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BISHOP UNION HIGH SCHOOL



**Athletic
Code of Conduct**

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BUHS Athletics Mission Statement

It is the belief of the Athletic Director, Administration, Superintendent, and BUSD School Board that athletics play a vital role in creating a positive vibrant culture on the BUHS campus where students feel connected. The focus of Bronco Athletics is to develop positive and confident student athletes who demonstrate exceptional character on and off the field. We embrace the belief that the development of an athlete's character comes first. Winning is secondary.

Things to remember before you become a Bronco athlete:

- 1. PARTICIPATION IN BISHOP UNION HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT.**
- 2. ALL ATHLETES MUST SUBMIT ALL FORMS PRIOR TO PRE-SEASON CONDITIONING, TRYOUTS, AND 1ST DAY OF PRACTICE IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN ANY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RELATED TO THAT SPORT.**
- 3. AN ANNUAL PHYSICAL BY A LICENSED DOCTOR IS REQUIRED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE, CONDITIONING, TRYOUTS OR CAMPS OF ANY SPORT SEASON FOR THIS PARTICIPANT.**
- 4. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATHLETE TO SUBMIT ANY CHANGES/UPDATES TO THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION, PHYSICAL FORMS OR MEDICAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SEASON OF PLAY.**

OVERVIEW

Interscholastic athletic and other extracurricular programs are critical to a complete education. Sportsmanship, honesty, and fairness are taught, modeled, expected, and reinforced at Bishop Union High School. Policies within this handbook are designed to encourage participation and appropriate behavior both on our campus and in the community that best exemplify the type of student athlete we take pride in showcasing to our community. Our athletes' behavior, like that of our students, must be aligned to what has been defined as **The Bronco Way – Be Responsible, Use Good Judgment, Have Character, Show Respect**. When a student makes a mistake and loses the privilege of being an athlete, we want to offer that student a second chance through policies that will help educate the athlete and prevent future poor choices while still holding the individual accountable for his/her actions.

When winning is kept in the right perspective, our student athletes are allowed to develop without fear of failure. They learn to understand the value of praise, as well as that of constructive criticism. Winning must be accomplished while competing in the purest sense of fair play and good sportsmanship. Character shaped through athletic competition and sportsmanship will carry over into all other areas of life. Sportsmanship implies the willingness to abide by the rules, accept the decisions of officials, and play the game fairly. Our student athletes are expected to represent their community in a positive manner that will bring credit to their school and team.

Before a student is allowed to **check out athletic equipment or participate with an athletic or extracurricular team**, all of the following must be current (defined as that period covering the school term) and on file with the school:

1. CIF Approved Physician's Statement
2. Parent's Consent for Medical Treatment Form
3. Athletic Conduct Code Acknowledgment Card
4. Proof of Insurance Card/Form (with football form if needed)
5. Voluntary Participation and Insurance Disclaimer Form
6. Permission/Release from Liability for Travel in School Authorized Vehicles
7. General Authorization Form for Competitive Activity Participant
8. Athletic Participation Health Forms (licensed physician)
9. Pre-participation Physical Evaluation Form (parent/ guardian)
10. Sudden Cardiac Arrest information sheet
11. Concussion Awareness Sheet
12. Student Bill Clearance

This Athletic Code Packet and its contents, take effect the day a student enrolls at BUHS regardless of their participation in a sport and shall remain in effect throughout a student's enrollment at Bishop Union High School. BEFORE you sign and return to the Athletic Director's Office, be sure that you understand and agree to the ENTIRE contents of this Athletic Code Packet and, in particular, the drug testing policy. If you have any questions, discuss them with the Athletic Director BEFORE you turn the Athletic Packet in for filing. The penalties for violation of this agreement are outlined below and may include forfeiture of participation privileges.

I. GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

For the purpose of this code, a “participant” is defined as any student who has shown or declared intent to participate in a Bishop Union High School athletic program or extracurricular activity. Participant must realize that extracurricular activities are only a part of the total education, not the sole purpose of being in school. The conduct of these student participants is closely observed throughout the community, and their behavior is expected to be above reproach. Athletes have certain obligations and responsibilities to their team, Bishop Union High School, and the community of Bishop. Students who violate CA Ed Code sections 48900 or break a state or local law while **NOT** participating in a sport or having declared an intent to participate are subject to the terms of Section V below as it pertains to Disciplinary Athletic Contracts and possible game suspensions when they decide to participate. These responsibilities are divided into four major categories:

A. ON CAMPUS

The Participant:

1. Is expected to arrive on time to all of his/her classes each period every day
2. Is expected to observe all school rules and regulations at all times.
3. Is expected to refrain from profane and vulgar language, gestures, and behavior.
4. Is expected to be a model for exemplary behavior.
5. Is expected to fulfill all disciplinary obligations (detentions, Friday Schools, etc.)

B. IN THE CLASSROOM

The Participant:

1. Must meet academic eligibility as set by Bishop Joint Union High School District and CIF.
2. Demonstrate respect for teachers and fellow students.
3. Maintain an excellent attendance record, especially on the days **BEFORE AND AFTER** a sporting event.
4. Is expected to complete ALL assignments missed while attending a sports event; any assignment due the day of a scheduled event must be turned in before the athlete leaves.
5. Must arrange to make up any test missed during an extracurricular related absence.
6. Must understand that concerns about academic performance, behavior, or attendance may result in a referral for intervention to any of the following:
 1. Parents
 2. The Head Coach
 3. The Athletic Director
 4. The Principal

C. IN THE COMMUNITY

The Participant:

1. Shall behave appropriately.
2. Shall dress appropriately.
3. Shall not discredit the school or the team he/she represents.
4. Shall obey all laws and show respect for individuals and property.

D. ON TRIPS

The Participant:

1. Shall assume the role of a direct representative of the community of Bishop, Bishop Unified School District, Bishop Union High School, and the team.
2. Shall dress appropriately and adhere to standards set by coach and/or Athletic Department.
3. Shall maintain respectful, quiet deportment while being transported to and from extracurricular activities.
4. Shall be responsible for contacting any teacher for missed assignments/homework due to travel.
5. Shall arrive to school by 9 A.M. the following day if a trip extends **BEYOND 1:00 AM**. Otherwise, athletes are expected to arrive to school **ON TIME** the day after a trip.

II. ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

Students must be academically eligible to participate in pre-season activity, tryouts, regular/post season practice and competition.

A. *ACADEMIC GUIDELINES*

1. Participants must have earned at least a 2.0 GPA at the most recently completed quarter or semester grading period **and** must have earned at least 25 units of credit in the most recently completed semester grading period or be on track to earn at least 25 units of credit at the end of the current semester.
2. Participants with a GPA between 1.8 and 2.0 may petition for eligibility **once during a student's athletic career.**
3. Participants who have **more than one F** or fall below a 1.8 GPA **will not** be eligible to petition for eligibility.
4. Participants with a GPA below 1.8 are not eligible for participation until the next scheduled grading period that shows a 2.0 GPA or a GPA that would allow for petitioning.
5. Eligibility rules are in effect during season of sport **and** during off-season times of participation, including spring and summer.

B. *PETITION GUIDELINES*

1. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate the petition process if the student is academically ineligible.
2. The petition, if granted, permits a student to participate during a grading period with the expectation that he/she will meet all academic requirements by the time of issuance of the next report card.
3. An athlete may petition only if he/she earned at least a 1.80 GPA and has passed at least 25 units during the most recent semester grading period and has not petitioned for eligibility prior to such time during his/her high school career.
4. Petitions for eligibility may be obtained from the A.D. or the Guidance Office during school hours.
5. Petitions for eligibility will be reviewed by the Athletic Committee.
6. If a petition is granted, the student will be on Academic Probation.
7. An athlete who meets all the criteria for petitioning may be permitted to continue with his/her team until a decision is rendered by the Athletic Committee only if the athlete has a petition for such on file with the Athletic Director.
8. A petition may be considered only once during a student's athletic career. However, extenuating circumstances may warrant administrative review of a student's petitioning process.

C. *DRUG TESTING*

1. All students who are participating in a sport or qualifying extracurricular activity shall be eligible for testing and must agree to be tested by signing the documents within the Athletic Packet.
2. Per Administrative Regulation 5131.61, failure to sign all documents in the Athletic Packet shall deem the student ineligible for participation.
3. Students shall be selected at random each week for testing (please contact the AD or administration for additional information about this process).
4. Each test will be conducted under the supervision of the Athletic Director and an administrator.
5. Student athletes who refuse to take part in the testing process will be removed from their current team and may only become eligible for a subsequent sport through a hearing process in front of the Athletic Committee.
6. Test kits are considered "screening" devices and any positive or inconclusive test samples shall be sent to a licensed laboratory for confirmation of results.
7. Students whose initial tests have a positive result will be allowed to continue to participate until lab results are returned.
8. Students whose lab results are positive shall be considered in violation of Rule 4 and are subject to removal from current team with eligibility for subsequent season subject to terms outlined in Section V.
9. A student whose test kit indicates the sample has been tampered with shall be retested.

10. Any student found to have tampered (adulterated) with their sample shall be subject to the terms of AR 5131.61 which states: *Adulterated Urine: An attempt to alter the urine sample, either with a commercial adulterant, a home-brew recipe or using another person's urine, which would allow the subject to show a false negative on the drug screen, will result in non-participation for twelve months.*

D. SUMMER SCHOOL GRADES

1. If the class is a repeat of a class in the just-completed spring semester, the summer school grade may replace the former grade for that course and the GPA re-computed.
2. If the class is not a repeat, the summer school grade(s) are added to the spring semester grades and the GPA is re-computed, using the new divisor.
3. Any questions about eligibility should be discussed with the Athletic Director.

E. DAY OF ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY/ DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

In order to ensure participation in any athletic contest, the athlete must:

1. Be on time to school and attend all classes unless the absence is approved by administration.
2. The day of an away contest, be on time and attend all classes until authorized time of departure, unless excused by an administrator.
3. Attend all classes **the day before and the day after** a contest, unless excused by an administrator.
4. Have attended all assigned detentions or fulfilled all other disciplinary consequences. Any changes to scheduled date of detentions must be approved by administration.
5. Consequences for failing to meet these stated expectations will include removal from the day's contest, and possible removal from a subsequent contest, and/or Saturday School.

F. TRAVEL TO AND FROM ATHLETIC CONTEST WITH THE TEAM

Athletes must travel with the team. The coach is NOT authorized to give permission to travel with any person other than parent/authorized adult except:

1. When released only to the athlete's parent(s) for the return trip home.
2. When authorized by the school administration using the Parent Release Form (Arrangements must be made 24 hours prior to the event.).

III. ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT:

- A. All uniforms and equipment issued by the school are the property of Bishop Union High School.
- B. Athletes are responsible for the equipment and will be held financially responsible for replacement costs.
- C. If equipment has not been returned to the head coach within one (1) week after the sport has ended:
 1. A letter will be sent home to parent(s).
 2. Participation in another sport will not be permitted until equipment is turned in or appropriately replaced by check, cash or money order.

IV. GOVERNING REGULATIONS

A. VIOLATION OF CONDUCT:

RULE 1: ATTENDANCE - Athletes **MUST** attend all classes and be on time on the day of a contest unless excused by an administrator, and must observe all BUHS rules and regulations of attendance. **NO** athlete shall:

- a. Be truant from school or cut individual classes
- b. Have any unfulfilled detentions or other disciplinary consequences.
- c. Receive a referral to appear before the School Attendance Review Board.

RULE 2: REFERRALS - The athlete is always a student first, and must adhere to the same behavior standards as his/her classmates. Serious violations of this responsibility include but are not limited to:

- a. Receiving a referral for being disrespectful to any school personnel.
- b. Being dropped or suspended from an individual class for disciplinary reasons.
- c. Cheating or plagiarism on an assignment/test.
- d. Lying to school authorities.

RULE 3: SUSPENDABLE/EXPELLABLE OFFENSES: No Athlete shall be in violation of any section of Education Code section 48900 or 48915, or commit any suspendable or expellable offense:

RULE 4: CITIZENSHIP - All student athletes are expected to adhere to all BUHS rules and regulations as well as to state and local laws 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year while on campus, at sporting events, and within the community. This includes, but is not limited to, rules of good citizenship, appropriate use of social media, rules of digital citizenship, rules prohibiting the possession or use of drugs/alcohol/tobacco, and state and local laws (Penal Code). Students found to be in violation of state and local laws while in the community face possible loss of playing privileges as determined by the Athletic Committee as noted in Rule 4 below.

V. ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATION(S)

If a participant violates the provisions of this code, the following penalties shall be imposed:

A. *VIOLETIONS OF CONDUCT*

Rule 1: May result in a one or two game suspension from athletic participation.

Rule 2: May result in a one or two game suspension from athletic participation.

Rule 3: The athlete may be suspended from athletic participation as outlined below and may be dropped from the sport with no PE credits.

First Offense

1. Violation of 48900(h) Tobacco (including vapor pens and e-cigarettes): Suspension from one third of the sport's athletic contests. If the season ends before the full suspension is served, the remaining suspensions shall be proportionally applied to the subsequent season.
2. Violation of 48900(c) Alcohol: Removal from current team(s) for the remainder of season and/or possible contest suspensions for subsequent season as determined by Athletic Committee. The athlete's enrollment in a Drug and Alcohol Education Program required in order to be eligible for subsequent sport season.
3. Violation of 48900(c) Controlled Substance or Failed Drug Test: Removal from current team(s) for all or part of the remainder of season depending on sport/activity. Eligibility for subsequent season allowed under Disciplinary Athletic Contract (see below).
4. Consequences for violation of other Ed Code provisions that result in suspension shall be determined by the Athletic Committee on a case by case basis where severity of infraction shall be considered

Second Offense

1. Violation of 48900(h) Tobacco (including vapor pens and e-cigarettes): Removal from current team(s) for the remainder of season and suspension from one third of the subsequent season's athletic contests.
2. Violation of 48900(c) Alcohol: Removal from current team(s) for the remainder of season and suspension from one third of the subsequent season's athletic contests. Additionally, eligibility for subsequent season allowed under Disciplinary Athletic Contract (see below).
3. Violation of 48900(c) Controlled Substance or Failed Drug Test: Removal from current team(s) for the remainder of season as well as subsequent season with participation in any later seasons allowed under Disciplinary Athletic Contract (see below).
4. Additional stipulations regarding student participation to be at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Administration.

Additional Offenses

Consequences for additional violations of the above areas shall be determined by the Athletic Committee

Expellable Offenses

Students who have violated California Ed Code 48915 and/or have been expelled from BUHS shall be ineligible for all athletics and extracurricular activities covered by this handbook for the term of the expulsion. Athletic participation upon re-enrollment shall be upon approval by Athletic Committee.

Rule 4: Same as rule 3. Special attention will be paid to incidents within the community where a state or local law has been violated that is related to drugs, alcohol, or any act of violence. Students who are found to have violated the law and/or been placed on probation shall have the incident reviewed by the Athletic Committee and be subject to possible consequences similar to those outlined above.

* **Subsequent seasons** are defined as the next sport a student intends to take part in even if it is not the following season or even the same school year.

B. DISCIPLINARY ATHLETIC CONTRACT

Any student who has violated one of the rules outlined above which resulted in the removal from a team and is intending on playing in a subsequent sport must abide by the terms of a contract outlined below. Student athletes under this contract are required to take part in all daily practices and be on the sidelines during all home contests if game suspensions are in place per the terms outlined.

Terms:

- 1) *Be academically eligible and remain so throughout the season. No petition process available.*
- 2) *Maintain positive attendance (no cuts, unexcused absences, or excessive tardies).*
- 3) *Have no disciplinary referrals from administration or teachers.*
- 4) *Face possible game suspension as determined by Athletic Committee.*
- 5) *Complete or be enrolled in an approved Drug and Alcohol Education Program at parent/guardian expense.*
- 6) *Submit to bi-monthly drug testing. Terms, conditions, and duration will be determined and outlined by Athletic Committee.*

Students who have violated the Athletic Code and are subject to a Disciplinary Athletic Contract will not be allowed to participate in a subsequent season without agreeing to the terms of their contract regardless of the amount of time that has passed since their violation. Failure to comply with any of the terms of the contract shall result in removal from team in subsequent season and render the student ineligible for any athletic team until contract has been fulfilled.

C. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Students are subject to administrative investigation and consequence for up to nine months.

D. SUMMER POLICY

If athletic teams are active during summer, the Athletic Conduct Code shall remain in effect.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. JOINING A TEAM (after established season begins)

1. An athlete may join a team after tryouts and during pre-league only if their participation was delayed due to documented injury, CIF participation, or other extenuating circumstance as approved by the Athletic Director and Administration.
2. An athlete may not join a team after league has begun. Appeals involving extenuating circumstances will be considered by Athletic Director and Administration.
3. An athlete may not join a team during CIF playoffs. Exception: JV team member moved up to Varsity Team for CIF playoffs.

B. QUITTING A TEAM

If an athlete elects to quit a team, that athlete will be subject to:

1. 2-week waiting period before engaging in any other sport's pre-season/season activity.
2. No credit will be issued.
3. If PE requirements are unfulfilled, the athlete will be enrolled in regular physical education class.
4. Issued uniform/equipment must be returned to the Coach or Athletic Director within 5 days.

C. LACK OF PARTICIPATION DUE TO INJURY

If an athlete is injured and unable to complete a season or cannot participate for over 50% of an established season, the following will be considered prior to issuing credit or receiving an athletic letter:

1. Duration of injury
2. Continued attendance at practice
3. Date of return to regular play

VII. APPEAL POLICY

Decisions rendered related to the Athletic Code of Conduct have been done so after review by the Athletic Committee. Any student who has his participation privileges suspended or revoked may appeal to the Superintendent of Bishop Unified School District. Subsequently, decision by the Superintendent may be appealed by requesting the Superintendent place the appeal on the Board of Trustees agenda.