

## C. ATHLETIC & EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

### STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

The Alvin Independent School District believes that being an athlete in this District is an honor demanding many responsibilities. Being an athlete is a **PRIVILEGE**, not a right. The following are expectations for our athletes:

- Be intense competitors during the contest while exhibiting good sportsmanship and courteous behavior
- Display positive leadership
- Aspire to the highest in moral and ethical values
- Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen
- Show respect for others (coaches, parents, faculty, students, opponents, and officials)
- Strive to obtain a quality education, keeping this as the primary reason for attending school
- Develop and exhibit school pride

As athletes in the Alvin Independent School District, students present an image that reflects the District to both opponents and our school community. This image should be one of sportsmanship, competitiveness and pride through positive action.

Participation in athletics sponsored by the Alvin Independent School District and the University Interscholastic League is a **privilege**, not a right. Therefore, all students taking part in the program shall conform to all rules contained within the Alvin I.S.D. policies, the Student Code of Conduct, the Athletic Code of Conduct and the University Interscholastic League rules and regulations. When any rules are violated, on or off premises, before, during, or after school hours, the administration and/or coaches, at their discretion, shall have the right to deny the privilege of participation.

Coaches are responsible for decisions affecting the teams they coach. Such decisions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Composition of the team
- Schedules
- Playing time for individual students
- Practice time (within U.I.L. guidelines)
- Disciplinary action
- Awarding letters to athletes
- Selection of individuals to be recognized for outstanding performance
- Other rules not contradictory to the Athletic Code of Conduct

### MANDATORY ATHLETIC FORMS AND FEES

All AISD athletes are required to have the following forms current and on file with the Athletic Department:

- Annual physical and acknowledgement of rules
- Code of Conduct
- AISD Drug Testing
- UIL Steroid

- UIL Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness
- Sexting Certificate
- Insurance Fee for each sport

### **ON THE FIELD OR COURT OF PLAY**

Athletes shall not use profanity or resort to illegal tactics. They should understand that both winning and losing are part of the game. Exhibitions of temper, flagrant rule violations, taunting, and unsportsmanlike actions shall not be tolerated.

Game officials shall be respected and treated with courtesy. Any discussion of decisions made by officials shall be left to the coaches.

Any behavior that is contrary to that specified in the Athletic Code of Conduct, or any other act considered to be poor sportsmanship may result in removal from one or more contests and possible removal from the team.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND GROOMING**

As voluntary participants in the athletic program, students in the Alvin Independent School District shall meet and maintain certain acceptable grooming and personal appearance standards. In addition to upholding the standards established in the school districts dress code, athletes shall set examples for the school and community in the area of grooming and personal appearance.

To be eligible to participate in competitive sports or practice sessions, athletes shall adhere to the following rules:

1. Hair shall be clean, well groomed, natural in color, and styled in a way that is not distracting or conspicuous.
2. Remain clean shaven. Facial hair, including mustaches, beards, goatees, and extremely long side burns, are not allowed.
3. Be neatly dressed, including proper undergarments, shoes, and socks.
4. School issued or approved clothing shall be worn during contests or practices only. No exceptions shall be made to the team uniform.
5. Male athletes shall not wear earrings and/or body piercing items at school or at school activities. Female athletes may wear up to two earrings in each earlobe, but shall not wear any other body piercing items at school or at school activities. Absolutely no body piercing items shall be worn in practices or games.
6. Comply with all other school rules relating to dress and grooming as described in the dress code policy for students.

### **SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL FROM THE REGULAR SCHOOL SETTING**

An athlete who is suspended or removed from the regular school setting for any disciplinary reason under the Athletic Code of Conduct shall be subject to the following:

- 1) First offense of 3 days or less the athlete may participate and practice and will have Level I disciplinary consequences,
- 2) The second offense or first offense of over 3 days the athlete will be ineligible to participate in all interscholastic activities during the periods of suspension or removal, and be subject to Level II disciplinary actions. A third suspension or removal during

the same school year may result in removal from athletics for the remainder of the school year from the date of the offense.

### **DISRESPECT TO A TEACHER OR COACH**

Any act of disrespect by an athlete to a teacher, coach, administrator, referee, or community member shall be addressed on an individual basis. Violations may result in disciplinary action, including without limitation, suspension of one game/event or more, and/or removal for the remainder of the school year.

### **DISRESPECT TO A TEAMMATE**

Any act of disrespect or hazing, by athlete to a teammate, shall be addressed on an individual basis. Violations may result in disciplinary action, including without limitation, suspension of one game/event or more, and/or removal from athletics for the remainder of the school year.

### **TRAINING RULES**

The training rules apply to all athletes at all times throughout their school athletic careers. Violations may result in disciplinary action, including without limitation, suspension of one game/event or more and/or removal from athletics for the remainder of the school year. A second violation may result in removal athletics for one calendar year from the date of the incident.

It is the responsibility of each head coach to convey to his/her team the expectations and need for adherence to team and training rules.

The Athletic Director must be consulted when the following violations occur:

- Use of tobacco by an athlete
- Use of an illegal drug or inhalant
- Use of alcoholic beverage
- Use of any type of anabolic steroid or any derivative
- Any other such violations of which the head coach deems necessary to inform the Athletic Director.

All infractions including use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or criminal activity, shall be referred to the District Athletic Advisory Council for review. Punishment will be assessed according to Alvin I.S.D. policy, the Student Code of Conduct, and the Athletic Code of Conduct and the University Interscholastic League rules and regulations.

Violations of training rules may result in removal from all athletic activities for up to one year. At the end of one calendar year from the date of the violation, the case may be reviewed for readmission to athletics by all parties concerned.

### **PRACTICE**

Practice is an essential part of athletics and students are expected to participate except when injured or sick. During practice situations, athletes shall:

1. Consult the team coach as far in advance as possible when absence is necessary.
2. Avoid using profanity, it will not be tolerated.
3. Make every attempt to be a team member, not an individual.
4. Make every effort to see the trainer before school or practice, and not during practice.

1. An injured or sick athlete will be given an alternative assignment during the athletic period and/or after school practice.
2. All athletes will be required to make up missed conditioning if absent from practice.

### **THEFT**

Theft from other players, students, opponents, schools, or Alvin I.S.D. school equipment shall not be tolerated. Punishment will be decided on an individual basis and may result in suspension and/or removal from all athletic activities for up to one calendar year from the date of the incident.

### **SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**

School equipment is purchased for student use during athletic activities. The taking or wearing of athletic equipment, which is the property of Alvin I.S.D., on or off school premises at any time other than specified practices and competitions shall be considered a manifestation of theft of such equipment and punished as provided in the Student Code of Conduct and this Athletic Code of Conduct.

### **LOCKER ROOM**

Safety is of primary concern in locker rooms. The following rules shall be observed:

1. No horseplay (hitting, wrestling, throwing items, popping towels, etc.)
2. Maintain school equipment as directed by coaches.
3. Keep all school equipment and personal belongings locked in the locker at all times.
4. Keep school facilities clean and help ensure their continued good maintenance.

### **TRAVEL**

Because athletes represent the community, parents, school, and coaches, as well as themselves, proper conduct is expected on athletic trips. Athletes shall dress in accordance to school policy and athletic code requirements. Specific travel details are:

1. Be on time for all trips.
2. Dress neatly and in accordance to policy.
3. Be mannerly and courteous in restaurants and other public places.
4. Be quiet and orderly on the bus to avoid distractions to the driver.
5. Show respect for opponents facilities.
6. Travel with the team when leaving and returning. In emergency situations and/or when prior permission has been given by the coach, the athlete may return with parents. Athletes will only be released to their parents or legal guardian. A "Student Travel Release Form" must be filled out with a parent signature prior to the athletic trip.

### **QUITTING/REMOVAL FROM ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

Any participant who quits a sport after beginning shall:

1. Discuss the situation with the coach.
2. Confer with the head coach of the sport before terminating participation in a sport.
3. Notify parent/guardian for any type of removal (disciplinary, credit recovery,

- no longer competing in a sports, etc.)
4. Turn in all equipment that has been issued by the school.
  5. Forfeit the right to an award for the sport.
  6. Forfeit the right to participate in post-season activities (sports banquets, post season ceremonies, all star games, etc.)

Athletics involves hard work, time, and dedication. Think hard before deciding to go out for a sport. Any participant who quits a sport after they have begun will not be allowed to participate in that sport again or in any other sport until the regular season has ended in the sport that he/she quit. If necessary, the Athletic Director will make a decision in regards to this matter. Parents/guardians shall be notified before a student/athlete is removed from an athletic program regardless for any reason

### **OFF-SEASON**

Student athletes may participate in off-season programs when they are not participating in a sport in season or while participating in another sport.

Athletes who participate in two or more sports having off-season programs shall participate on an equal basis in the off-season programs associated with each sport. Exception to this rule shall be made during the official season of the sport as determined by the University Interscholastic League calendar by agreement between the coaches of the sports.

### **TOBACCO VIOLATIONS**

Alvin I.S.D. is a tobacco-free district. Student athletes are not permitted to use tobacco products on or off school premises, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, or chewing tobacco. Violations may result in disciplinary action, including without limitation, suspension or removal from athletics.

## **Alvin ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct 2014-2015**

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, therefore, Alvin ISD sets higher standards for participants in extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. This **Extracurricular Code of Conduct extends** beyond the Alvin ISD Student Code of Conduct and beyond each organization's by-laws and constitutions not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. Each organization shall abide by its individual constitution and by-laws for minor infractions. If a serious infraction of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct occurs, the consequences noted in the Extra Curricular Code of Conduct shall apply. The Extracurricular Code of Conduct will not supersede the state or national constitution.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct will be enforced with respect to all students in grades 6 through 12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- Regardless of whether school is in session;
- Regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- Regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- Regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the AISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the AISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the AISD Student Code of Conduct. No one incident may remove a student from any extracurricular activity, however, an incident combined with other infractions could result in removal from the extracurricular activity.

### **DEFINITIONS**

An extracurricular activity [AISD Board Policy FM (LEGAL)] is an activity sponsored by the UIL, the Board of Trustees, or an organization sanctioned by Board resolution. The activity is not necessarily directly related to instruction of the essential knowledge and skills, but may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to: public performances, contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities. In addition, an activity is subject to this policy if any one of the following criteria applies:

- The activity is competitive;
- The activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered
- extracurricular;
- The activity is held on or off campus; or
- The general public is invited.

### **CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THE AISD STUDENT CODE CONDUCT**

**Serious Offenses:**

A student, who is involved in Serious Offenses, as defined in the AISD Code of Student Conduct, is subject to disciplinary consequences, and also may receive consequences or experience loss of privileges in extracurricular activities as a result of the organizations bylaws and/or constitution.

**FELONY - LOSS OF PRIVILEGE – DEFERRED ADJUDICATION OR PROBATION**

A student in grades 6 through 12 shall lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities during any period of:

- deferred adjudication, probation, while under indictment for a felony, or
- while awaiting a final determination of guilt or innocence in connection with a felony, whether the felony or offense was committed on or off campus.

**CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THE AISD EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT**

In addition to the above-described prohibited conduct, AISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited **at all times and regardless of where the conduct occurs** from:

- Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers (excluding traffic violations).
- Engaging in bullying or hazing, whether in person or via any electronic format, as defined in AISD Board Policy and the AISD Code of Student Conduct.
- Engaging in lewd or vulgar behavior.
- Engaging in sexting, the inappropriate use of electronic communication or the distribution or possession of lewd materials.
- Behavior which result in placement in DAEP or JJAEP. (Students who are removed from the home campus for disciplinary reasons and placed in DAEP or JJAEP are not eligible to participate during the removal).

Nothing in this Extracurricular Code of Conduct limits a coach/director/sponsors ability to enforce consequences for violations of team or organizational rules.

The coach/director/sponsor will determine whether an Extracurricular Code of Conduct violation has occurred. Upon determination of an Extracurricular Code of Conduct violation, the following individuals will be notified:

1. Student
2. Students parent(s) or guardian(s)
3. Appropriate school counselor and assistant principal.

All consequences for violations of the extracurricular code of conduct shall begin immediately after the investigation has concluded and be continuous until the consequence has been fulfilled.

## CONSEQUENCES

*(Offenses will begin as a student enters grade 6 through grade 8 and begin again in grades 9 through grade 12)*

**First Offense:** The penalty for a first offense is **at the discretion of the coach/director/sponsor** and will be one of the following. In addition, if the student holds an office within the extracurricular activity, whether elected or appointed, the student shall be removed from that office. Students are still required to attend practice, except when assigned to DAEP / JJAEP.

- Suspension from all extracurricular activities for 5 school days; to include one game **AND**
  - Completion of community service (HS 30 hours / JH 15 hours) **OR**
  - Completion of sport / activity specific skill improvement drills
  - **Community service and skill improvement drills must be completed before a student becomes eligible to compete in any extra-curricular activity**
  - If offense occurs during the off-season, the student will be required to complete a double amount of community service or sport / specific skill improvement drills in the allotted time set by the Asst. AD/director.
- If consequence results in DAEP/JJAEP placement, then the student is eligible for participation after the DAEP/JJAEP placement.

### **Second Offense:**

- One calendar year suspension from all extracurricular activities

### **Third Offense:**

- Suspension and prohibition from participating in extracurricular activities for the remainder of his or her attendance in AISD.

In extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the principal, a committee may be convened (administrative representatives from another campus, district director, and a member of central administration) to decide appropriate actions regarding application of Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

## APPEALS

Consequences imposed under this Extracurricular Code of Conduct may be appealed to the campus principal and then to the Executive Director of Student and Administrative Services, whose decision shall be final. An appeal shall be in writing and received within five (5) school days following the decision to administer the consequence under the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. The student may not participate in the activity/organization during the appeal process.

## Acknowledgement of Student and Parent/Guardian

\* I have read, understand and consent to the guidelines, student responsibilities, behavior expectations and consequences set forth in the organizations by-laws/constitution, *AISD Student Code of Conduct*, *Athletic Code of Conduct* and *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.



\* I also understand that the AISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct is not a substitute for the AISD *Student Code of Conduct* or AISD *Board Policies*.

Student's Name (**please print**): \_\_\_\_\_ Student  
ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) (**please print**): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this page to your teacher/sponsor or coach.**

