

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

Student Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Student ID #: _____

Sport(s): _____

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

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Physical Examination:** Current yearly physical examination form. The physical examination for the 2017-2018 school year shall be given on or after March 1 (A.I.A. Bylaw 15.7.1).
2. **Parent Consent Cards:** Two Parent Consent In the Event of an Emergency cards. Cards must be completely filled out and include current health insurance information, emergency contact phone numbers, and parent and student signatures. **Insurance:** All athletes must be covered by an accident insurance plan prior to participation in practice or contests. The Parent Consent Card must include the insurance company name and policy number and must be signed by the parent or guardian as evidence of insurance.
3. **Athletic Code of Conduct:** This document must be signed and dated by both athlete and parent.
4. **Enrollment:** A student must be enrolled full time at a Scottsdale Unified School District Middle School to be eligible. A home-schooled student may be eligible if said student is in compliance with A.R.S. 15-802.01(A).

Academic Eligibility

No Pass/No Play: Students with an "F" or an "I" will not be eligible to participate in competitive events.

2.0 Minimum GPA*: SUSD has established 2.0 as the minimum GPA for all middle and high school students. Students below a 2.0 GPA in the current marking period must participate in intervention or support systems or programs in order to maintain practice eligibility. Students who were identified to have less than a 2.0 GPA and have participated in intervention and or supports are then eligible to compete when the student presents evidence to administration that they have a current GPA of 2.0. In order to begin participation in the extracurricular activity, a student below a 2.0 GPA must have been participating in interventions/ supports during the grading period prior to the activity beginning.

Grade Checks: Grade checks will be collected throughout the Tier 1 and the Tier 2 portions of the seasons (a minimum of every 4.5 weeks) by Athletic Directors. Students are not eligible to play in Tier 2 competitive games until both a minimal GPA of 2.0 and no 'F's in all classes are verified in writing.

Transfer Students: Transfer students will be evaluated based on their current transfer grades.

Suspension: A student suspended in or out of school is not eligible during their period of suspension.

Uniforms/Equipment: Athletes are responsible for returning or paying for all equipment issued to them. Debts must be cleared before going out for another sport.

Attendance: To be eligible for the Competitive Tier 2 of each season, students must be an active participant during the Tier 1 season and Saturday Festival unless excused prior to by coach and Athletic Director. The athlete must be in attendance at school a minimum of 50% of the school day to participate or practice that day unless excused by the administration.

Athletic Fee: The \$60 athletic fee for the Tier 1 must be paid prior to the start of the All Included Tier 1. The \$30 athletic fee for the Competitive Tier 2 must be paid prior to the first contest and before any game equipment is issued. The fee for Track and Field and Cross Country is \$75 for the entire season. State tax credit laws do not allow for refunds and all SUSD athletic fees are not refundable.

General Appearance: An athlete must dress and look the part of an athlete while participating and during school. Uniforms must be clean and well-kept for competitive games. Coaches will establish practice uniforms. For the safety of the athletes, jewelry must not be worn during practice and games.

TRAINING RULES

In addition to the requirements and consequences set forth in the SUSD Student Code of Conduct, 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) 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:** Violations per 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.

8. **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: _____ Parent: _____ Date: _____