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TIGERS & TIGERETTES

The Brackett ISD Athletic Program has a tradition of excellence and pride. All participants in Brackett ISD athletics will strive to maintain this outstanding tradition and contribute to the success of the athletic program.

Brackett PRIDE

The Brackett Independent School District provides an athletic program as a privilege and opportunity for our students to be successful. We believe participation in a competitive athletic program can provide students with an alternative source for growth outside the classroom. Eligible students are encouraged to participate in any sport in which they have an interest to perform.

Our athletes are held to a higher standard than general students. Therefore, we believe our code of conduct should reflect such. Athletes are expected to accept and follow the established rules. Violation of the rules will result in corrective and/or disciplinary action, with the possibility of dismissal from the athletic program.

Athletics is not a required, nor needed for graduation. It is a privilege, and the coaches and administrators have the authority to revoke this privilege when requirements are not met by the student athlete.

Statement of Intent

The following guidelines were prepared by Brackett ISD. Each student and his/her parent/guardian, who participates in the Brackett ISD athletic program, will be required to sign a statement acknowledging his/her awareness of these guidelines before the student can participate in school sponsored events. Coaches will be bound by the following guidelines:

- (1) The coach must inform all athletes in his/her sport of these code of conduct rules.
- (2) The coach must exhibit consistency in applying punishment.
- (3) The code of conduct will serve as an overall guide for each athlete participating in the Brackett ISD athletic program. Each head coach may choose to implement additional rules and guidelines for their specific sport.

In-Season & Off-Season Guidelines

Athletes are representative of the Brackett ISD. An athlete is expected to conduct himself/herself with dignity at all times. Any violations of this policy could result in disciplinary running, missing of game(s), forfeiture or exclusion from receiving athletic awards, or removal from the Brackett ISD Athletic Program. Athletes must meet the minimum grade requirements of the UIL and TEA in order to compete in Brackett ISD athletic programs. An athlete placed in "out-of-school" or "in-school" suspension may be subject to further disciplinary action by the coach of his/her sport and/or the Athletic Director. A report of misconduct in the classroom may be handled in the same manner.

Athletic Participation

All students must be enrolled in the athletic period to participate in a sport(s). Students who do not participate in the athletic period before their respective sport(s) will be subject to an administrative hearing.

Missed Practice / Off-Season Workouts

Students who miss practice and/or off-season workouts will be required to complete a series of task administered by a coach in order to get the student back even with their teammates.

Additionally, any student who comes out after the start date of a sport, will not be eligible for athletic competition until they have completed the number of days they missed. This will include sports that have two-a-day workouts, and start practices before the first day of school.

Students will be required to attend practice scheduled during their season during holidays, half-school days and Saturdays .

Athletic Behavioral Contract

Students who violate the Brackett ISD Athletic Code or any other athletic policies will be subject to being placed on a Behavioral Contract. These infractions include, but are not limited to:

- 1] Breaking of athletic policies
- 2] Disrespect of a school official
- 3] Dismissal from a sport or the Brackett ISD athletic program
- 4] Violation of any State or Federal laws
- 5] Multiple ISS assignments

The Behavioral Contract will be agreed upon and signed by all parties involved. Any violation of this contract, will result in a dismissal from the Brackett ISD athletic program for up to, but not limited to one calendar year.

2016-2017 Athletic Policy

Disciplinary Actions*

Disciplinary action as outlined below represents the minimum consequences that may be administered.

Any athlete removed from the regular educational setting and assigned to In-School Suspension, shall be suspended from athletic competition (student may still practice). Student must regain residency the following school day to become eligible for competition/events. Semester eradication evaluation case by case.

Any athlete suspended from school shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities (while in OSS the student may not attend any school activities including practice, when reinstated in school student may practice).

	STRIKE 1	STRIKE 2	STRIKE 3
ISS	Suspended- GAME (S) during ISS + 1 game following (Max = 1 game) Disciplinary conditioning	Suspended- GAME (S) during ISS + 2 games following* (Max = 2 games) Disciplinary conditioning x2	Suspended- GAME (S) during ISS + 3-4 games following* (Max = TBD) Disciplinary conditioning x3
OSS	Suspended-GAME (S) during OSS + 1-2 games following (Max = 3 games) Disciplinary conditioning X3	Suspended-GAME (S) during OSS + 50% of games after return Disciplinary conditioning x5	Suspended-all remaining GAMES *Admin. Hearing needed to return to the team
DAEP	Suspended-GAME (S) during AEP + 50% of games after return Disciplinary conditioning x5	Suspended- ALL remaining GAMES *Admin. Hearing needed to return to the team	Suspended- Brackett Athletic Program for a calendar year

The Athletic Director and/or Principal shall make all final disciplinary action decisions.

Alcohol, Tobacco & Drugs*

Alcohol

If an athlete receives a citation, such as but not limited to an MIP, MIC, DUI, or if the coach acts on information that an athlete is engaged in illegal activity involving alcohol, disciplinary action will follow the punishment policy stated in this athletic code.

Tobacco (including Hookah paraphernalia)

If an athlete is suspected and caught with tobacco, including hookah paraphernalia on school grounds and/or the coach acts on information that an athlete is engaged in an illegal activity, disciplinary action will follow the punishment policy stated in this athletic code. Students over the age of 18 are not allowed to have tobacco products on school grounds, including locker rooms and fields (State of Texas regulation).

Drugs

The Brackett ISD athletic program will follow all drug testing policies established by the Brackett School Board and Brackett ISD Administration. *In addition, mandatory and random drug testing will be administered by Brackett ISD for all students participating in extracurricular activities.

School Official Bag Searches

On any out of town trips, athlete's bags may be searched before, during, or after a trip if any suspicious activity or wrong doing is expected. Also, on overnight trips, coaches will be placed in athletes rooms whenever applicable.

Athletics is a school-related activity, and as such operates under the umbrella of the Student Code of Conduct, Board policy and the State of Texas regulations.

Lawful Arrest / Investigation*

Any student arrested by city, county, state or government officials will be suspended from activities for the duration of the arrest/investigation. Once the investigation has completed, the student, along with his parents/guardians, will meet with Administration to review and discuss disciplinary actions. An athlete found guilty of unlawful acts is subject to disciplinary suspension or expulsion from the athletic program.

A successful athletic program teaches values and morals that can be used daily in a student's life.

★ The Athletic Director and/or Principal shall make all final disciplinary action decisions. All cases are handled on an individual basis and conducted as so.

	Alcohol / Drugs	Tobacco
STRIKE 1	Suspended-GAME(S) until conditioning is complete /+ BISD code 20 miles Minimum = 2 full week of competition (2-4 games)	Suspended-50% of a GAME until conditioning is complete /+ BISD code 10 miles Minimum = 50% of a game competition
STRIKE 2	Suspended-GAME(S) until conditioning is complete /+ BISD code 40 miles Minimum = 3 full weeks of competition (3-6 games)	Suspended-GAME(S) until conditioning is complete /+ BISD code 20 miles Minimum = 1 full week of competition (1-2 games)
STRIKE 3	Suspended- Brackett Athletic Program for a calendar year *Admin. Hearing needed to return to the team	Suspended-GAME(S) until conditioning is complete + BISD code 40 miles Minimum = 2 full weeks of competition (2-3 games) *Admin. Hearing needed to return to the team

Code of Character

All athletes will carry themselves as first class citizens of the community and school. Use of foul/vulgar language, poor sportsmanship and actions deemed unsuitable for athletics will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Social Media*

An athlete who uses social media, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, cell phones, texting or emails, to transmit words or images that are vulgar, obscene, threatening, lewd, or harassing, whether on or off school property, may be subject to disciplinary action by administration. These disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, suspension for part or all of a game(s), and removal from the program for the rest of a season or permanently. The athlete will be suspended from any practices or games during the investigation.

Quitting a sport / Withdrawing from a sport*

If an athlete starts a sport and quits, he/she will not be allowed to begin another sport (practice) until the state tournament for that sport has concluded. If an athlete enters an athletic program and decides to withdraw, the decision to withdraw must be made in the first two weeks of practice and the athlete must meet in person with the head coach before withdrawing.

Exception: If an athlete wishes to remove themselves from a sport after the 2- week starting timeframe, the student must meet with his/her head coach. If there is an amicable agreement between coach and athlete, the athlete is allowed to continue participating in another sport without a 1- year waiting period.

Multi-Sport Participation

We encourage multi-sport participation here at Brackett ISD. All multi-sport athletes must adhere to the conditions set forth by Brackett ISD administration and athletic department.

Multi-sport athletes conditions:

[A.] Must maintain a 75% or better grade average during the duration of the sports. Grades will be monitored by Brackett ISD staff. Failure to maintain a passing grade point average can result in loss of out of town activities and/or removal from a sport.

[B.] Students absences will not exceed two days within a school week. District competition & post-season play will be exceptions to this condition.

[C.] District events will supersede any other pre-season events.

[D.] Practice times and events will be coordinated by administration and coaches, not athletes. Failure to follow the times coordinated will result in disciplinary actions and/or loss of event(s).

[E.] Must attend all practices unless attending an event. Failure to communicate with coaches will result in disciplinary actions and/or loss of event(s).

Detriment of Character*

An athlete found guilty of lying to staff, stealing or willfully destroying school property (this includes opposing schools as well) and/or that of a fellow student may be punished by removal from Brackett ISD athletic programs for one calendar year.

If the athlete fails to comply with either provision, the athlete will not be allowed to enter a different athletic program until the state tournament for that sport has concluded. If there is an amicable agreement between coach and athlete, the athlete is allowed to continue participating in another sport.

Athletes are expected to maintain favorable attitudes and conduct during the off-season athletic periods. If the attitude and/or conduct of the athlete become a detriment to others in the program, the athlete may be dismissed.

Athletes will behave on the team bus. They will keep the bus clean and will not yell or extend their arms and/or legs out of the windows. Nothing will be thrown inside or outside the bus.

Athletes will show good character on all out of town trips. Care should be taken to leave all places visited clean and neat.

An athlete whose actions are in violation of good sportsmanship may be subject to disciplinary action by the coach. These behaviors include but are not limited to (1) Disrespect to a teacher, coach, or member of the school administration (2) Temper fits and flagrant violations of rules (3) Unsportsmanlike conduct toward a teammate, coach, an opponent, or an official.

Student athletes are placed on an "honor system" and should report any misconduct of regulations to his/her coach.

Disciplinary action for detriment of character violations may include, but is not limited to, conditioning, suspension for part or all of a game(s), in-school suspension and removal from the program for the rest of a season or permanently.

Uniforms/Equipment/Facilities*

Student athletes are expected to be responsible and return all equipment provided by the school.

Loss or damage to equipment/uniform will result in a financial fine to secure replacement of the property. Transcripts and/or school documents will be withheld until financial balance is reconciled.

Athletes should realize it is a joint effort the Brackett ISD administration & athletics program to provide the best resources possible, as well as, keep our facilities and equipment clean and maintained.

Eligibility

Lose of Eligibility

A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), *a grade below 70 in any class* or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) *may not* participate in extracurricular activities for three school weeks. An ineligible student may *practice or rehearse*, coaches discretion. The student regains eligibility after the seven day waiting period has ended following a grading period, when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (70 or above) *in all classes*, other than those that are exempted.

Removal from Athletics

A student can be removed from athletics for violating district and school policies and failing consecutive/multiple six week grading periods. Athletics is not a required, nor needed for graduation. It is a privilege, and the coaches and administrators have the authority to revoke this privilege when academic requirements are not met by the student athlete.

Spectators/Parent Code of Conduct

Please keep the following in mind...

Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.

Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and mistakes are sometimes made.

Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.

Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.

Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature.

Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games, and afterwards or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).

Be a positive behavior role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.

Excused Absences/Unexcused Absences

Absence from school is not acceptable.

Unexcused absence on a school day indicates the student cannot participate in either practice or games/events on that day.

Exceptions are made for the following:

[A.] Funeral

[B.] Medical/dental appointments with absence for part of the day

[C.] Religious observance

[D.] Required court appearances

[E.] Approved college visits

[F.] Acceptable excuses which are reviewed by the Director of Athletics

Absences following an away game and/or match/event will not be tolerated. It is a sacrifice associated with athletics.

Conditioning and 50% suspension from the next game will be result of this action. All cases are handled on an individual basis and conducted as so.

Upon reaching **eight** absences during the fall or spring season, the athlete will have his/her eligibility to participate reviewed by the Athletic Director and Principal. Circumstances surrounding an extended period of absence will also be reviewed.

Parents play a very special role in supporting the student-athlete and the coach in helping the athletes and teams do their best.

Parents are to be supportive of their student-athlete. Your student-athlete will have good and bad practices and games. He/she will need your support and understanding to recognize this, to grow, and to develop.

Parents are also to be supportive of other players on the team and of the coach.

The time may come when there is a concern or conflict between your student-athlete and the coach. First, encourage your student-athlete to seek out and to talk with the coach. Then if the concern or conflict is not resolved, the parent, should contact the coach to discuss the situation in a professional manner. This discussion should be beneficial to both the parents and the coach as both have the welfare of the student-athlete and the team in mind.

Please refrain from approaching a coach following a game, match, or meet. Call and set a time to meet with the coach personally. Also, our Athletic Director is always available to discuss your concerns and suggest the best ways to handle them.

Our coaches teach our players proper sportsmanship; this is difficult to do if parent role-models are not assisting in these efforts

We strongly encourage your participation and assistance with the Athletic Booster Club. Every sport benefits from the proceeds and we are asking for parental and community support. Please see the Athletic Director and/or Booster Club members for more information.