

# Floresville Athletic Department Athletic Codes & Requirements

2020/2021



## FLORESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ATHLETIC CODES AND REQUIREMENTS

The codes/requirements set forth below are intended to expand on the standards contained in the FHS Student/Parent Handbook. They represent the philosophy that student athletes represent their school by virtue of their athletic participation and therefore should be held to a higher standard of accountability for their personal conduct.

1. Athletes are students first.
2. Athletes should set examples of acceptable conduct and scholarship as outlined in the Floresville High School Student/Parent Handbook.
  - a. Athletes will not be allowed to grow beards or mustaches; they shall be clean shaven. Hair on male athletes should never exceed 2" in length. Hair should always be combed and out of eyes. Students will not be allowed to have hair styles which are considered distracting (i.e., mohawks, painted hair).
  - b. Tattoos should not be visible.
3. Athletes must be on time to class and practice; tardiness will not be tolerated. Extra physical activities may be administered by individual coach at the end of practice.
4. If an athlete must miss practice, they should notify a coach in that sport in advance by phone and follow up with appropriate documentation (Dr. Note, etc.).
5. Discipline:
  - a. **In-School Suspension (ISS)** – If an athlete is assigned to ISS, they will be ineligible to compete in a scheduled competition /game on the day(s) of the assignment.
  - b. **Suspension** – If an athlete is suspended from school, upon return the athlete will be allowed to return to the athletic program with the approval of the athletic director and the head coach responsible for the existing sport. However, the athlete will not be eligible to participate in athletic competition for a one-week period. The athlete will be required to attend and participate in all practices during his/her probationary period.
  - c. **Alternative School** – If an athlete is placed in an alternative education setting, upon returning to school, the athlete will be suspended for an additional 2 weeks of competition (scrimmages and or games) in the current sport and/or next consecutive sport and will be required to complete 20 miles of running before he/she will be allowed to participate. The 20 miles must be completed before the 2-week suspension is served. Participation in the remainder of the current sport will then be at the discretion of the Head Coach.

**Repeat offenders of the Student Code of Conduct may be suspended for a longer term and possibly removed from the Athletic Program.**

6. The use of profanity in any form, by any athlete, will not be tolerated.

7. Any unexcused absence from class or practice may result in limited or no playing time for the next contest.
8. Use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or drugs by any athlete will not be tolerated on any school property or at any school sponsored event. Any violation is subject for removal from the athletic program for a period of time to be determined by the head coach of the sport, Athletic Director and school administration.  
**Repeat offenders may be suspended, and possibly removed from the Athletic Program.**
9. Athletes should always exhibit good sportsmanship. Athletes must learn that winning and losing are part of the game.
10. Injured athletes are required to come to practices and games unless the injury prevents them from doing so or as recommended by a physician or athletic trainer.
11. If an athlete "quits", he/she will not participate in the next sport until the current sport season concludes. The athlete will be afforded a 2-week window for trial time in a sport before the "quit" clause becomes effective.
12. Inappropriate behavior during contests or traveling to/from contests, acts of violence, disrespect and profanity directed towards any coach, sponsor or administrator may result in an athlete being "removed" from that sport.
13. Any athlete caught stealing in school may be dismissed from the athletic program for one calendar year pending administrative investigation and recommendation.
14. No student will be allowed to travel to or from any athletic contest in a private vehicle without administrative or designee approval. Students will not be allowed to travel from one contest site to another in a private vehicle without 24 hours prior approval from administrator or designee.
15. Each athlete is responsible for all athletic equipment issued to him/her and shall provide for its proper care, storage and return. Athletes shall assume responsibility for all athletic equipment not returned and must assume replacement cost. Further extra-curricular participation may be suspended until cleared.
16. Athletes are to be respectful to all administrators, coaches, game officials and teachers. Athletes are to address individuals by last names only, preceded by Mr., Mrs./Ms. or Coach.
17. All athletes will be held responsible for their own actions both academically and athletically.
18. Training  
The following rules apply to all athletes at all times during his/her school career.
  - a. No smoking.
  - b. No drinking of alcoholic beverages.
  - c. No use or distribution of abusive drugs (marijuana, narcotics, etc.).
  - d. No involvement in a felony crime.

**Obey any additional training rules given by his/her coach in a particular sport. Any consequences not defined in this code of conduct will be at the coach's discretion.**

19. Social Networking Websites and Electronic Communication:

Athletes will be responsible for ensuring that all personal electronic communication is appropriate. Any communication including, but not limited to, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, inappropriate texting that is published or appearing on the internet is public domain even if it is marked private, is included. Areas of appropriateness include, but are not limited to, language, pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, and reference to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Disciplinary action will be taken if an athlete is found to be involved in inappropriate, disruptive, lewd, or obscene pictures, comments, or statuses on any social networks and/or electronic communication, which may include suspension or dismissal from the athletic program.

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ILLEGAL DRUGS AND/OR STEROIDS**

The use of any chemical substance or illegal drugs without the proper consent of a doctor are a deterrent to the health and training of an athlete. They are also against the law to consume and or have in your possession. If an athlete is arrested for being in possession of or under the influence of an illegal drug or given a citation the following disciplinary actions will be taken.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – Suspension from the Athletic Program for a period of time to be determined by the Athletic Director and Head Coach of the sport

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – Total removal from the Athletic Program

## **ALCOHOL**

The use of these chemicals is a deterrent to the health and training of an athlete. They are also against the law to consume and or have in your possession. If an athlete is arrested for being in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or given a citation the following disciplinary actions will be taken.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – The athlete will run 10 miles before participating in the next contest.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – The athlete will run 20 miles and be suspended for 2 contests.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** – The athlete will be removed from the Athletic Program.

Note: Any time an athlete has been removed from the athletic department for alcohol or illegal drugs, he/she may request to be heard before a review committee (consisting of Athletic Director and coaching staff) after 12 months to evaluate the athlete's progress. The committee will have the authority to reinstate the athlete if it is determined to be in the best interest of both the student-athlete and the athletic program.

**It is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities; it is not a constitutional right. If at any time, in the coach's judgment, an athlete's behavior embarrasses the team, school, or community, the coach has the right to dismiss that student-athlete from the team. The parent / guardian will be contacted by the coach to inform him/her of the dismissal**

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Agreement and Signature Page**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, and my parent(s)/guardian(s) have read the attached **Athletic Codes and Requirements** and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Athlete's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

The following campus/district staff members have been designated to coordinate athletics in FISD:

**All information and concerns regarding athletics in FISD:**

Andrew Rohrs  
Athletic Director  
(830) 393-5370

*For information concerning UIL Athletics refer to the UIL Parent Information Manual at [www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu).*

