

# AVONDALE ATHLETIC POLICY

We will operate the Avondale Athletic Program in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies as outlined by the MHSAA and the administrative policies of Avondale High School. Within the framework we will provide an athletic program of the highest quality that meets the needs of the students, alumni, school and community.

As Athletic Director, I believe that our athletic program provides a vital link between the school and the community. Student, parent, alumni, and community involvement in our program helps to enhance school spirit, develop sound minds and bodies, and develop skills and qualities which endure for life.

## Expectations of Our Coaching Staff

**Be a positive role model.** Carry yourself in a professional manner at all times, on the field and in the community. Players and community members are always watching, as a representative of Avondale your actions will reflect on everyone, not just yourself. Make sure your interactions on the field reflect how you would want your own child treated.

**Coach every player.** They won't care how much you know until they know how much you care. We will coach players to help prepare them to achieve their greatest potential. Each player is putting in the time and effort to make the team better. It is the responsibility of the coach to help him/her improve their skills and help them define their roles on the team.

**Communicate.** An athletic program consists of many parts, it is important that everyone works hard to stay on the same page. All coaches should make sure to work together to stay informed of what is going on with players, scheme, and the program in general. Coaches should also strive to ensure the players understand the material being presented in practice and be approachable if a player wants to talk.

**Commitment.** We ask our players to invest a lot of time into our program and therefore the same commitment is needed from each coach. In turn, the program will try to place a priority on using time wisely during meetings, practices, and team activities.

## Player Expectations

As a general rule, all players are to conduct themselves with class and dignity, both on and off the field. Your behavior is direct reflection of our school and the Avondale Athletic Program. Any actions that will embarrass you, your team, school, or parents are actions that should not be taken.

All players in this program will recognize and respect the authority of all coaches, teachers, administrators, and support staff members or they will not be a part of the team.

Any violation of one or more of the rules covered in this handbook is an indication that this athletic team, and being a part of it, is not important to you. Any violation will be dealt with accordingly, ranging from a warning to dismissal from the team. Those who work hard and adhere to these policies are showing that being part of this team is important and will be rewarded with success, satisfaction, and wins.

Additional guidelines may be supplied by individual athletic programs.

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

I will enjoy my child's opportunity to experience the benefits of participation in high school athletics.

I will trust in my child's ability to have fun and to perform and achieve excellence on his/her own.

I will help my child learn the right lessons from winning, losing, individual achievement, and mistakes.

I will respect my child's teammates as well as fellow parents and fans.

I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child or his/her teammates.

I will concentrate on what is best for the team and emphasize the positive as opposed to the negative.

I will support the efforts of the coaching staff.

I will not instruct from the sidelines.

I will ensure that my child will attend all practices and games and will inform the coach in advance if unable to attend.

I will respect all facilities made available to my child.

I will respect the equipment and uniform loaned to my child for practice and play.

I will respect the officials and their authority during games.

I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior.

## Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

Athletes are held to the rules that are spelled out in the Avondale Athletic Handbook, as well as the Avondale High School Student Code of Conduct.

Whether participating in or attending athletic events, violations of these policies could result in dismissal from the team and/or suspension from school.

This includes violations of the alcohol/drug, and social media policies.

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Print Student Name

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Print Parent Name

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