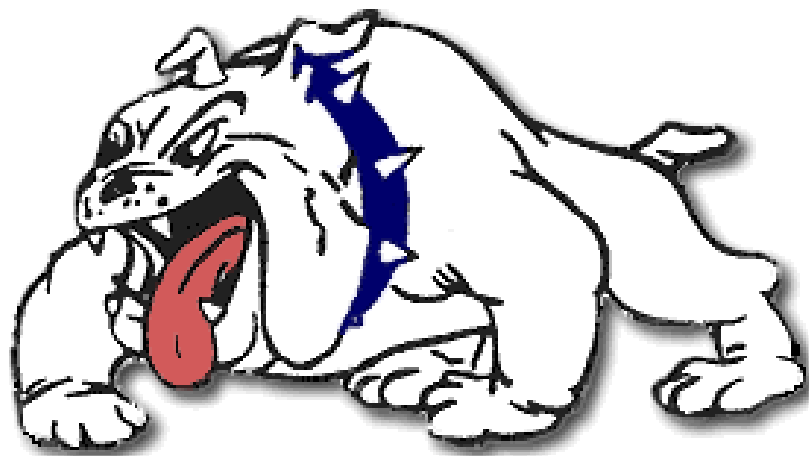


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INTRODUCTION

CENTERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDES A WELL-ROUNDED INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: CENTERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IS A MEMBER OF THE TRI-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE, WHICH COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING EIGHT SCHOOLS: CAMBRIDGE CITY LINCOLN, HAGERSTOWN, NORTHEASTERN, TRI-HIGH, UNION CITY, UNION COUNTY AND WINCHESTER.

CENTERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDES ELEVEN SPORTS FOR BOYS: BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, BOWLING, CROSS-COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, GOLF, SOCCER, SWIMMING, TENNIS, TRACK AND WRESTLING. THERE ARE ELEVEN SPORTS FOR THE GIRLS: BASKETBALL, BOWLING, CHEERLEADING, CROSS-COUNTRY, GOLF, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, SWIMMING, TENNIS, TRACK AND VOLLEYBALL.

CHEERLEADERS ARE CONSIDERED ATHLETES AND THEREFORE FALL UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS RECEIVE THE SAME AWARDS AS ALL OTHER ATHLETES.

COMPETITION IS WITH AREA AND CONFERENCE SCHOOLS WHO HAVE TEAMS PLUS PARTICIPATION IN THE IHSAA SANCTIONED STATE TOURNAMENTS FOR THESE SPORTS.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A STUDENT'S WELL BEING IN MANY WAYS. BEING A PART OF A TEAM CAN HELP DEVELOP PHYSICAL SKILL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL MATURITY AND SOCIAL VALUES. OUR ATHLETES SHOULD BE PROUD TO BE A PART OF A TEAM THAT REPRESENTS OUR SCHOOL AT INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS.

PHILOSOPHY

CENTERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL EXPECTS ITS STUDENT ATHLETES TO HAVE SUCH ATTRIBUTES AS DEDICATION, SELF-SACRIFICE, AND THE SINCERE DESIRE TO BE THE BEST ATHLETES' POSSIBLE. THE ATHLETE SHOULD HAVE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR SCHOOL, THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM, AND ABOVE ALL, IN THEMSELVES! ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED WITH ANY PART OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER WHICH SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE YOUNGER PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. ATHLETES SHOULD HAVE A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES, REGULATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS THAT MAKE UP OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM. PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ATHLETES ARE GREATER THAN THOSE OF OTHER STUDENTS AND WE EXPECT HIGHER STANDARDS AS THE ATHLETE REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY IN SPORTS.

IHSAA ELIGIBILITY RULES

Centerville Senior High School is a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). Centerville Senior High School is required to abide by the rules it has set to govern high school athletics. This is a general summary of some of the IHSAA rules that most affect high school athletes.

1. AGE

A student cannot be twenty years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in their particular sport.

2. AMATEURISM

The athlete cannot have: participated under an assumed name; accepted money or merchandise directly or indirectly for athletic participation; accepted awards, gifts, or honors from colleges or their alumni; signed a professional contract. Failure to return player equipment or uniforms issued by a school team when the season for that sport concluded can end your amateurism.

3. CHANGE OF SCHOOLS

If a student moves or transfers to another school, an athletic transfer from his/her prior school must be completed through the Principal and Athletic Director's office of Centerville Senior High School before participating in athletic contests.

4. AWARDS AND GIFTS

The athlete must not accept commercial awards that advertise any business firm or individual, or awards designating "All-State" or "All-American."

5. ENROLLMENT

The athlete must be enrolled not later than the 15th day of the current semester and have not been enrolled in more than eight semesters beginning in the ninth grade. An athlete must be enrolled in six subjects.

6. GRADES

The athlete must be passing six full credit subjects for the preceding grading period. Semester grades take precedence over those from the second and fourth nine-week grading periods. A Class which is audited does not receive credit and will not count as one of the six full credit subjects.

An incomplete (INC) mark is considered an "F". An incomplete mark must be changed to a letter grade before an athlete is eligible.

A student's eligibility will become effective on the date established with the I.H.S.A.A. at the end of each grading period.

Students attending WTCC (Whitewater Technical Career Center) is at the end of each nine weeks.

7. ILLNESS AND INJURY

The athlete must present written verification from a physician stating that he/she is physically fit to participate after being absent five or more consecutive days.

A student otherwise eligible to participate in any regularly scheduled athletic contest or practice must attend the last two periods of the day of the contest or practice.

The school principal, assistant principal or athletic director may grant, for legitimate reasons, individual exceptions to the attendance eligibility rules. Reasons that would be considered would include approved college visitations, field trips, medical emergencies, and funerals.

If an athlete is suspended from school for any reason, he/she is not eligible to participate during that suspension. Additionally, upon return to school, an athletic suspension will be imposed.

Any athlete missing the two days of school due to illness prior to a weekend cannot participate in a contest on that weekend.

8. CONDUCT AND CHARACTER

The athlete must not bring discredit upon the school, nor a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, morale, or educational environment of the school. A more detailed listing of rules has been established by Centerville Senior High School and is listed on page 10 of this booklet.

9. PHYSICALS

A completed IHSAA physical form ("Release and Consent Form") must be on file at the high school before the athlete's first practice session. A new IHSAA physical form and all I.H.S.A.A. required paperwork must be completed prior to practice.

10. PARTICIPATION IN PRACTICE & GAMES

The athlete must not participate as a member of any similar team, during the same season; or in an IHSAA sponsored varsity or junior varsity sport not under the direct supervision of their school.

No member of a school's varsity squad shall participate in any all-star contest before, after, or during the regular season.

A student who has not accounted for all equipment issued to him/her in connection with any sport is barred from further competition.

Athletes must meet IHSAA requirements for the number of practices attended before interscholastic competition. Only one practice per day may be counted. No practices will count before a physical form and insurance waiver is on file in the athletic directors' office.

11. UNDUE INFLUENCE

The athlete must not have transferred from one school to another for athletic purposes because of undue influence, or persuasion by any person or group.

EARNING ATHLETIC AWARDS

The following rules describes how athletes can earn points for athletic awards. The coach awards these points at the end of each season.

1. PRACTICE

Improvement over the present or past seasons:		5 points
Previous completed season's:	9 th grade	3 points
	10 th grade	5 points
	11 th grade	7 points
Points deducted for absences from practices:		5 points

2. PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING SPORTS

Football, Basketball, Baseball & Softball		15 points
Points divided by number of varsity quarters or innings athlete must participate in that quarter or inning.		
Volleyball, Soccer & Bowling		15 points
Points divided by number of games. Athlete must participate in that game.		
Cross-Country, Tennis, Wrestling & Golf		15 points
Points divided by number of meets. Athlete must be counted in varsity score.		
Track & Swimming		15 points
Points divided by number of meets. Athlete must be number one in a varsity meet from CHS or finish in a scoring place.		
Cheerleading		15 points
Points divided by number of games attended.		
Managers		
Points earned are by level of managing		
	J.V.	50 points
	Varsity	100 points

3. ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING SPORTS

Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball & Volleyball		
All Conference Selection		5 points
All Conference Honorable Mention		2 points
Wrestling, Track & Tennis		
First Place in Conference Meet		5 points
Second Place in Conference Meet		3 points
Third Place in Conference Meet		1 point
Cross-Country, Golf & Bowling		
Finish in first 5 at Conference Meet		5 points
Finish in 6 through 10 in Conference Meet		3 points
Finish in 11 through 15 in Conference Meet		1 point

TYPES OF ATHLETIC AWARDS

1. ENGRAVED PLATE

Any athlete who achieves Freshmen, Reserve or Varsity Award status in any sport will receive a small-engraved plate with the sport and level achieved engraved on it. An athlete must have received 23 points as a Freshmen and all other grades must have received 25 points.

2. PLAQUE

When an athlete receives their first varsity award, he/she will be given a plaque engraved with "Centerville High School Athletic Awards". This plaque may be used to place the engraved plate awards the athlete has received or may receive in the future.

3. JACKET (Royal Blue with White Vinyl Sleeves and the Athletic "Bulldog C")

To receive a jacket, an athlete must accumulate at least 500 points. Points to be earned in the following manner:

Varsity Award	100 points
Reserve Award	50 points
Freshmen Award	50 points

A jacket will also be awarded to any athletic who is designated "All-Conference" by the Tri-Eastern Conference. Also a coach may submit an athletes name to the advisory council for outstanding individual achievement. This individual must be a regional champion, semi-state champion or enter state competition.

4. JACKET FOR SWIMMERS

Swimmers will be awarded a jacket when they place in the top six at the sectional in an individual event or finish in the top three in a relay.

5. SENIOR BLANKET

A senior blanket will be awarded to any athletic who has received varsity recognition in nine (9) sport season. The Athletic Council may approve an athlete who has not achieved the above requirements for the Senior Blanket by a unanimous vote.

6. SPECIAL AWARDS

Cheerleading		Kathy Stevenson Award
Cross-Country	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Runner
Tennis	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Player
Football		Most Valuable Player
Basketball	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Player
Wrestling		Most Valuable Wrestler
Volleyball		Most Valuable Player
Swimming	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Swimmer
Baseball		Most Valuable Player
Golf	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Player
Track	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Player
Soccer	(boys & girls)	Most Valuable Player
Softball		Most Valuable Player

7. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP PATCHES

Patches for jackets will be awarded to Conference Team Champions in the Tri-Eastern Conference. Patches will be awarded to Varsity team members only. (This does not include Co-Champions, Tri-Champions, Runners-Up, etc.)

8. APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR AWARDS

Any coach who believes an athlete should receive a varsity award must present the case before the Athletic Council. A coach may base this appeal in the case of an athlete not accumulating enough points because of illness, injury, grades, etc. The appeal can only be brought to the Athletic Council by the coach and with his/her recommendation.

SPECIAL SENIOR AWARDS

The DAVID DOWNING MEMORIAL AWARD was started in 1989 and is given in memory of a male athletic who was killed in Viet-Nam

The SANDY AND VICKI ALBERT MEMORIAL AWARD was started in 1977 and is given in memory of two female athletes who were killed in an Automobile Accident.

The process listed below selects the Downing and Albert Memorial awards:

Any student who has been disciplined under the athletic code during the four years of high school is not eligible for these awards.

Each Varsity coach will nominate two senior athletes. The athlete nominated first will receive 10 points and the athlete nominated second will receive 5 points. The athletes are nominated based on:

1. Athletic skill and knowledge
2. Desire and effort put forth
3. Obeying training rules and regulations
4. Improvement
5. Cooperation with teammates and coaches
6. Reaction to criticism and praise
7. Wants no personal glory and has team spirit
8. Team Leader – supports team spirit
9. Represents school and team properly
10. Love of sport

The Athletic Director will then rank the nominees by the following points based on athletic performance.

Team MVP	5 points per award
All-Conference	5 points per award
Varsity Letters	2 points per award
Teams with no Conference	Double MVP points

The Athletic Director will also determine the class rank of each athlete and list the athletes in order. The highest ranked athlete gets points equal to the number of nominees, and each nominee's points are reduced by one as their ranking gets lower on the list. Example: 1-6, 2-5, 3-4, 4-3, etc.

The individual will be selected from the above criteria.

SPECIAL AWARDS

1. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Team members for conference champions and all-conference will receive patches for their particular sport. The athletic department will fund these awards.

2. IHSAA SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

Each team member, or individual winner, will receive a patch. Inscribed will be "IHSAA Sectional Champion" or "All Sectional".

3. IHSAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Each team member, or individual winner, will receive a patch. Inscribed will be "IHSAA Sectional & Regional Champion", "Regional Qualifier", or "All-Regional".

4. IHSAA SEMI-STATE CHAMPIONS

Each team member, or individual winner, will receive a patch in the shape of the State of Indiana. Inscribed will be "IHSAA Sectional, Regional, and Semi-State Champions", "All Semi-State Qualifier".

5. IHSAA STATE FINALISTS & CHAMPIONS

Each team member, or individual winner/qualifier, will receive a patch in the shape of the State of Indiana. Inscribed will be "IHSAA State Champions", "IHSAA State Finalist", or "IHSAA State Qualifier".

6. TEAM PICTURE

A wooden team picture plaque signifying IHSAA Sectional Championship will be placed in the teen center.

7. RINGS

Any team that is an IHSAA "State Champion", "Runner-Up", or "Finalist" will have the opportunity to purchase the ring the IHSAA offers to those groups. The same holds true for individual "Champion", "Runner-Up", or "Finalist". State "Qualifiers" do not qualify for rings. Individually, an athlete must be in the top four places in the "State Meet". The Athletic Department will not purchase their rings. They must be funded by other means.

8. CONFERENCE CHAMPION PATCHES

The Athletic Booster Club funds these patches.

9. WALL OF FAME

Centerville Senior High School recognizes student athletes who have received state recognition by being an Indiana All-Star, All-State Player and/or IHSAA State Finalist. Students receiving this honor will be given a plaque recognizing their accomplishment and their photograph will be put on the "Wall of Fame" in the teen center. Centerville Senior High School reserves the right not to recognize, or remove a person from the "Wall of Fame" if something has been done to reflect discredit upon Centerville Senior High School.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Athletic program of Centerville Senior High School is an integral part of the school system. As such, the responsibility of supervision lies with that of the high school athletic director, principal, superintendent and the School Board.

Being a member of the IHSAA, participation in a varied sports program will be that which accepts and practices the rules, regulations, and policies as set forth by the IHSAA. Finally, belonging to the Tri-Eastern Conference contributes to the advancement of competitive athletics with a wholesome inter-school attitude.

Centerville Senior High School believes strongly in the educational value of athletics when properly administered. One of the most important outcomes is the mental and physical development of the girls and boys who represent our school in athletics. To achieve these values, good training is emphasized in the program.

Since the athlete is representing his/her school and community in such a visible fashion, it is important that their behavior reflect a positive image, not only during a sport season, but also throughout the calendar year. An athlete is an athlete throughout the calendar year and not just during the sport season. The rules listed below are in effect throughout the entire calendar year.

- (a) Every athlete shall not use any form of alcohol or engage in drug abuse.
- (b) Every athlete shall not indulge in smoking and/or use of tobacco.
- (c) Every athlete shall manifest good citizenship in and out of school.
- (d) Every athlete shall attend the practices and contests of the squad unless excused by the coach.
- (e) Every athlete is expected to adhere to all other school policies as stated with Centerville Senior High School Student Handbook.
- (f) An athlete's conduct and character, in and out of school, shall not discredit our school. In addition, they should not create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in the school.
- (g) Students participating in or connected with athletics will dress and be groomed in a manner that brings credit to their school. Extremes in dress or grooming will not be permitted. Coaches are responsible for enforcing these rules.
- (h) Athletes at Centerville Senior High School should set a good example for others by being prompt to school and classes. Athletes should strive to have a good attendance record.

Any athlete who does not finish the season because of grades or by the code of conduct, forfeits their right to all awards for that season. Also any student currently serving under the athletic code who moves to another school will continue to serve all or remaining part of their disciplinary action upon return to Centerville High School

Any athlete who quits a team during any part of that particular sport season will not be allowed to join another sport team during that same season.

POSSESSION OR USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

The possession, distribution, or use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs will result in the following disciplinary action:

FIRST OFFENSE:

An athlete will be suspended for 50% of the athletic contests of the current or next sport season. An athlete suspended for a first offense can practice, but will not be allowed to dress or participate in the athletic contest. If a student tries out for another sport to avoid suspension from a primary sport they have always played, that athlete must complete that season in good standing or the suspension will carry over to the primary sport.

SECOND OFFENSE:

An athlete will be suspended for one sport year. An athlete's "sport year" is 365 days from the beginning of the suspension until the end.

THIRD OFFENSE:

An athlete will lose his/her eligibility to participate in athletics at Centerville as long as they attend Centerville Senior High School.

CODE OF CONDUCT / CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPANT AT C.H.S.

Extra curricular participants conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as (1) not to reflect discredit upon their school or the I.H.S.A.A. if involved in sports, or (2) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in the school.

All extra-curricular participants at C.H.S. represent themselves and their school in more places and in front of more people than the average student. Their conduct reflects directly on Centerville Senior High School.

Any extra-curricular participants involved in any of the following situations will have his/her case considered and action taken will be based on the judgment of the athletic advisory council. The decision of the people involved may result in expulsion from extra-curricular activities, and may result in the loss of any awards if they apply.

1. The arrest and/or conviction of a felony or misdemeanor.
2. The act of theft or vandalism.
3. Conduct in or out of school, in season, or out of season, that:
 - a. reflect discredit upon the school
 - b. creates a disruptive influence

Any appeal to the above will be made to the principal of the high school who will establish a review committee to hear the concerns. All expenses for counseling, chemical assessment, and rehabilitation beyond that covered by the student assistance program will be the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian.

Coaches and sponsors of the various extra-curricular activities may set their own rules and penalties for training hours and other regulations not covered by this code.

HAZING

The athletic department of Centerville Senior High School will not tolerate hazing. Hazing is defined as any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a group, regardless of their willingness to participate. Hazing obstructs the development of good citizens, escalates the risks of participation, negates positive contributions, and destroys respect for self, others and environment. In addition to the athletic discipline, the student will also face disciplinary action as stated in the student handbook. Any student caught hazing will:

1st Violation – Lose 20% of that sport contest season. If the sport season ends before the punishment is carried out, it will carry over to the next sport season.

2nd Violation – Loss of sport season. If half way through sport season, athlete will lose half of the next sport season.

UNSPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT

If an athlete is ejected or disqualified from a contest for any unsportsman like conduct there will be a conference of the Athletic Director, Head Coach and the athlete involved on the next school day. The athlete must complete the rules set forth by the I.H.S.A.A Depending on the nature of the conduct, the principal and/or assistant principal may be included in the conference.

USE AND CARE OF EQUIPMENT

Each athlete is responsible for all equipment issued in his or her name. The athlete is expected to care for and to return all equipment belonging to the school. An athlete will receive no awards for the season completed nor be permitted to try out for any other sport at Centerville Senior High School until equipment issued to said athlete is turned in or reasonable payment is made for such equipment.

Equipment shall not be loaned to other students or athletes, or worn in physical education classes.

Athletes in possession of stolen equipment from Centerville Senior High School or any other school will be suspended from further competition for that sport season and the sport season following. This period will begin at the time the equipment is returned. Athletes caught wearing the school equipment during the summer months will be ineligible for the fall season providing the equipment is returned before the start of the fall season.

ATHLETIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

In order to maintain an effective program of interscholastic athletics, the Centerville-Abington Community School Board has created an athletic advisory council to act as the liaison between the coaching staffs and the Board and between the Board and the coaching staffs.

MEMBERSHIP

The Council shall consist of the following members:

- A. the Superintendent
- B. the High School Principal
- C. the Athletic Director
- D. a Member of the Board of Education
- E. varsity coaches

FUNCTION

The Council has been given the responsibility to:

- A. establish the athletic program as an integral part of the educational program of the Centerville-Abington Community Schools;
- B. control and regulate athletics by establishing uniform policies consistent with Corporation aims and objectives and the policies of the Board;
- C. direct the athletic program according to the rules and regulations of the Indiana High School Athletic Association;
- D. continuously evaluate the interscholastic athletic program;
- E. determine punishments of athletes arrested and convicted of a criminal offense or an act which if committed by an adult would be a criminal offense;
- F. hear appeals from coaches on awarding a varsity award.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES OF THE ATHLETIC ADVISORY COUNCIL OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the committee shall be a Chairperson and Secretary.
- B. The athletic director shall be the Chairperson.
- C. The high school principal shall be the Secretary.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the Chairperson shall be to:

1. preside at meetings;
2. present the agenda;
3. supply members with pertinent information concerning the agenda subjects;
4. prepare and present recommended resolutions and policies to the Board;
5. create committees to develop proposals to be presented to the athletic council.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

1. preside in the absence of the Chairperson;
2. record the attendance of members as well as the actions and decisions of the Council;
3. prepare and present a copy of the minutes of all meetings to the Board.

QUORUM

A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business.

GYM USAGE FOR ALL NON-SCHOOL TEAMS

1. Insurance – The proper liability insurance forms must be filed at the superintendent's office. Individuals that have not paid their AAU fee will not be permitted to practice. (They are not covered by insurance.)
2. A roster must be turned into the high school office before practice.
3. You must have a definite starting and ending time for practices.
4. Players are not to be left unattended.
5. Gym floors, commons, and restrooms are the only areas to be used. No other area should be used.
6. Only tennis shoes are to be worn on the gym floor.
7. All practices, games, or tournaments must have an adult, other than the coach to help with supervision.
8. Gym times need to be requested in advance from the high school athletic director. Only the East and West gyms at the high school will be used. No other gyms in the school corporation will be used.
9. All facilities must be left clean and in order.
10. School activities, events, and CYL will have priority over all other activities.
11. All practices and games will be scheduled in the following order: High School, Jr. High, Elementary, CYL, and all others.
12. Scoreboards may be used in both gyms for games only.
13. The boys and girls varsity basketball coaches are to make sure that all regulations are being followed.
14. The front doors to the teen center are the only doors to be used. This includes coaches and all others. Do not use the doors on the side or back of the building.
15. Gym times are Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
16. Game cost is \$18.00 per game. Each additional game on the same day will be \$9.00 per game. You will be billed for each game. Failure to pay in the time allotted will result in failure to use the facilities. This cost will include a person to set up the facility and help in the clean up.

17. Failure to comply with the above rules will result in building privileges being revoked.