

# Dilley ISD



# Athletic Manual

## **Why this Handbook?**

This handbook has been developed in order to establish a foundation for all athletes, coaches, teachers, administrators, and community members to build upon. It is imperative that all involved are of one philosophy and objective to avoid confusion and personal agendas. The expectations for athletes and their coaches within the Dilley Independent School District Athletic Department are high due to the fact that athletic competition is highly visible within the community. It is with full consideration and recognition of that fact that this handbook has been developed.

## **Non-School Sponsored Club Sports**

It is the expectation of DISD Athletic Coaching Staff that school sponsored sport take precedence over non-school sponsored club sports. Failing to follow this expectation may result in suspension or dismissal from the school-sponsored sport

# **Dilley Independent School District Athletic Department**

*“The way the game should be played”*

## **Our Mission**

To engage our coaching staff every day through constant communication, motivation, and encouragement to create a positive and meaningful athletic experience for our student-athletes and coaches.

## **Our Vision**

To create an Athletic department that provides our coaches and student-athletes with the resources and opportunities needed to be successful at the highest level possible.

## **Communication Coaches Expect From Parents**

- Concerns expressed directly to the head coach.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts, illness or injury in advance.
- **Avoid using SOCIAL MEDIA negatively towards coaches, school administrators, other students and/or athletic programs. This will lead to removal from program for the athlete and the suspension of parent from attending athletic contests.**

## **Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches**

- Coach's interaction with your child or interaction with others.
- Ways to help your child improve athletic skills.

## **Topics Left To The Coach's Discretion**

- Playing time
- Play calling
- Team Strategy
- Other student/athletes

## **Parent-Coach Meeting Procedure**

- Call the school and ask for coach's extension.
- Request a meeting.
- If the coach is unavailable, call the Athletic Director and request a meeting be arranged.
- **Do not confront a coach before, during or after a practice or game. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions. Not following this request will result in suspension from attending athletic contests.**

## **If The Issue Is Not Resolved, Follow This Protocol**

- Call the Athletic Director
- Call the Principal

## **THE DISD ATHLETE**

There are many advantages of being a member of an athletic team in the DISD. In fact, there are so many that it would be difficult to list them all. However, there are some realities each athlete needs to be aware of before accepting the challenge of becoming a student athlete for his or her school, such as

1. You must pass to be eligible to play and are expected to excel in the classroom.
2. Training rules may cramp your social life. Sacrifices will be necessary.
3. You will have to practice every day, either before or after school, Saturdays and possibly holidays.
4. You may practice and never get to start or have limited playing time.
5. Do not expect favors because you are an athlete, expect a challenge.
6. You will be expected to be well behaved on and off the field. What you do off the field may get you dismissed from the team.
7. You will be expected to follow the DISD Student code of Conduct.

NOTE: If a Licensed Athletic Trainer suspects that athletic participation would jeopardize the health and welfare of the student athlete, the Athletic Trainer may prohibit the student athlete from participating.

*If you like to party, then you'd better decide what is more important. A good party or a uniform?.... You can't have both.*

Most things listed in the DISD Athletic Standards on the following page should be self-imposed rules. Although if you lack the maturity of self-discipline, then it will be necessary for the Athletic Department to enforce disciplinary action, possibly even permanent dismissal from all athletic programs.

To be admired as a champion and as an athlete--- ACT RIGHT!

## DISD ATHLETIC STANDARDS

1. No fighting, profanity, or trash talk. Remember, people don't see you; they see the school's name across your chest. Ejections will result in minimum one game suspension based on circumstance.
2. School attendance is required on game day unless approved by the coach and principal. Failure to attend ½ day will result in athlete not playing the scheduled game.
3. Truancy is unacceptable. Go to class!
4. No jewelry during practices or games.
5. No facial hair
6. Go to practice. There are few acceptable excuses to miss.
7. Any athlete who quits a sport will not be allowed in another sport until the sport he or she quit has finished. Any athlete who quits or is dismissed from a sport forfeits that sport's athletic award. Athletes that quit may return after a parent meeting and consequences are agreed to at the discretion of the head coach.
8. If a student becomes academically ineligible he or she is expected to attend all practices. If a student becomes ineligible for two consecutive 6 weeks grading periods, he or she will be removed from athletics. The student can be reinstated when academics stability is demonstrated.
9. **NO HAZING/BULLYING.** This includes any activity intentionally taken in which any student(s) humiliates, degrades, or physically or mentally abuses any other student. This includes **SOCIAL MEDIA.**
10. Being in the environment of alcohol, tobacco, or any

Illegal substance or activity is prohibited. If you are at a party, in a car, etc. where drugs and alcohol are present, **LEAVE!** Do not be found guilty by association.

11. Engaging in inappropriate or indecent exposure of private body parts or sexual conduct in locker rooms, playing fields/courts, on **SOCIAL MEDIA** or while on athletic trips will not be tolerated.
12. If a student/athlete is ejected from an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike behavior; the following is mandatory prior to being allowed to play:
  - A parent/student conference with the coach.
  - A written assignment to be turned in to the coach.
13. If a student is assigned ISS, he or she will miss one game. If a student is assigned a half day ISS, he or she will miss one half of the next scheduled athletic contest.
14. If an athlete misses one practice, the athlete will miss half of the next scheduled contest. If an athlete misses two practices, the athlete will not play in that week's contest(s). If these absences are excused, the athlete will miss at most half of the contest or one game if two are scheduled that week. If the athlete misses three practices in a week, that athlete will not participate regardless of circumstances.

Violations of DISD Athletic Standards are subject to being "written up," resulting in possible suspensions for the

athlete from athletic contests. Obviously all situations cannot be noted. Therefore, the Athletic Director can determine inappropriate behavior at his discretion.

## **MINIMUM MANDATORY SUSPENSION FOR STRIKE ONE**

Middle School students will not be given strikes, but will receive discipline for violations.

Football	1 game	Volleyball	2 games
Basketball	2 games	Baseball	2 games
Track	1 meet	Softball	2 games
Cross Country	1 meet	Golf	1 tournament
Tennis	1 tournament		

**Strike Two Offenders: Multiply the above number by 2 for minimum mandatory suspension.**

Suspensions will be served next scheduled athletic event, not to include scrimmages. Student athletes competing in more than one sport when strike is given will serve suspension for the next scheduled athletic event which may involve two different sports

## **DISMISSAL PROCEDURE**

If a student-athlete has been allowed to return after a second strike, this student will return on a “three strikes and you’re out” status. This means a third violation between the grades of

9-12 would be STRIKE THREE! This would result in automatic dismissal from the athletic program for a calendar year from the date of the third strike. A review committee will be formed that is made up of the athlete’s present coach, the Athletic Director, and campus principal prior to issuing the third strike. The Athletic Director will chair the committee that will include, but not be limited to the following criteria:

1. Student-athlete personal file
2. Willingness to follow athletic training rules
3. Behavior and reaction since first offense

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

Athletics is a privilege, not a right. However, a student-athlete has the option to appeal a dismissal if he or she chooses to do so. Any appeal must seek administrative remedy beginning with the head coach of the particular sport. If student athlete is not satisfied at that level, he or she will meet with the Athletic Director and Principal where a final decision will be made.

## **U.I.L. TRANSFER POLICY**

A student who changes schools for athletic purposes is not eligible to compete in varsity athletics at the school to which he or she moves to for at least one calendar year; even if both parents move to the new school attendance zone. The District Executive Committee for the district into which the student moves shall determine when or if the student who moves for athletic purposes becomes eligible. A student attending a school outside the attendance zone where the parents reside would not be eligible for varsity athletics for one calendar year. A student who changes school for non-athletic purposes must be enrolled and in regular attendance for 15 or more calendar days before becoming eligible for varsity athletics. The student becomes eligible on the 15<sup>th</sup> day unless he/she enrolled within the first 6 days of school. A Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) is also required if the student has participated or practiced in athletics in grad 8-12 at another school. This form must be approved by the District Executive Committee before they are eligible to participate at the varsity level. Approval is not guaranteed.

## **VARSITY STUDENT-ATHLETE CRITERIA**

An athletic letter award jacket should require serious sacrifices on the part of the student-athlete. The school letter should be

a symbol of not only school pride, but also of hard work and dedication in the classroom and on the playing field/court. In order to receive an athletic award each athlete must participate and complete the season in good standing on the varsity team.

*By U.I.L. rules, each athlete can be awarded one (1) letter jacket during his/her high school career.*

FOOTBALL	6 or more games
BASKETBALL	14 or more games
TRACK	4 or more meets + District
CROSS COUNTRY	4 or more meets + District
VOLLEYBALL	14 or more games
BASEBALL	13 or more games
SOFTBALL	13 or more games
TENNIS	60% or more matches + District
GOLF	4 or more tournaments + District
POWERLIFTING	4 OR more meets
STUDENT TRAINER/MGR	1 Varsity Season

AND/OR have the unreserved recommendation of the Athletic Director and the Head Coach of the varsity sport participated in.

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I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the DISD student Parent Athletic Handbook and agree to comply with it.

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Student Athlete's name PRINTED

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Student Athlete's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Athletic Director

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Date

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN, AND RETURNED TO THE HEAD COACH BEFORE PARTICIPATION IS ALLOWED.