

## **AHISD Athletic Department Standards**

### **Student-Athletes will:**

- 1. Be students first and give academics top priority.**
- 2. Adhere to all AHISD policies:**
  - Student Code of Conduct and 24/7 Code of Leadership.
- 3. Adhere to all UIL Extracurricular Policies and Procedures.**
- 4. Be Coachable**
- 5. AH Teams take precedence over Club/Select sports.**
- 6. Ultimately demonstrate the following:**
  - Positive attitude: Be a winner!
  - Respect for all through proper interaction and communication.
  - Commitment to skill-building through sincere effort as appropriate for in/off season programs.
  - Compete at the highest possible level.
  - School spirit through support for fellow Mules.
  - Good sportsmanship towards the rules of the game, the spirit of competition, opponents, and officials.
  - Responsibility to others through placing the team first.
  - Proper care for facilities and equipment.
  - Healthy decision-making concerning fitness, nutrition, rest, performance-enhancing drugs, and safety.
  - Class in how they represent our school district and community.

### **Coaches will:**

- 1. Be teachers first and ensure academics take priority.**
- 2. Adhere to all AHISD policies.**
  - Support the Student Code of Conduct and 24/7 Code of Leadership.
- 3. Adhere to all UIL Extracurricular Policies and Procedures.**
- 4. Demonstrate a High Level of Professionalism:**
  - Maintain the same professional demeanor in the athletic arena as in the classroom with emphasis on appropriate interaction with players, other coaches, parents, and officials.
  - Maintain a high level of sport-specific knowledge and training.
  - Membership in professional associations.
  - Continuing professional development through clinic/seminar attendance.
  - Develop and implement a well rounded in/off season program utilizing all available school facilities for maximum development of student- athletes.
  - Cooperate with training staff, medical professionals, and parents concerning injury prevention and treatment for the student-athlete.
- 5. Demonstrate impeccable role-modeling with emphasis on appearance, character, conduct, language, and interactions.**

**6. Maintain open Communication to include:**

- Pre-season Parent Meeting:
  - General policies and procedures.
  - Playing time philosophy.
  - Practice starting/ending times.
  - Injury prevention guidelines and training staff procedures.
  - Specific plan for addressing parental questions or concerns.
- Individual end of season player meetings to provide and receive feedback and discuss improvement possibilities.

**7. Promote student-athlete sharing:**

- Coaches will strongly support the principle that participation in other AH sports or extracurricular activities is valuable. Among sports, priority will always be given to the in-season sport.
- Coaches should encourage multi-sport participation.
- Professional courtesy between programs and the interests of the student- athlete should always be the major consideration in issues concerning multi-sport athletes.

**8. Actively promote the following:**

- Winning as appropriate for different levels of competition.
- Continuity in systems and drills to the Jr. School as appropriate.
- Character development of student-athletes.
- Utilization of productive techniques to cultivate team spirit through caring and fairness when dealing with athletes.
- Support for all AH athletic teams.
- Healthy decision-making concerning fitness, nutrition, hydration, rest, performance-enhancing drugs, and safety.
- Sincere concern for the physical and emotional needs of student-athletes.

**9. Maintain safe conditions during games and practices.**

**Parents will:**

- 1. Encourage student-athletes to make academics the top priority.**
- 2. Adhere to all UIL Extracurricular Policies and Procedures.**
- 3. Be an asset by demonstrating support for your student-athlete's participation in any AH program. Help build and maintain winning traditions at AH.**
- 4. Address and treat coaches as professionals with respect and courtesy.**
- 5. Demonstrate support for program policies and procedures; reinforce athletic standards with your student-athlete.**
- 6. Be an advocate for your student-athlete, but show restraint in promoting your student- athlete at the expense of another.**
- 7. Demonstrate class and good sportsmanship in your role as a fan.**
- 8. Show respect to all players, coaches, officials, and other fans during sporting events.**
- 9. Cooperate with training staff and medical professionals concerning injury prevention and treatment for your student-athlete.**

10. Communicate directly with the Athletic Director over any possible ethical or safety concerns.

**AD will:**

1. Ensure that all coaches and athletes adhere to all the AHISD Policies:
  - Enforce the Student Code of Conduct and 24/7 Code of Leadership.
2. Ensure that all coaches adhere and understand all UIL Extracurricular Policies and Procedures.
3. Ensure student-athletes, coaches, and parents comply with all standards that are outlined in the Athletic Department Standards.
4. Ensure that coaches, AD, and parents have meetings during the year as appropriate, including continuation of a parent, coach, and athletic director review committee for long range planning:
  - Facilities
  - Standards
5. Ensure that web pages at the High School and Junior School have appropriate and accurate athletic information including the AHISD Athletic Standards.
6. Recommend that AHISD athletic facilities are maintained and improved as needed.
7. Conduct a formal annual/seasonal evaluation with all coaches.
8. Recruit and develop coaches that aspire to the AHISD Athletic Department Standards.
9. Ensure that all coaches and team programs maintain safe equipment and environment.
10. Ensure that any parental concern regarding ethics or safety is investigated.