

# Perry Central School District Dual Participation

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## Background

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Handbook states:

**“Participation by a student in more than one sport in the same time-division shall be determined by the Section Athletic Council.”**

In March of 2020, Section V of the NYSPHSAA adopted the following Dual Participation Policy:

**“According to the NYSPHSAA handbook, participation by a student in more than one sport in the same time-division (season) shall be determined by the Section V Athletic Council.**

**This is found under Sport Standard #25 – REPRESENTATION in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.**

**Student-athletes may be allowed to participate on more than one sports team during the same season if they meet the requirements of each sports program. Leagues will have the responsibility and authority to make rules governing participation in more than one sport during a sports season. Dual participation information will be reported to the Section V office.”**

## Philosophy

The Perry Central School District recognizes interscholastic athletics success results from partnerships with student-athletes, parents/guardians, and staff. The foundation of a dual participation philosophy must be clear communication of expectations and demands. The Perry Central School District supports dual participation for JV and Varsity student-athletes when the aforementioned parties have mutually agreed it will benefit the individual, teams, and programs in a given season.

## Considerations

The following should be analyzed to determine the appropriateness of dual participation for an individual student-athlete:

- Ability to fulfill academic requirements
- Social-emotional health
- Communication skills
- Physical fitness
- Sport-specific skills
- Contribution to programs
- Time management
- Support structure conducive to increased demands

## Procedure

An individual student-athlete and his/her parent/guardian(s) must complete the following procedures to participate in two (2) sports during one (1) season:

1. The Student-Athlete must meet with the High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at least one (1) week prior to the start of an interscholastic athletics season.
2. The student-athlete and his/her parent/guardian will complete online registration for both sports.
3. Dual participation requests must be completed for each season in which a student-athlete wishes to participate in two (2) sports.
4. At the athletic director's discretion, a meeting between the head coaches of each sport, the athletic director, high school principal and at least one parent/guardian may be required to establish: expectations, accommodations, and lines of communication. This meeting must occur before practices begin for each sport.
5. The student-athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during the same sport season must designate a primary sport and secondary sport at least one week prior to the date of the first allowed practice determined by the league for that sport season.
  - a. A primary sport is defined as "The sport taking precedence over another sport in the event there is a conflict of schedule or other matter that could lead to conflict". The student must adhere to the primary sport in the event of any conflicts of schedule. If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence. Otherwise, the primary sport will always take precedence over the secondary.
6. The student must practice in both sports and meet the regulatory groups practice requirements for each sport.
7. Once the team is selected after the first week of practice, an athlete cannot quit the primary sport to focus on the secondary sport.
8. If the athlete is removed from either program, he/she cannot continue participation in the remaining program until a conference is completed with the athlete, both coaches and the athletic director. After the conference, the committee (without the student athlete) will determine a consequence for the remaining program ranging from a certain number of game suspensions to complete removal from both programs. The consequence could also carry over to the following sports season.
9. An athlete may compete in more than one athletic contest in one day if the schedule permits.
10. Transportation must be provided by the student athlete's parent/guardian when he/she cannot be released from their primary sport in time to ride on the team bus. Return transportation back to school will be provided on the team bus.
11. Student athletes disqualified for participation in any sport due to discipline by a coach, official or administration cannot participate in any other sport and will receive the same or equivalent consequence in the other sport.

## Additional Information

Dual participants are subject to all NYSPHSAA bylaws, eligibility standards and high school sports standards. Student-athletes and parents/guardians considering dual participation should review the NYSPHSAA handbook:

<http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Handbook/2020-21/NYSPHSAA%20Handbook%20002.pdf>.

Dual participants are subject to the Perry Central School District Athletic Code.

Student-athletes and parents/guardians considering dual participation should review the Athletic Code:

[https://perry.rschooteams.com/sites/perry.rschooteams.com/files/files/Private\\_User/dmcLaughlin/Perry%20Central%20School%20District%20Interscholastic%20Athletics%20Handbook\\_1.pdf](https://perry.rschooteams.com/sites/perry.rschooteams.com/files/files/Private_User/dmcLaughlin/Perry%20Central%20School%20District%20Interscholastic%20Athletics%20Handbook_1.pdf)

. In the general regulations section, the following accommodations will be made for dual participants:

- If dual participation ends at any point during the season, and a student-athlete continues to participate in one (1) sport, he/she will not be subject to A.2.:
  - o **“If a student-athlete quits or is dismissed from a team after placement on the team roster, he/she will be ineligible to participate in 10% of the contests of the next season in which he/she participates.”**
- If dual participation ends at any point during the season, and a student-athlete stops participation in both sports, he/she will be subject to A.2.
- Dual participants, who complete both seasons, will be eligible for individual and team awards for both sports (A.3).

Dual participants **MAY NOT** use two (2) sports in a single season to satisfy their interscholastic athletics physical education requirement for an entire year. Student-athletes must participate in two (2) seasons of interscholastic athletics to satisfy their physical education mandate.

# Perry Central School District Dual Participation Agreement

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Name of Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Stipulations (if any):

**Signature indicates understanding and agreement with the above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name - Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name - Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Signature indicates that you are in agreement with the student's dual participation.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Sport Head Coach - Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Primary Sport H.C.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary Sport Head Coach - Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Secondary Sport H.C.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director - Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athletic Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date