



SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
High School Department of Athletics
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT
2011-2012

All student athletes are held responsible to follow the guidelines in the Uniform Code of Student Conduct.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Birth Certificate:** Must be recorded and on file at the school administrative office.
2. **Physical Examination and Parent Consent:** Current yearly physical examination and a parent consent card must be on file prior to participation in the first practice. The physical examination for the following school year shall be given on or after March 1 (A.I.A. Bylaw 15.7.1).
3. **Enrollment:** Only students enrolled at the A.I.A. member school in grades 9 through 12, inclusive, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition at that school. A home school student may be eligible if said student is in compliance with A.R.S. 15-802.01(A). Sierra Vista Students, in good standing, are eligible to participate at their home school with permission from the Principal, Athletic Director and sport Coach at said school.
4. **Academic and Scholarship:** During their season of competition, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of five credit courses or the equivalent the first seven semesters of high school. Graduating seniors need a minimum of four credit courses in the eighth semester. Any course for which the Scottsdale School District issues credit or dual credit (3 or more hrs) college credit will qualify.

State Pass-No-Play: A student shall have received a passing grade in all classes during the previous grading period to compete in any athletic contest.

Grades:

- a. The grade used for determining eligibility will be the nine weeks and the semester grade. This is a cumulative grade check.
- b. The date for determining ineligibility will be the second Monday after the District returns grades to the schools.

Period of Ineligibility:

- a. Failure at nine weeks or semester: The athlete will be ineligible for three weeks from the second Monday. To regain eligibility on the fifth Monday, the athlete must be passing all classes on the Regain Eligibility Grade Check.
- b. Incomplete: The athlete will regain eligibility when requirements are completed or passing all classes on the Regain Eligibility Grade Check.
- c. Failure at the spring semester: An athlete may regain eligibility by passing a summer school class for each class failed. The class(s) taken in summer school does not have to be the identical class(s) failed in the spring.

5. **Team Membership:** An athlete who is a member of a school team shall not practice or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. (A.I.A. Bylaw 14.4.1).
6. **Changing Teams:** If an athlete quits a team, he/she may not go out for another team until the season for the team he/she quit is over. This may be waived by agreement of both coaches or administrative approval.
7. **Equipment:** Athletes are responsible for returning or paying for all equipment issued to them. Debts must be cleared before going out for another sport or before receiving school transcript records.
8. **Insurance:** The athlete must be insured and have his/her Parent Consent in the Event of Injury card completed and signed by his/her parent or guardian as evidence of insurance.
9. **Attendance:** The athlete must be in attendance at school a minimum of fifty-percent (50%) of the school day to participate or practice that day, unless excused by the administration. Graduating seniors must attend all of their classes if less than fifty-percent (50%) of the school day. Cutting a class or classes may result in being benched for the next scheduled contest.
10. **Athletic Fee:** The \$150 athletic fee must be paid prior to the first contest and before any game equipment is issued. There is not a cap on fees. Each sport must be paid separately. After the first athletic contest, or if a student is dismissed from a team, there will be no refund. State tax credit laws do not permit a refund.
11. **General Appearance:** An athlete must dress and look the part of an athlete. He/she should keep his/her hair well groomed, his/her skin clean, and his/her clothes neat and clean.

TRAINING RULES

In addition to the requirements and consequences set forth in the SUSD Student Code of Conduct and the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) regulations, all student athletes are responsible for adhering to the following training rules listed below. These rules apply on or off campus during the season of sport.

Any violations of the rules stated below will carry a penalty to be determined by the coach of that sport, and subject to review by the Athletic Director. Exceptions are made for violations of number 3, 4, 5, and 6 which carry specific penalties.

1. **Student Conduct:** An athlete must be a positive representative of the school at all times, must be courteous to teachers, students, fellow athletes, and adults. Athletes will not be disruptive, insubordinate or disrespectful to staff, students, parents, or officials.
2. **Behavior and Attitude:** An athlete may be dropped from the team at any time the coach believes his/her attitude and/or behavior is detrimental to the team or the coach may take any reasonable action to see that any infractions of the above do not reoccur.
3. **Stealing:** The stealing infraction includes but not limited to, taking articles from our school or any other school, from restaurants and hotels during an athletic trip, or from our own dressing room (this includes the wearing or having possession of unauthorized school equipment).
4. **Drinking or Tobacco:** This includes having in possession or having consumed any intoxicating drink or tobacco product.
5. **Drugs:** This includes using, possessing drugs or paraphernalia, or selling illegal drugs to others.
PENALTY for violation of 3, 4, or 5 above:
 - a. Dismissed from the team.
 - b. During the last two weeks of a sport: Dismissed for the remainder of the season and suspension from the next sport the athlete participates in for a period of time to total three (3) competitive weeks.
 - c. For drug and/or alcohol violations, the athlete will be referred to District-sponsored drug and/or alcohol programs and will participate in 25 hours of community service.
6. **Fighting:** Whether on or off campus, includes two or more persons engaged in any violent or physically hostile behavior directed toward each other.
7. **Travel:** Students must go to and return from athletic contests by school-supplied or designated travel. If a student must travel to the contest with his/her parents, he/she must have his/her parents make the request in writing to the coach prior to the contest. If a student must travel from the contest, then the parent must give the request in writing to the coach in charge. Once at the site of the contest, the athlete is not to leave the site without permission of the coach.
8. **Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation:** Includes a broad range of negative acts that are intended to inflict physical, sexual, or psychological harm on another person.
9. **Hazing:** Includes any intentional or reckless act committed by an individual or group of students, against other students where both of the following apply: (1) The act was in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or membership of a school sponsored athletic team or group; and (2) the act causes, contributes to, or poses a substantial risk of physical or mental injury or degradation.

DUE PROCESS

1. a. All athletes will be presented with a written statement of the Athletic Code of Conduct and accompanying regulations and penalties at the beginning of the season.
b. The Parental Consent Card is to be signed by the parent/guardian and the student athlete. Signatures will be verified by the coach prior to participation.
2. Upon receipt of information regarding a violation of the code, the coach will discuss the matter immediately with the athlete.
3. If the coach is sure a violation has occurred, he/she will:
 - a. Notify the athlete of the exact nature of the violation and length and conditions of the suspension. The coach shall also notify the parents of the athlete, giving the same information before the penalty takes effect, or;
 - b. If two or more coaches are involved and the incident is sufficiently broad, the coaches may refer the matter to the Athletic Council for disposition.
4. If the athlete and/or his/her parents are unclear as to the reason for the disciplinary action or are dissatisfied with it, they may request that the Athletic Director set up an Athletic Council hearing, at which time they may present their case. The request for the Athletic Council hearing must be made in no more than five (5) school days from the time they were informed of the suspension.
5. The Athletic Council will make its decision as soon as all information is presented. An assistant principal will chair the hearing and present the results to the parents and the athlete.
6. If the parents of the athlete are dissatisfied with the Athletic Council ruling, they may, within five (5) days, present their case to the principal, who will make the final determination on athletic eligibility.