

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK
2007-2008

Crestwood High School
10919 N. Main St.
Mantua, Ohio 44255
(330) 274-2214

Portage Trail Conference

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**Crestwood All Sports Booster Club
Membership Form**

The **Crestwood All Sports Booster Club** is an organization dedicated to the enrichment of **all** sports programs in the Crestwood School District in grades 7 through 12. We want you to join our group as we try to improve our young athletes sports programs.

Currently Crestwood has 44 different Girls and Boys Varsity, JV, Freshman, 8th and 7th grade sports. The Crestwood All Sports Booster Club (CASB) supports the athletes and programs by paying for awards, uniforms, clinics, equipment, and other items requested by the coaches. The CASB has helped with improvements made to the Field House, providing funds for the building of the Tennis Courts and the All Weather Track. The need is on going and we continue to raise funds in our concession stand, reverse raffle, membership drive, donations and sale of advertising in our program and scoreboard. All of these funds are spent on the Crestwood School Districts sports program for our athletes.

You can help enrich our athletics by becoming a member of the CASB and giving us your thoughts at our monthly meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month in the High School Cafeteria at 7 pm. Your involvement and input is important to your child. Please join us!

Please send the bottom portion of this letter to:

CRESTWOOD ALL SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB
P.O. BOX 411
MANTUA, OHIO 44255

\$10.00 Family Membership Fee (checks to CASB)

NAME _____ Student Name _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-mail _____

**CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS
CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

Football - (Varsity, JV, 9th)
Boys Soccer - (Varsity, JV)
Girls Soccer - (Varsity, JV)
Cross Country - (Boys Varsity - Girls Varsity)
Golf - (Varsity, JV)
Tennis - (Boys Varsity - Girls Varsity, JV)
Volleyball - (Varsity, JV, 9th)
Boys Basketball - (Varsity, JV, 9th)
Girls Basketball - (Varsity, JV, 9th)
Wrestling - (Varsity)
Baseball - (Varsity, JV, 9th)
Softball - (Varsity, JV)
Track - (Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity)
Swimming - (Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity)
Cheerleading - (Varsity, JV, 9th)
Dance Team - (Varsity)
Bowling - (Boys Varsity, JV - Girls Varsity JV)

PHILOSOPHY

The coaches shall always encourage each individual athlete to strive for excellence. In addition, all coaches will recognize that the general welfare and development of the total person must be given constant attention. Members of the school athletic community will encourage athletes to participate in a variety of athletic endeavors. It is a recognized duty of the school administration and coaching staff to encourage as many eligible young people as possible to participate in the various sports offered in the Crestwood Schools. While recognizing the value of a winning tradition, the athletic staff will encourage maximum participation and devotion to fundamentals below the varsity level of competition.

The general guiding philosophy of most high school athletic departments is to develop a winning tradition throughout the entire program. This basic principle remains a vital foundation of Crestwood High School Athletic Department and program. In addition to the winning of contests, the athletic atmosphere must contribute to the development of good sportsmanship on the part of athletic participants, members of the general student body, the faculty, and residents of the school community.

Participation in high school athletics and extra-curricular activities is a unique and important learning experience. This participation is a privilege for our Crestwood students, it is not a right. In this way extra-curricular activities are separate from the school curriculum.

In conclusion, actions, policies or programs will not be developed that will be counter to the spirit or written policies of the Portage Trail Conference or Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Pre-Participation Requirements

Those students wishing to participate in an activity/ sport must have the following information on file in the Athletic Director's office before participation begins:

Completed Physical Exam Form
Emergency Medical Authorization Form
Insurance Waiver Form
Parental Permission Form
Signed Rules and Regulations Form
Assumed Risk Form

Participant Code of Conduct

While under the jurisdiction of Crestwood Local Schools, students are expected to abide by the rules and guidelines outlined in the Code of Conduct found in the Student Handbook and all other regulations adopted by the Crestwood Local Board of Education.

Each activity/sport should have additional guidelines which must be followed. Please become familiar with them.

Athletic Code of Conduct

A violation of any of the following rules may result in denial of participation from athletics/activities for the duration of the season or semester. Suspension from school may result in some instances, as deemed appropriate by administration.

1. All school rules apply as stated in the Student handbook
2. In-school, out of school or expulsion from school includes same for extra-curricular activities and athletics.
3. Students must follow training rules and regulations.
4. Students must attend required meetings and practice, unless prior permission is granted by the coach or advisor.
5. Students must meet all eligibility requirements.
6. All O.H.S.A.A. rules must be followed.
7. Any violation of the Student Code of Conduct by a participant in any extracurricular activities for the following infractions, on or off school property, 24 hours a day/7days a week, from the first official practice day through the conclusion of season, may result in Out of School suspension and/or recommendation for Expulsion and subsequently denial of participation in that extracurricular activity.

Evidence of possession or having consumed alcoholic beverage and/or drugs or narcotics (including look-alikes and counterfeit controlled substances) or paraphernalia.

Distribution or sale of unprescribed or prescribed drugs or narcotics.

Possession and/or use of tobacco or tobacco products or paraphernalia.

Possession or use of firecrackers and/or dangerous, destructive devices, knives and/or “look-alike” weapons.

In addition, any student/athlete found in violation of the above infractions (first offense) shall be subject to suspension of participation in extracurricular activities for a period equal to **approximately** ¼ of the regular season for that activity (see list). The student shall be permitted to practice, at the discretion of the coach/advisor but, shall not be permitted to participate, dress or be in the team area during contests for the duration of the suspension. Suspension shall be for regular season or post season contests and will carry over to the next applicable season. Scrimmages or preseason competitions do not count toward the completion of the suspension. **Suspension shall exclude participation from any level of that activity (freshman, JV or Varsity contests), however the length of suspension shall be served based on a player’s current level of participation (ie. a JV soccer player must sit out 4 JV contests before the suspension is completed-a Varsity contest would not count toward completion of the suspension).**

Any student guilty of a second offense during the season, shall be suspended from participation in the extracurricular activity for the remainder of the season.

Any student guilty of a third offense during the school year shall be suspended from participation in **any** extracurricular activity for one full year from the date of the third violation.

Suspension List

Football	3 game suspension
Soccer	4 game suspension
Volleyball	5 game suspension
Tennis	4 match suspension
Cross Country	4 meet suspension
Cheerleading	3 game suspension
Dance Team	2 game suspension
Basketball	5 game suspension
Wrestling	5 match suspension
Bowling	4 match suspension
Swimming	4 meet suspension
Baseball	7 game suspension
Softball	7 game suspension
Track	4 meet suspension

8. Attending an event or activity where underage alcohol consumption and/or drug use is occurring and choosing not to leave in a timely fashion will result in a one game suspension.
9. Student-athletes charged with engaging in criminal activity or violations of civil law will be removed from athletic participation. The high school administration will determine if/when this student-athlete may return to athletic participation.

Hazing

Hazing shall be defined for the purposes of this policy as performing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, team or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

Consequences:

Administrative action and automatic dismissal from the team.

Use of Steroids or Other Performance Enhancing Drugs

Student-athletes are prohibited from possessing, selling or using anabolic steroids without a valid prescription. A mandatory warning pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.752 regarding the deleterious effects of anabolic steroids and that the possession, sale or use of anabolic steroids without a prescription is a crime is conspicuously posted in each locker rooms of District's Middle and High Schools.

Consequences:

Administrative action and automatic dismissal from the team.

Levels of Play

In most sports Crestwood will field teams at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman levels. Provided there is sufficient participation.

Freshman teams are for ninth grade student-athletes. Ninth grade student-athletes can, however, play above the freshman level if their coaches feel this is warranted. Freshman cheerleaders can only cheer at the freshman level. The focus of freshman level teams is teaching fundamentals of the game and developing players. Efforts will always be made at this level to provide playing time for as many players as possible. Winning contests is a third priority behind teaching and providing opportunities for players to develop.

The Junior Varsity team can be made up of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student-athletes. Seniors do not (other than an emergency fill-in situation) play at the J.V. level. The focus at the junior varsity level is to prepare players for the varsity level. Teaching fundamentals and developing skills are stressed at this level. Winning contests is a second priority behind teaching and developing players.

The Varsity level is made up of the student-athletes that provide Crestwood with the best chance to win contests. These decisions are made by our coaching staffs, as they are at all levels of play. Winning games is the foremost consideration at the Varsity level. Teaching and developing players continues to be stressed.

FILL OUT ONE PER SCHOOL YEAR

RETURN TO YOUR COACH

RULES AND REGULATIONS FORM

I have read and understand the Athletic Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by this code and any additional team rules.

Participant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

(Please **Print** information below)

Name _____

Birth Date _____

Place of Birth _____ County _____

State _____

Class Year Grade (Circle) 9 10 11 12

Mailing Address _____

Number

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone _____

Person to contact in case of emergency during a practice or a game:

Name _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone-Pager _____

FILL OUT ONE PER SCHOOL YEAR

RETURN TO YOUR COACH

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL INSURANCE WAIVER

To: Athletic Department
Crestwood High School
Mantua, Ohio 44255

Month-Day-Year

I will assume full responsibility for the payment of all medical expenses for any injury my son-daughter receives while participating in

_____ for Crestwood High School during
Name of Sport

the school year 20____ and 20 ____.

Name of Athlete _____

Please Print

Signature of Parent

Home telephone number: ____ (330) _____

Address _____

Number

Street

City State Zip

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Assumed Risks

Each year in the U.S., over four million students participate in interscholastic athletic activities. Sports participation may provide the following advantages:

- An increase in agility, coordination, speed, flexibility, and endurance
- Development of sport-specific skills
- Instruction in discipline
- Teamwork, working with others
- Mental and physical challenges

Please recognize that there are risks involved in participating in athletic activities. Many injuries may be short term such as sprains, bruises, cuts, etc. and recovery is quick. Some injuries may be long term and could result in permanent disability. Contact activities are a much greater risk where injuries to the head, neck and spinal cord could result in paralysis or death. Participants must wear the proper equipment, maintain physical condition, utilize proper sports techniques, and exercise good judgment at all times.

WARNING: ATHLETICS MAY BE DANGEROUS!

I have read the above statement and understand the contents, and agree to allow my son(s)-daughter(s) participation.

Parent

Date

Student

Date

Parent/Coach Communication

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches:

1. Treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student athletes.

If You Have A Concern To Discuss With A Coach:

1. Call to set up an appointment (330-274-2214)
2. If the coach cannot be reached, the Athletic Director (ext. 113) will schedule the appointment.
3. Do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions.
4. If a meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and set up a meeting with the Athletic Director and the Principal to discuss the situation.

Transportation to Games

Student athletes are required to ride the team bus to away contests. No exceptions.

Athletes transported to events on a Crestwood School District bus must return to school following the event on a Crestwood School District bus. The only alternative is if a parent transports his/her own son/daughter home from an event in an emergency situation. In these emergency situations the parent must sign an **Alternative Transportation Form** provided by the coach.

Transportation Code Of Conduct

The bus driver is in complete charge of his/her bus operation and conduct. Failure to comply with bus rules and regulations will result in disciplinary action.

Eligibility

Incoming 9th graders enrolled at Crestwood High School must pass 75% of all courses taken during the final grading period of their eighth grade year to be eligible.

All 9 – 12 grade students must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school in the immediately preceding grading period. During the preceding grading period the student must have received a minimum of a 1.5 G.P.A. (Crestwood Local requirement) and passed a minimum of five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent (OHSAA requirement). These eligibility requirements apply to all athletic teams/squads offered at Crestwood High School.

School Closing Event-Practice Policy

1. When school is canceled due to adverse road conditions no events/contests/games will be played at Crestwood High School on that day. School cancellations due to extreme cold morning temperatures will not cause cancellation of afternoon/evening events, provided that temperatures warm to safe levels during the day.
2. Away contests may be played if road conditions improve and a collaborative decision between the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach is reached.
3. All 9th and Junior Varsity practices are canceled when school is not in session due to adverse weather conditions. Voluntary varsity practices may be held after 1:00 p.m. provided road conditions improve and a collaborative decision between the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach is reached.
4. Weekend and Holiday events and practices will be decided day-to-day by the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach.

Residence & Transfers

Please visit OHSAA.org to view all rules and regulations concerning residence and transfers.

Equipment and Uniforms

Athletic department equipment and uniforms that are issued to the athlete, are the sole responsibility of that athlete; if the equipment and/or uniform is lost or damaged, replacement or repair will be made at the athlete's expense. All equipment and/or uniforms must be returned to the coach at the conclusion of each sport/activity season. Uniforms are not to be used as personal apparel and should only be used during games. The exception to this is the wearing of jerseys on game days (with permission from the coach). Any fees owed for athletic purposes will be treated as a school fee.

Crestwood Sports Schedules and Directions

All current (updated constantly) schedules are available at the Crestwood High School website. Directions to area schools are available also.

www.crestwood.sparcc.org

Athletic Awards Policy

All students must be in good standing to receive an award.

All athletes/participants must attend the awards program for their activity/sport or forfeit the award, unless extenuating circumstances occur.

Choosing award winners is the sole responsibility of the head coach (and his/her coaching staff).

Team managers shall be granted an award upon recommendation by the head coach.

Dual Sports

Students who participate in two sports during the same season (excluding cheerleading) must complete a dual sports participation form prior to the fifth official day of practice.

Requirements To Letter in Varsity Sports

The athlete must have participated for a minimum of the following amounts of time or criteria:

Football	Half the Quarters
Soccer	Half the Halves
Cross Country	Earn One Point in Meet
Golf	Half the Matches
Tennis	30% of the Matches
Volleyball	Half the Games
Basketball	Half the Quarters
Wrestling	Participate in Five Varsity Events
Baseball/Softball	Half the Total Innings
Track	Earn One Point in Meet
Swimming	Half the Meets
Cheerleading/Dance Team	One Complete Season
Bowling	40% of Total Match Points

Participation Fees/Pay to Participate

Every student participating in a sport at Crestwood High School must pay a participation fee. Payment may be made with cash or checks (checks made out to Crestwood High School). Checks must be for the exact amount of the participation fee and cannot be combined with any other fees or monies owed.

Fall 2007 Rate	Per Sport	\$ 250.00
	Family cap for athletics	\$1,200.00
	Family cap for athletics combined with activities	\$1,500.00

Fall fee due Thursday, August 16, 2007

Winter fee due Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Spring fee due Thursday, March 13, 2008

Attendance Policy for Day of Events

Students who are participating in or attending any extra-curricular activities/athletics must be in class for at least 4.0 hours on the day of the activity.

Early Dismissal to Participate in Contests

To the extent possible, contests will be scheduled so that it will not be necessary for students to miss school in order to participate. However, when conditions exist that make this necessary, the following procedure will be adhered to:

1. The student must confirm with his/her coach/advisor their name is on the coach/advisor list that is being turned in to the Attendance Office.
2. Students are responsible for obtaining, completing, and turning in any missed assignments.

Admission Policies to League Events/PTC Policy

For those not participating in an event or activity, but are attending the event or activity for which admission is charged, the following information applies:

Varsity Events

Including: Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, and Wrestling

\$5.00 Adults

\$3.00 Students (school age)

Varsity Football

\$5.00 All tickets at the gate.

\$3.00 Student pre-sale tickets are available on game days during school lunches.

Junior Varsity and Freshman Games

Admission to any other event where an admission price is in effect will be:

\$3.00 Adults

\$2.00 Students

\$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Students – Triple header games with 9th, JV, Varsity

Senior Citizens – Age 60 and above will be admitted at the student rate with Buckeye Card.

Crestwood Senior Citizens – Can receive a free pass to all home athletic events at the high school athletic office.

