

Athletic Program Parent Information Meeting

KATY ISD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

UIL / KISD Rules and Guidelines Overview
Individual Sports

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

“Pursue Victory with Honor”

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Be worthy of trust in all you do

RESPECT

Treat people with respect all the time and require the same of your children

RESPONSIBILITY

Emphasize the importance of personal responsibility

FAIRNESS

Demonstrate Fairness

CARING

Demonstrate encouragement, concern and empathy

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SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

- Spectators are expected to conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
- Spectators should respect officials as well as visiting coaches, players, cheerleaders and fans as guests in the community.
- Spectators will observe the rules of the local school concerning smoking, drinking, littering and parking procedures.
- Spectators will respect and obey all school officials and supervisors at athletic contests with the understanding that they have important jobs to do.

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIPS

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- **Communication to Expect from Coach:**

- Coach's philosophy.
- Coach's expectations of players.
- Locations and times of practices and contests.
- Team requirements, i.e. fees, team rules, off-season expectations.
- Injury procedures.

- **Communication Coach Should Expect from Parent:**

- Concerns regarding their son/daughter expressed directly to coach at appropriate time/place.
- Specific concerns in regard to the coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.

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- **Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with a Coach:**

- The mental and physical treatment of your child.
- What your child needs to improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.

- **Issues NOT Appropriate for Discussion with Your Child's Coach:**

- How much playing time each athlete is getting.
- Team strategy.
- Play calling.
- Any situation that involves other student/athletes.

PARENT/COACH/STUDENT COMMUNICATION

Communication Methods

▪ Appropriate Means of Communication:

- Coaches will utilize SportsYou or REMIND for disseminating information to the student/athletes.
- The use of regular text messaging between coach and student should be avoided. However, if necessary, text messages MUST include the parent(s).

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Please follow the Chain of Command when you have a concern

Issues Concerning your Child:

1. Contact your child's head coach and request a meeting.
2. If you feel concerns have not been addressed, request a meeting with the campus athletic coordinator and head coach.
3. If you still feel another level of discussion is necessary, request a meeting with the head coach and representative of KISD athletic department and/or campus principal.

Question or Concern Regarding a UIL/KISD Rule:

- Contact the head coach.
- Contact the campus athletic coordinator.
- Contact the Katy ISD athletic department.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

UIL C&CR Section 400

Students are eligible to represent their school in interscholastic activities if they:

- ✓ are not 19 years of age or older on or before September 1.
- ✓ have not graduated from high school and a full-time student.
- ✓ have been in regular attendance since the sixth day of the school year or have been enrolled and in regular attendance for at least 15 days before the contest and before district certification.
- ✓ have the required number of credits for eligibility during the first six weeks.
- ✓ initially enrolled in 9th grade not more than four calendar years ago.
- ✓ are meeting academic standards required by state law.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

No Pass, No Play

Basics of No Pass, No Play

- Must be passing all courses (except approved advanced classes) at end of six weeks grading period.
- If received failing grade at end of six weeks period, must be passing all non-exempt courses at 3-week evaluation period.
- Rule does include online courses that count towards state graduation requirements.
- Ineligible students must wait seven (7) calendar days after a three-week evaluation period and the grading period to regain eligibility.
- Ineligible students may not dress for contests, travel with team, sit on the bench, manage, or serve any type of support role during a contest.
- Ineligible students may practice and scrimmage.

RESIDENCY ELIGIBILITY RULES

UIL C&CR Section 440

Parent residence applies to varsity athletic eligibility only

Athletes must have lived with their parents inside the school attendance zone their first year of attendance.

- When parents do not reside inside the school attendance zone the student could be eligible if;
 - a) the student has been in continuous attendance for at least one calendar year and has not enrolled at another school;
 - b) no inducement is given to the student to attend the school;
 - c) attendance is not in violation of KISD or TEA policies for the student to continue attending the school, i.e. approved KISD inter/intra-district transfer.

AWARDS RULE

Athletes must have observed all provisions of the UIL Awards Rule

- Schools may give one-time major award during HS not to exceed \$70 in value.
- Each year, a school may give one additional award per student, per activity not to exceed \$20 each.
- Schools may give a student the \$20 minor award during the same year the \$70 major award is given for that activity.
- A school may contribute to major awards in honor of winning a UIL State Championship event.
- Gifts or prizes at a “Senior Night” or athletic banquet may not exceed the \$20 per sport allowed award (unless given directly to an athlete from that’s athlete’s parent).

ATHLETIC AMATEUR RULE

Athletes must not have violated any provision of the Athletic Amateur Rule

- Students in grades 9-12 are in violation if, within the preceding 12 months:
 - they received money or other valuable consideration for participating in a sport that is a UIL sponsored sport made available thru the school the student attends.
 - * *Students may accept reasonable fees that do not exceed LOCAL prevailing rates for teaching, coaching or officiating athletic contests.*
 - they received valuable consideration for allowing his/her name to be used in promoting a product, plan or service related to a UIL contest.
 - they accepted money or other valuable consideration from school booster club funds for any non-school purpose.

Consequences include ineligibility for varsity contests and game/contest forfeiture

RECRUITING RULE

Efforts by anyone to encourage students to attend another school for athletic purposes is a violation of the Recruiting Rule and could result in player and team disqualifications.

- Athletes that have been encouraged to attend another school could be ruled ineligible.
- Recruiting is not only a violation by the student who has been recruited, but it is also a violation by the school and/or school district personnel who recruited the student.
- It is a violation to recruit at all grade levels.

CHANGING SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES

If changed schools for athletic purposes, student is ineligible for varsity play for at least one year

Common Indicators of Moving for Athletic Purposes

- Recruiting allegations.
- Student was not in good standing in the previous school, either academically or in a sports program.
- Student was unhappy with a coach in the previous school.
- Student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where other team members play or non-school team coach is employed.
- Student received individual or team instruction from a school coach and is transferring to the school of that coach.

For any student/athlete who changed schools and has completed the 8th grade

SOCIAL MEDIA

Athletes are expected to abide by the KISD Athletic Code of Conduct

- Students are expected to refrain from inappropriate posts on social media websites.
- Posts, photos, video, etc. that are deemed inappropriate, derogatory and/or compromising could be subject to consequences outlined in the KISD Athletic Code of Conduct in displaying conduct unbecoming of a Katy ISD athlete.

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

KISD encourages our students to participate in multiple sports

- More and more studies indicate that those who participate in multiple sports have a better athletic experience during high school and typically experience greater success than those who specialize.
- Multiple sport participation facilitates the development of the “team” concept.
- Data indicates that specialization in sports does not improve a child’s athletic development more than multi-sport participation.
- Kids should not be discouraged from playing more than one sport.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!

Help make your child's athletic experience memorable!

- **Appreciate the value of the total athletic experience for your child!**
- **Respect the fact that time goes by fast, therefore absorb each moment!**
- **Say good things to your child about the coaches and the program!**
- **Support the idea of their involvement in something bigger than themselves!**
- **Acknowledge that things won't always go the way you or your child hope....as a parent, this is a teachable life lesson opportunity!**