

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK
Buckeye Elementary School District Athletic Department

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT/EXPECTATIONS

This is a guideline for students, parents and guardians to use concerning basic rules and expectations for participation in the Buckeye Elementary School District Athletic Programs. Please read and sign the consent form at the end of these guidelines. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Athletic Director. Thank you for your support.

I. School

1. All student athletes must abide by all regular school policies outlined in the student handbook, including dress code. No student athlete may participate in practice or compete until all conditions of ARC, in school suspension, or out of school suspension are completed.
2. Eligibility
 - A. A student must be in attendance at least 4.5 hours during their regular school day between 8:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. in order to participate in a practice or game. If extenuating circumstances arise, permission to play or practice may be given by the Athletic Director.
 - B. All student athletes must not have a failing grade in any subject in order to remain eligible for athletics (*a grade of 70% or better in each class*). Grade sheets will be signed by teachers every Monday or filed electronically, and will determine a player's eligibility for that entire week.
 - i. Ineligible players may practice with the team, but cannot participate in games or wear the team uniform for an entire week.
 - ii. Ineligible players may not travel with the team.
 - iii. If a player is ineligible for two consecutive weeks, they may be dropped from the team.

II. Athletic Forms

1. In order to be eligible to practice or play, all student athletes must have these forms completely filled out, signed by a parent, and on file with the Athletic Department:
 - A. Current physical examination completed by a physician (Physicals last one year from date of prior physical).
 - B. Proof of Insurance for Participation in Interscholastic Athletics and for Care in Event of Injury form, OR the District Waiver for No Insurance. **School insurance is NOT provided by the district.**
 - C. Athletic Handbook signature page.

III. Travel

1. All student athletes must travel with the team on the bus to and from games, unless a parent/guardian signs his or her child out with the coach prior to leaving campus to go to a game.
2. Student athletes will not be allowed to ride home with anyone other than the parent/guardian, unless a release form is signed in advance and given to the appropriate coach.
3. A student athlete may be dismissed from the team when he/she does not ride home on the bus or receive advanced permission.

IV. Practice

1. All student athletes are required to attend all practices. Practice begins 15 minutes after dismissal and will last no longer than 90 minutes. Practices will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday practices are optional and will only be held with permission of the Athletic Director and at the regular time. After games begin, practice will be every Monday and Friday. If a player must miss a practice due to an excused absence, he or she must tell the coach in advance.
2. All student athletes are required to wear appropriate practice attire: T-shirt, athletic shorts, and athletic shoes. Remember that school dress code applies.
3. Student athletes are required to show respect to their teammates and coaches at all times. Full attention should be given to the coach and players should participate appropriately in all exercises and drills. Athletes should never leave the gym without permission from the appropriate coach.
4. Facilities should be cared for properly and left in the same condition as found.

V. Games

1. Players are expected to attend every game for which they are eligible. If a player must miss a game for any reason, he or she must notify the head coach in advance. Playing time is at the discretion of the coach.
2. Student-athletes are required to report to the head coach directly after being released from class in order to prepare for games. If there are games scheduled before or after a team's start time, then the entire team is required to sit in a designated area with the coach. Any players not sitting with the team before or after games will not play in their next game.
3. Sportsmanship
 - A. Honor the rules and respect the decisions of the officials.
 - B. All interactions between student athletes and officials will be positive and professional.
 - C. Before, during, and after games student athletes are expected to display exemplary sportsmanship.
 - D. Support all six pillars of "Character Counts".
 - E. Displaying any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a disciplinary action such as suspension or removal from Buckeye Elementary School Athletics.

VI. Uniforms/Equipment

1. Uniforms and equipment should be treated with respect and cared for to prevent damage.

2. Parents/Guardians of athletes will be held financially responsible for any lost or damaged uniforms or equipment that have been checked out to or used by their athlete.
 - A. No equipment other than team uniforms should ever leave the gym with a player.
 - B. The cost of a lost uniform is \$100. The parent/guardian will be responsible for paying for any lost or damaged uniforms or equipment if not turned in within a week after the season has ended.

PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDELINES

I. Involvement

1. Much of the success of any athletic program depends on the encouragement, support, and involvement of the parents/guardians.
2. Parents/guardians are invited to attend all games. However, it is not appropriate for parents/guardians to sit on team benches or talk to players or coaches during a game.

II. Parent/Guardian and Coach Communication

1. Although coaches are willing to discuss playing time with parents/guardians, please keep in mind that the final decision on playing time is always left up to the coach. Although our goal is to help each player meet his or her personal potential, no player is guaranteed any set amount of playing time in games.
2. Games can be an emotional and stressful time for a coach. We ask that parents/guardians who have an issue to discuss with a coach do so at a scheduled meeting 24 hours after the game is completed, and not before, during, or right after a game.
3. The appropriate procedure for discussing any issue or problem with a coach is to speak directly with the coach first. If there is not a satisfactory resolution, the next step is to meet with the coach and the athletic director. Only after the first two attempts should you speak with the school administrator about an athletic issue.

III. Sportsmanship

1. Before, during, and after games each parent and fan is expected to display exemplary sportsmanship.
2. Arguing with officials, coaches, other fans, or athletes at any time will not be tolerated. If any unsportsmanlike behavior is displayed, that individual is subject to removal from the campus with or without a warning.
3. Taunting or harassing officials, coaches, other fans, or athletes will not be tolerated and is subject to removal from the campus with or without a warning.
4. Displaying any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in a suspension from athletic events, for that individual, for the remainder of the season or the school year.

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Name _____ Grade _____
Please print name of student athlete

Campus _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

I have read the Buckeye Elementary School District Athletic Handbook and understand I am to abide by the guidelines stated in this Athletic Handbook.

Signature of Student Athlete

Date

I have read the Buckeye Elementary School District Athletic Handbook and will abide by the guidelines stated in this Athletic Handbook. I also agree to pay the exact fee for any uniform or equipment that my child loses or damages.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Please sign and return this page to your son/daughter's Head Coach before participating in any practices or games. Please keep this Handbook for your records in case you or your student athlete need to refer back to it at any time.

Thank you so much for your support throughout the season!