

SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
High School Department of Athletics
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT
2017-2018

All student athletes are held responsible to follow the guidelines in the Uniform Code of Student Conduct.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Birth Certificate:** Must be recorded and on file at the school administrative office.
2. **Physical Examination and Parent Consent:** Current yearly physical examination and two parent consent cards must be on file prior to participation in the first practice. The physical examination for the following school year shall be given on or after March 1 (A.I.A. Bylaw 15.7.1).
3. **Enrollment:** Only students enrolled at the A.I.A. member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition at that school. A home-schooled student may be eligible if said student is in compliance with A.R.S. 15-802.01(A). Alternative Education students in good standing are eligible to participate at their home school with permission from the Principal, Athletic Director and sport Coach at said school. Students enrolled full time in Scottsdale Online (SOL) are eligible to participate at their home school as long as they meet all other participation requirements.
4. **Academics and Scholarship:** During their season of competition, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit courses or the equivalent in the first six semesters of high school. Graduating seniors need a minimum of five credit courses in their senior year (4 classes with administrative approval). Any course for which the Scottsdale Unified School District issues credit or dual credit (3 or more hours of college credit) will qualify.
 - *Establish 2.0 GPA (current GPA) as the targeted GPA **for all middle and high school students** as the minimal standard for SUSD.*
 - *All students having a GPA below 2.0 in the current marking period must participate in intervention or support systems or programs.*
 - ✓ *Require frequent grade checks – minimum every 4.5 weeks to determine current GPA and interventions needed*
 - ✓ *SUSD Policy is that teachers must update their grades weekly*
 - *If a student has a GPA below 2.0 and participates in AIA sanctioned athletic or nonathletic activities (i.e. Speech and Debate, Chess, Band) or any other school sponsored competitive extracurricular activities, the following apply:*
 - ✓ *Students must participate in intervention and or support programs*
 - ✓ *Students who are making progress in the intervention/support program are eligible to practice before the next grade check*
 - ✓ *Students who demonstrate a 2.0 GPA and have participated in intervention and or supports are then eligible to practice and compete when the student presents evidence to administration that they have a current GPA of 2.0*
 - ✓ *Interventions and support programs are determined by the site based on student needs*
 - ✓ *In order to begin participation in the extracurricular activity, a student having a GPA below 2.0 must have been participating in interventions/supports during the grading period prior to the activity beginning*
 - ✓ *Transfer students will be evaluated based on their current transfer grades*
 - *No Pass/No Play requirements-no F's as determined by the most recent marking period*
 - *The Athletic office is responsible for grade checks.*
 - *The general standards shall apply to special education students, except that such eligibility shall be determined on a case by case basis in relationship to the respective student's Individual Education*

Program. The general standards shall apply to English language learners shall be determined on a case by case basis in relationship to the student's Individual Language Learning Plan.

5. **Team Membership:** An athlete who is a member of a school team shall not practice or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. (A.I.A. Bylaw 14.4.1)
6. **Changing Teams:** If an athlete quits a team, he/she may not go out for another team until the season for the team he/she quit is over. This may be waived by agreement of both coaches and administrative approval.
7. **Transfer Rule:** After enrolling and attending one or more classes, students changing enrollment to/from one school to another school shall be considered a transferring student. Upon completion and filing with A.I.A. of form 520 (Application of Eligibility), student shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition at the school to which he/she transferred after the first 50% of the power ranked regular season contests.(A.I.A. Bylaw 15.1.1)
8. **Equipment:** Athletes are responsible for returning or paying for all equipment issued to them. Debts must be cleared before going out for another sport or before receiving school transcript records.
9. **Insurance:** The athlete must be insured and have his/her Parent Consent in the Event of Injury card completed and signed by his/her parent or guardian as evidence of insurance.
10. **Attendance:** The athlete must be in attendance at school a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the school day to participate or practice that day, unless excused by the administration. Graduating seniors must attend all of their classes if less than fifty percent (50%) of the school day. Cutting a class or classes may result being benched for the next scheduled contest. School related events/field trips are not considered an absence.
11. **Athletic Fee:** The \$150 athletic fee must be paid prior to the first contest, and before game equipment is issued. Each sport must be paid separately and there is no cap. State tax credit laws don't permit refund.
12. **General Appearance:** An athlete must dress and look the part of an athlete while participating and during school. He/she should keep his/her hair well groomed, his/her skin clean, and his/her clothes neat and clean.

TRAINING RULES

In addition to the requirements and consequences set forth in the SUSD Student Code of Conduct and the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) regulations, all student athletes are responsible for adhering to the training rules listed below. These rules apply on and off campus during the season of sport. Any violations of the rules stated below will carry consequences as stipulated by the SUSD Uniform Code of Student Conduct AND to be determined by the coach of that sport and subject to review by the Athletic Director. Alcohol and other drugs carries specific penalties as listed below:

1. **Student Conduct:** An athlete must be a positive representative of the school at all times and must be courteous to teachers, students, fellow athletes and adults.
2. **Behavior and Attitude:** An athlete may be dropped from the team at any time the coach believes his/her behavior is detrimental to the team, or the coach may take any reasonable action to see that any infraction of the above does not reoccur.
3. **Tobacco:** This includes having in possession or having consumed any tobacco product including vape and e-cigarettes is strictly prohibited.
4. **Travel:** Students must go to and return from athletic contests by school-supplied or designated travel. If a student must travel to the contest with his/her parent, he/she must have his/her parents make the request in writing to the coach prior to the contest. If a student must travel from the contest with his/her parent, then the parent must give the request in writing to the coach in charge. Once at the site of the contest, the athlete is not to leave the site without permission of the coach.
5. **Bullying, Harassment, Threat and Intimidation:** Includes a broad range of negative acts that are intended to inflict physical, sexual or psychological harm on another person is strictly prohibited.
6. **Hazing:** Includes any intentional or reckless act committed by an individual or group of students against other students where both of the following apply: (1) The act was in connection with an initiation into an affiliation with, or membership of, a school sponsored athletic team or group, and (2) The act causes, contributes to or poses a substantial risk of physical or mental injury or degradation is strictly prohibited.
7. **Alcohol and Other Drugs:** Violation per the SUSD Code of Conduct.
Level 1 Violation: This includes first offense as defined in the Uniform Code of Student Conduct.
 - a. The loss of eligibility from all participation will be for ninety (90) school days.

- b. The athlete will have an opportunity to regain eligibility after thirty (30) school days by completing a District-approved counseling program and submitting a negative drug test at parent expense.
- c. Athlete may reinstate to participate (other than competition) upon the school receiving a drug negative test. The athlete must complete the District-approved counseling program within the time period designated by the principal or designees. Failure to complete the District-approved counseling program will result in re-imposing the ninety (90) day suspension from all participation.

Level 2 Violation: This includes second offense within 365 days and/or distribution as defined in the Uniform Code of Student Conduct. As stipulated in the SUSD Code of Conduct, other first violations may be considered level 2 if other aggravating factors are present. Such determination is made by site administration.

- a. Dismissed from the team.
- b. During the last two weeks of a sport: Dismissed for the remainder of the season and suspension from the next sport the athlete participates in for the period of time to total three (3) competitive weeks.
- c. For drug and/or alcohol violations, the athlete will be referred to District-sponsored drug and/or alcohol programs and will participate in twenty (20) hours of community service.

DUE PROCESS

- 1. A. All athletes will be presented with a written statement of the Athletic Code of Conduct and accompanying regulations and penalties at the beginning of the season.
B. The Parental Consent Card is to be signed by the parent/guardian and student athlete. Signatures will be verified by the coach prior to participation.
- 2. Upon receipt of information regarding a violation of the code, the coach will discuss the matter immediately with the Athletic Director and athlete(s).
- 3. If the coach is sure a violation has occurred, he/she will:
 - A. Notify the athlete of the exact nature of the violation. The coach shall also notify the parents of the athlete, giving the same information before the penalty takes effect, or;
 - B. If two or more coaches are involved and the incident is sufficiently broad, the coaches will work collaboratively to determine disposition.
- 4. If the athlete and/or his/her parents are unclear as to the reason for the disciplinary action or are dissatisfied with it, they may request a meeting with the coach and Athletic Director.

Parents and student athletes must sign below and return to the school.

Student: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____