

**NORTHSIDE ISD
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

BASKETBALL

BASEBALL

CROSS COUNTRY

FOOTBALL

GOLF

SOFTBALL

TENNIS

TRACK

VOLLEYBALL

Statement of Purpose

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) and Northside ISD (NISD) believe that extracurricular participation is a privilege, that most students enjoy the pursuit of excellence and seek opportunities to test themselves against their own accomplishments and those of their peers, that such opportunities are best provided through properly conducted and equitably administered competitive activities, that the classroom is enriched by the flow of student energy into the more intensified arena of competition and back into the classroom. Therefore, we reaffirm that students are the focus of our endeavor and deserve an opportunity to:

refine physical and mental aptitudes,

nurture self-realization and build self-confidence,

feel a sense of pride and dignity,

experience teamwork and develop a sense of fair play,

develop the ability to lead and the willingness to follow,

foster self-discipline and perseverance,

appreciate that rules, consistently applied, create order and discipline,

learn to accept graciously the decisions of judges and officials,

affirm self-worth in times of disappointment as well as adulation,

cultivate lifetime skills,

complement their class work with practice and performance,

have fun,

experience the joy of achieving their potential in a wholesome

environment and,

discover that ultimately the true meaning of winning is doing one's best.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students who participate in UIL sponsored events are expected to pass academically, have excellent school attendance (90%), and have exemplary conduct. UIL sponsored activities are a privilege and not a right. UIL and Texas Education Agency rules will determine students' eligibility each grading period.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Students who are proved (confession, no contest plea, or conviction) to have committed a crime shall answer to the criminal justice system. A student who has been indicted and/or waiting on the criminal justice system for final adjudication shall be ineligible until the courts have allowed the student to return to public school without restrictions.

DRUG, STEROIDS, and ALCOHOL USE

Students are prohibited from using the following:

- Tobacco (in any form)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs
- Non-prescribed drugs
- Inhalants
- Steroids

Students who are proved (confession, no contest plea, or conviction) to have used any item from the above list shall run a designated amount, set by the coach (not less than 10 miles and not more than 15 miles) to be run in a designated time. The athlete may also be suspended from part or all of the next scheduled competition. The second use of prohibited items from the above list at any time during the year is expulsion from the athletic program for the remainder of the season.

TARDIES AND ABSENCES

Be on time to practice. Being repetitively late is a sign of selfishness that hurts the team. You are expected to be at and suited out at practice every day. You may be too sick or injured to participate in workout, but you will still suit out and be with the team.

Excessively being tardy and absent can and will lead to disciplinary running and/or dismissal.

MAKE-UPS

Students will be required to make-up all missed workouts. This will be left up to the coach in each sport.

EXCUSED ABSENCES AND TARDIES

If a student misses, it is his/her responsibility to call the coach and inform him of their absence prior to the start of workout/practice. This will constitute an excused absence and he/she will have to do a make-up workout in order to compete.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND TARDIES

An unexcused absence or tardy is defined as the negligence of the student to contact the coach prior to the start of the workout/practice. This will be instituted per sport, not on a yearly basis.

1st offense – make-up workout, physical consequences to be determined by the coach and will not start the next game.

2nd offense – make-up workout, physical consequences to be determined by the coach and a one game suspension.

3rd offense – subject to suspension for the season.

Emergency situations will be taken into account. Ex. No possible way to get to a phone.

PRACTICE

A practice is defined as any time set forth by the coach of a sport whether it be morning, evening, holidays and/or spring break.

If you have 3 unexcused absences and /or 6 excused absences from practice, you will be suspended for the rest of the season. We realize there may be extenuating circumstances. Therefore all excused absences will be reviewed individually and will be documented at the coach's discretion.

During football and volleyball, this count starts the first day of practice. In other sports the count does not start until your first official day.

QUITTING

Quitting is a serious flaw and a bad habit that cannot be allowed. In the bigger picture, it is more important it instill in our youth, character and the ability to not quit when times get hard. We are not going to make quitting easy.

We do recognize that a student should have time to try a sport out and if it is not what a student wants to do, he/she can stop without loss of privilege. However, there comes a time when the commitment to the team becomes a factor.

With this in mind, a player has a probationary time at the beginning of each sport to decide to play without loss of privilege. The probationary time will be a 14 day window or until the first game/meet. If a player quits after the probationary time he/she will not participate in any sport until he/she has completed 20 miles of running within a two week period with the coach of the new sport. If the player fails to complete the 20 miles in the two week period they will have to start over. If the player quits two sports in one school year he/she will be suspended from athletics for one calendar year from the last date quit and must run the 20 miles to be reinstated.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR and FOUL LANGUAGE

Students who act in an unacceptable manner or use foul language during the school day, practice, or games shall be subject to completion of an EGG or a HORSE at the earliest convenient time for the coach. Students who are punished during the school day for unacceptable behavior may be subject to extra punishment (EGG/HORSE) at the earliest convenient time for the coach. Remember, extracurricular activities are a privilege.

AEP, ISS, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION or INCARCERATION

Students who are in alternative education placement (AEP), in-school suspension (ISS), suspended from school, expelled from school, or incarcerated shall not participate in extracurricular activities. Students who are in any of placements mentioned above shall not become eligible until the next day. Example: A student is in ISS on Friday. School dismisses at 3:20 PM. There is a football game at 7:30 PM. The student shall not participate in that game that night.

EQUIPMENT USE and CARE

The student athlete is responsible for all issued equipment and clothing. **The student athlete is responsible for the replacement cost of any items lost, stolen, or ruined through misuse or abuse.** School issued equipment shall be worn only at school sponsored contests—game jerseys worn on game day may be allowed during the school day. Equipment issued by the school shall be worn by student athletes apart from cases that require a medical or physical exception. Necessary equipment not issued by the school shall be materially similar in color and design as other equipment used by other student athletes. The coach determines what equipment is necessary after consulting medical caregivers.

TEAM TRAVEL

A team wins together and loses together. Student athletes are expected to use school transportation. If circumstances require, a student athlete may be released to a parent/guardian or to another adult with a parent's signed note. The note must be brought to the coach the day of the competition. When the team travels back through Vernon on game days, the student may be allowed to be dropped off at a predetermined location due to transportation difficulties. Athletes must make arrangements for their equipment to be removed from the bus. Junior high students may meet less restrictive travel requirements due to transportation—parents must still have notes or pick the students up in person.

TRAVEL ATTIRE

Student athletes shall be expected to dress according to the NISD dress code when attending any event as a team member. Travel shirts may be required by

coaches. The coach shall determine what is appropriate travel attire using the NISD dress code as a guideline.

MISSING CLASS FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

If a student athlete misses class for any extra-curricular activity it is their responsibility to get their missed assignments before they leave or as soon as they return to school. Class work that is due while the student is gone needs to be turned in before attending the event or is due immediately upon the athletes return to school.

CONFLICTS WITH OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS

The district encourages students to be fully involved in all school events. Coaches and sponsors shall not penalize any student for participation in any other district event. Missed practices due to conflicts with other school events shall not be made up with EGGs, HORSES, or any other punishment. It is hoped that student athletes may eventually show self-discipline and make up missed work on their own.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA)

Student athletes shall always refrain from PDA (kissing, embracing, etc.) at school events or during the school day. Coaches shall give the students one warning with a counseling session about appropriate behavior. Student athletes exhibiting continued PDA may be required to complete an EGG or a HORSE at the coaches' discretion.

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES and ATHLETIC GOALS

Coaches are an extension of the classroom. Winning games is not the ultimate goal of the coaches, the athletic program or the district. The ultimate goal is to instill a work ethic that may allow the student athletes to fulfill their potential.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

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I, _____, have read the Athletic Code of

(PRINT NAME)

Conduct. My signature indicates that I will abide by the rules and regulations set by the Athletic Code of Conduct and that participating in athletics at Northside ISD is a privilege.

Student Signature

I, _____, have read the Athletic Code of

(PRINT NAME)

Conduct. My signature indicates that my child will abide by the rules and regulations set by the Athletic Code of Conduct and that participating in athletics at Northside ISD is a privilege.

Parent Signature