastic Athletic Policy, Policy Code: 5150
 - Protected Prayer, Policy Code: 6115.1
 - Standard of Conduct, Policy Code: 5131
 - Sexual Harassment of Students, Policy Code: 5131.4
 - Hazing, Policy Code: 5131.91
 - Bullying, Policy Code: 5131.911
 - Student Absences and Procedures Grades K-8, Policy Code: 5113.1
 - High School Attendance/Loss of Credit, Policy Code: 5113
 - Drug and Alcohol, Policy Code: 6164.11
 - Student No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use, Policy Code 5116
 - Administration of Medication by School Personnel, Policy Code: 5141.21
 - Public Conduct at School Activities, Policy Code: 1316