



**STUDENT – PARENT
JR. HIGH
ATHLETIC
HANDBOOK**

**Dumas Independent
School District**

August, 2007

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the Dumas Independent School District's Student Athletic Handbook and agree to comply with it.

Student Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

The Purpose of this Handbook?

The purpose of this handbook is to establish a foundation for all athletes, coaches, teachers, administrators, and parents to build upon. It can help establish a better line of communication between parent, coach, and student athlete. It is a must that all are of one philosophy and objective. The expectations for the athletes and their coaches within the Dumas Independent School District Athletic Department are very high due to the fact that athletics play such a visible role within the community.

**Dumas Independent
School District
Athletic Department**

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Athletics is a part of the total education process. Therefore we will strive to give 100% every time a team or individual from the Dumas Independent School District's athletic program steps into the classroom or into the arena of competition. DJHS athletics will strive to develop cohesive, highly competitive programs, which enable students to reach their potential physically, academically, spiritually, and morally.

OBJECTIVE

- Provide the opportunity of athletic participation to every student who has the ability and desire to do so.
- Create and implement a positive environment for each individual participant that encourages athletic and academic excellence.

DISD ATHLETIC TRAINING RULE

*******APPLIES 365 DAYS A YEAR*******

Consumption, possession, sale, or being in the environment of alcohol, tobacco or any illegal substance or activity is strictly prohibited. If you are at a party, in a car etc. where drugs and alcohol are present, **LEAVE!**

Penalties for violations of the DISD Athletic Training Rule are covered under FM-R, located in the student handbook.

Contents of this Handbook support High School and Jr. High Student handbooks, District Regulations, and School Board Policy.

Topics Left To The Coaches Discretion

Playing Time
Play Calling

Team Strategy
Other student / athletes

Parent-Coach Meeting Procedures

1. Call the school and ask for the coach
2. Request a meeting
3. If the coach is unavailable, call the Jr. High Coordinator and request a meeting to be arranged.
4. Do not confront a coach before or immediately after a practice or game. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions. A meeting should be scheduled during the coach's conference period.

Next Step If Not Satisfied

1. Call the Jr. High Coordinator
James Bussard (935-4155)
2. Call the Athletic Director
Brent McCallie (935-2523)
3. Call Superintendent
Larry Appel (935-6461)

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DISD Athletic Code

There are many advantages to being a member of an athletic team in the Dumas Independent School District. However, you must be aware of some of the following realities before accepting the challenge of becoming a student athlete.

1. You may practice and only receive limited playing time.
2. Training rules may affect your social life. Sacrifices will be necessary.
3. You will practice every day after school, Saturday's and possibly on holidays.
4. Less study time will be available, yet you must pass to be eligible to play.
5. Do not expect favors because you are an athlete. Expect a challenge.
6. Expect to be well behaved on and off the playing arena. What you do off the field may result in dismissal from the team.

Most items listed in Athletic Code of Conduct should be self-imposed rules. However, if you lack the maturity of self discipline, then it will be necessary for the Athletic Department to initiate disciplinary action and possibly permanent dismissal.

DISD Athletic Conduct

1. No profanity or trash talk. Remember, people don't see you; they see the school's name across the jersey.
2. Be the same player when winning or losing.
3. Snide comments or remarks to officials will not be tolerated.
4. Always respect your opponents, regardless of the situation.
5. School attendance is required on game day unless approved by Jr High Coordinator or building principal.
6. Truancy is a violation of school policy. GO TO CLASS!

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7. Male hair policy: Mustaches only, no beards or goatees are permitted. Hair will be out of the eyes and off the collar and not below the ear lobe. Ponytails, mohawks, multi-color hair, etc. are not permitted
8. Athletes will not be permitted to wear an earring or any other type of body piercing ring on school grounds: with the exception of ear piercings for female athletes.
9. Coaches may require additional grooming guidelines that are pertinent to their sport.
10. Go to practice. There are very few acceptable excuses to miss practice
11. Any athlete that quits a sport after the season has started will not be allowed to enter or participate another sport until the sport he or she has quit has finished or the coaches involved mutually agree to let the athlete go.
12. If a student becomes academically ineligible for two six weeks in a row, he/she may be dismissed from athletics. The student can be reinstated when academic stability is demonstrated.
13. **NO HAZING!!!** (Hazing) Any activity intentionally taken for the purpose of initiation in which any student(s) humiliates, degrades, or physically or mentally abuses any other student. (See student handbook)
14. Cell phones are not permitted in school, which includes dressing rooms. Cell phones are permitted on school trips, but may be used only at the coach's discretion. The coach must approve emergency situations. **Camera phones are prohibited!**

Any violation of the DISD Athletic Conduct will result in disciplinary action by the coach. Repeated violations could result in removal from the program.

Expectations of Coaches

- Conduct a well-organized and productive program
- Develop a positive environment that encourages athletic achievement.
- Hold each athlete accountable for actions both on and off the playing arena.
- Lead by example through actions and words on and off the playing arena.
- Correct mistakes in a positive manner that encourages development.
- Support other athletes, coaches, and programs with sincere enthusiasm and loyalty to the school.
- Teach and model the six pillars of Character Counts!: citizenship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring
- Be certified in CPR.
- Understand and abide by UIL, District, and local guidelines.

Communication Coaches Expect from the Parent

- Concerns are expressed directly to the coach
- Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance
- Notification of injury or illness in a timely manner

Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches

- Coaches interaction with your child
- Ways to help your child improve athletic skills
- Concern about your child's interaction with others

