

# BISD Athletic Behavior Contract

As an extra-curricular athlete in the Burkburnett Independent School District, It is essential that certain behaviors be adhered to in order to participate in the athletic program. As stated in the BHS Student Handbook, consequences for misbehavior may be stricter than those for students in general. In order to properly represent Burkburnett ISD, all athletes are required to abide by the following criteria. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at anytime during the year, on or off school property.

- 1) Display respect to all classroom teachers, administrators and staff.
- 2) Adhere to training policies as indicated by the head coach.
- 3) Always demonstrate courtesy and respect for others (especially younger students), behave in a responsible manner, obey all school policies, respect the property of others and cooperate with all adults in maintaining safety and discipline in public on out of town and home events.
- 4) Maintain an appearance that positively reflects our school and community. This shall include, but not be limited to proper dress during school activities; length, color and style of hair; ear rings (males); body piercings; tattoos; and make-up and face painting.

If the student is found to be in violation of these policies, the head coach and/or athletic director may discipline or dismiss a student from that sport at their sole discretion. Also, if a student quits one sport he/she will not be able to begin participating in another sport (practice or games) unless by mutual consent of both coaches. Making a schedule change to another sport must also be approved and follow all guidelines of the high school administration.

## **Criminal Violations (Class B Misdemeanor or Above)**

If a student athlete is arrested, ticketed, and/or charged of a Class B Misdemeanor or above, as defined in the Texas Penal Code, that athlete will be suspended from membership on the team. The principal, head coach, and athletic director will determine the length of the suspension and the punishment to be given.

## **Felony Violations**

In addition to the preceding paragraph, a student who is under indictment for a felony crime, as defined in the Texas Penal Code, shall not be allowed to participate in any school contest. This action shall not be considered a presumption of guilt, but rather it affords the accused the time and opportunity to clear his name. The student may be allowed to remain a member of the organization as a suspended member, but shall not be allowed to represent his school in any contest while under suspension. If a student is found to be guilty, receives deferred prosecution, or deferred adjudication, he or she will be removed from all extracurricular activities. This suspension can range from one sport season up to 365 days of the sentence. If this takes place during the second semester of a school year, the suspension can be extended into the next school year.

## **Minimum Suspensions for Illegal Drug / MIP /DUI Infractions**

If a student athlete is charged of possession, use, or selling of any illegal drug, he will be suspended from all athletic teams for a minimum period of one (1) month from the date the offense occurred. Upon the second infraction the student will be suspended for a year from the date of offense. A third drug related offense will result in the student's permanent removal from the athletic program.

If a student athlete is ticketed with a Minor in Possession of Alcohol or charged with a DUI violation, the student athlete will be suspended for a minimum one (1) week period that will include at least one game, meet, or match. Two such offenses will result in a one month suspension, further disciplinary action to be decided by the coach, and a meeting with the coach, athletic director, and parents to address this problem.

## **Anonymous Violations**

When anonymous violations or other information are presented to administration the athlete will be interviewed by administrators and parents notified of the situation. \*\*If the violation is made available on any social media by the athlete, they will receive the full punishment level of possession/use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or other offenses.

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## Timing of Athletic Suspensions

If any offense that warrants disciplinary action occurs during the off-season, the suspension will begin at the start of the student's next sport season the week that games begin. Also, students that are suspended for any reason, will not travel, dress, or represent the team in any way during the suspension.

## Hazing and Improper Social Networking

These are two areas that will be dealt with severe punishments from the athletic department. Absolutely no hazing of any type will be tolerated. We want an athletic family that looks after each other and respects everyone regardless of their grade.

Improper social networking will not be tolerated in any form. Students should realize that anything posted on social media that doesn't reflect the behavior standard we have for our athletes will incur extremely harsh penalties, including possible removal from the athletic program.

## Persistent Student Misbehavior

When a student's behavior becomes a problem that it is negatively affecting the athletic team, the student can be removed from the team and the athletic period. Once behavior reaches an unacceptable level the student will be issued a contract detailing all inappropriate conduct and the improvements needed. The contract will be presented in a meeting with a parent/guardian and will be signed by both parent and student. If behavior does not improve the student will then be removed from the team and the athletic class period.

Please sign this contract with your son/daughter and return it to your child's coach.

Student Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_