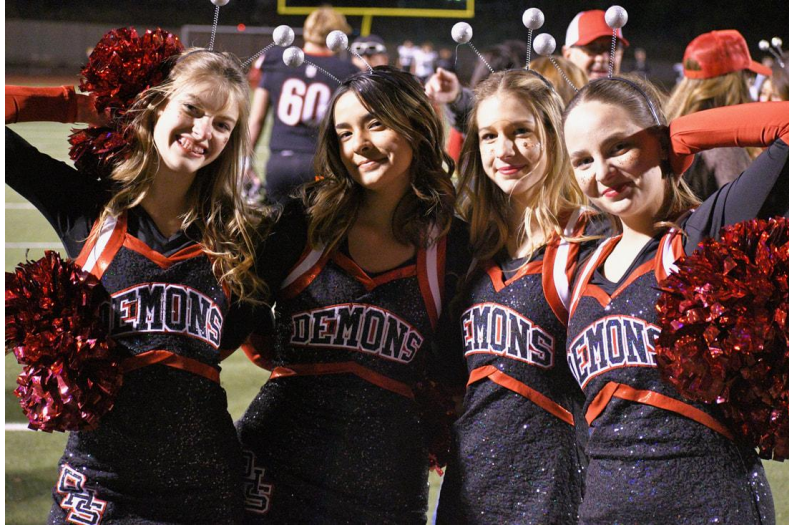


Athletics 2024-25 Family Meeting



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Department Philosophy

Engage as many students to teach the values of athletics.
Inspire them to be confident contributors to society when they
leave high school. Prepare for excellence.
Portrait Of a Graduate & Future Workforce



Safety

ATs at the High School

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Will Respond to Healthy Roster DM



ATs - Concussions

- I. Student education/awareness
- II. Any doubt, any observation of impact - AT evaluates (at practice, home game, away game) - Error on the side of caution
- III. Sway Testing
- IV. Concussion protocol - teacher - parent communication
- V. Return to Play - dictated by AT, Doc note required, process



ATs - Process & Communication

I. Healthy Roster

II. If a parent wants to challenge an assessment

III. Importance of Orthopedic eval/clearance

IV. Doctors notes required to return from concussion and COVID

V. Over communicate & collaborate



Mental Health & Character Building

- Mental Health - Communication, Proactive activities, check-ins, safety Plans
- Do the right thing always or you won't when it is crunch time
- **Inclusion**, Life Lessons, emphasis on treating everyone with respect
- Teachable Moments are always opportunities - you're either addressing it or allowing it
- No Place for Hate - Zero Tolerance for Bullying, harassment, discrimination
- Impactful coaching lasts a lifetime - not just in a season



Code of Conduct

- [Link to Code of Conduct](#)
- 365, 7 days a week, on or off school campus - high expectations for athletes and representing more than just themselves
 - Signed off on during registration
- Suspendable consequences are at least 1 loss of contest
 - Social Media uptick - screen shots are real



Required Player Parent Handbook

- Customized for each team, but lots of department expectations
- Parent/Guardian & player **MUST SIGN** and return
- Won't issue uniform until it's signed and returned
- **High expectations** - participation is a privilege
- Schedules and contact information should be as clear as possible



Student Clearance

Registration & Sports Physical on file to participate

Payment & signed handbook prior to uniform handout

[Link to Registration Site](#)



Eligibility

- Semester Eligibility - can regain halfway through the season
- Code of Conduct
- Transfer Students
- 5 credited classes per semester
- Weekly Eligibility (next slide) - Coach communicates with students Tuesday evening - Thursday finalized
- **Attendance** - 4 or more unexcused
- Can't travel with a D (must come up 24 hours prior)
- **Ultimately students responsibility**; do not submit assignments late if possible
- Families Check grades early and often
- Late Work policy if they miss for athletics



Eligibility Continued

- Weekly eligibility - 1 F or more - one week week of eligibility (Thur-Wed); locked in for CHSAA record at **Thursday at 10am for one week**
- Pulled Tuesday afternoon; communicated to students that evening - IC must reflect by Thursday 10am (student must communicate)
- **4 or more unexcused absences - ineligible Thur-Wed (must be cleared up 24 hours prior)**
- Students responsibility to communicate with office if grades/attendance comes up **BEFORE Thurs 10am.**
- Do not pressure teachers to change grades; empower students to take responsibility and have conversations around assignments/grades
- Now includes Advisory!



Parent Expectations

- Let the coaches coach
- Positive communication during competition with coaches, officials, other parents, other teams/athletes
- Support your athletes communicating/advocating with the coach
- **24 hour communication rule** with coach following competition
- Your students have committed, so help us hold them accountable to committing to the team; make the team a priority
- ADs will not meet about playing time or team placement
- Let coaches know how much you appreciate them!



Officials Needed

- If you have any interest - Let ADs know!
- Game Cancellations are possible but we will try to avoid
- Please treat our officials with respect and thank them if you get the chance. Keep it positive or don't say anything at all
 - Communicate in-game frustrations with Coach & AD
 - *Postseason Officials Ranking/Feedback or CHSAA communication*



Chain of Command

- Start with your student athlete
- Position coach
- Head coach
- Athletic Director – Tim Fitzpatrick
- Dist AD – Ryan Knorr
- Principal – Jon Hoerl
- Superintendent - Karen Cheser



Playing Time/Team Placement

- Up to the coaching staff - ADs will not meet with parents regarding playing time/level placement unless... The player has spoken to coach; Parent has spoken to coach
- EMPOWER your STUDENTS
- Communicate skills/abilities & areas to improve to get to their desired level
- Coaches meet with students who are cut, make time for students/parents who want clarification
- Varsity Letters - team specific criteria - generally, active during 75% of varsity competition; ends in good standing; postseason participation



Stadium & Gym Game Day Expectations

- Game Day Info Shared with coaches to pass along to parents
- Gate Fees - Adults \$7; DHS Students \$1; Military/Senior Citizens, other students \$5; 7-younger free
- Season Pass available for all regular season games \$80
- Entrance for Stadium through the building - no side gate access
- Bag Search



Attendance at Practice & Cuts

- Practice is required to be a part of the team
- High Expectations for our athletes – time management is a life-skill
 - Early communication from the student to coaches
 - Check sport specific handbooks
- Club sport and in-season agreements - season requires >75% attendance - must sign CHSAA paperwork before games begin
- Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, B&G Soccer will have tryouts this year, **cuts are possible**



Travel

- High expectations of students while traveling - coaches have a checklist for hotel supervision and protocols; searching bags, bed checks - CONSEQUENCES if handbook/code of conduct is broken while on the road
- Contacting local police & parent/guardian responsibility to pick the student up immediately
- [Parent Transportation waiver](#)- or parents sign out w/ coach



Weekly Communications/Parent Meeting

- Coaches host a pre-season meeting
- Team expectations/Handbook
- Methods of communications explained
- Answer questions and concerns
- Weekly communication during season
- **NO SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM COMMUNICATION**



Budget

- Budget covers transportation, coach stipends, payroll taxes, fees, officials, uniforms, ATs, facilities...
- Fundraising covers all items that students keep – gear, food, awards, specialist coaches



Parent Support

- Assist in meals, logistics and communication
- Proactive communication - check IC Often!
- Lower Level game workers will not be supplied - happy to train parents on scoreboard, music, etc
- Booster club: boosterdhs@gmail.com
- Let us know if you'd like to help out!



College Corner

- GPA & Character Matters
- [Click here for more resources and information from our presentation to students last year on playing at the next level](#) - NCAA links & our presentation from last year's presentation on playing at the next level
- On our website - <http://durangoathletics.com/college-corner>



Why Athletics?

- 2 Scoreboards - How do you measure success?
- Who made a difference in my life? How?
- Don't be ordinary - be extraordinary
- WE'RE HERE TO HELP AND NAVIGATE AND SUPPORT!
- THANK YOU for your Support - Help - commitment!

