

Cleburne ISD

Middle School Athletic Policies

Welcome to Cleburne Middle School Athletics!

The coaching staff would like to thank you for allowing us to work with your athlete this year. Please take time to look over these expectations with your son before signing the last page.

A student is not required to take part in athletics therefore **athletics is a privilege**. Consequently, when high ideals and standards are violated, the privilege can be revoked. All athletes will be expected to conduct themselves with pride and dignity.

PAPER WORK

All athletes must complete required paperwork by the end of the second week of school, or they are subject to removal from the athletic program for the remainder of the year.

PRACTICE TIMES AND ATTENDANCE

Practice times will vary from sport to sport. Each sport's head coach will set consistent practice times and schedules. At times practices may need to be cut short. Your student will be given ample notice for rides to be coordinated.

Attendance at practice and contests is **mandatory**. Practices need to be attended from start to finish. Skipping athletics or practice for unexcused reasons will not be tolerated. Serious consequences will result for any athlete who is caught skipping. **If any player has an absence from a scheduled practice they must make up the work missed; excused or unexcused.** If an athlete is unable to work out for more than 2 days in a row, a doctor's or trainer's note will be required for continued missed workouts. Please have your student call their coach if they need to be absent for any reason. The phone numbers and emails of coaches will be on the schedules.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline in athletics is essential for the program to succeed. The coach understands the circumstances with each athlete and their overall conduct within the program. Each coach will devise, determine, and implement the daily discipline.

TEAMS

Teams for sports at Smith Middle School will be chosen based on skill level, attitude, and hustle. The boys will have a minimum of 4 days in which the coaches will observe specific skills and give the boys a chance to demonstrate their "coachability".

TRAINERS

Trainers are available to our athletes each morning at the High School starting at 7:00 am. We recommend if your child is injured you take them to see our trainer first.

ISS AND SCHOOL CONDUCT

ISS is not tolerated. If an athlete receives ISS, he will receive a 1 qtr. suspension and 400 yards of conditioning per day assigned. If the ISS is assigned on game day, the athlete will miss the game that night. If a student athlete is assigned more than 10 days of ISS, he could be suspended from the sport that he is currently participating in or the athletic program. An athlete assigned to ISS is still expected to be at practice.

The conduct grade is considered the same as any other grade by Cleburne ISD. This means an athlete must have a 70 or above in conduct in order to be eligible to play.

DAEP

If your child is assigned DAEP at any time throughout the school year, he may be subject to removal of the athletic program for up to 90 school calendar days, which will carry over to the next school year if the suspension has not been completed prior to the end of the school year. **If your child is placed in DAEP for 18 days his suspension from athletics will not begin until he returns to Smith Middle School to resume a regular schedule. (Example: Your child returns to school on March 16th, 2015 after his 18 days, he could be suspended until October 13, 2015 of the following school year.)**

GAME CONDUCT

We expect our young men and women to show exemplary behavior and attitude at all times. Proper respect must be given to all teammates, officials, opponents, fans, visitors, and school officials. Any unsportsmanlike penalties such as fighting, mouthing, taunting, etc. will be dealt with by the coach of that sport. Consequences may range from conditioning to suspension from games or the season.

In order to help us promote our team's behavior, we will have our athletes sit together during the other games. At all home games, your student will not be allowed to leave until after all games are finished and everything is picked up.

Please help your athlete to learn proper game conduct by refraining from verbal abuse towards coaches, players, or officials. You could be asked to leave and banned for the rest of the year if this is seen as a problem by administrators.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs have no place in our program. Any athlete found using any of these substances will face disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the program

RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE LOCKER ROOM

- Cleaning the dressing room after practice
- **Locking all valuables** in lockers before and after practice
- Wearing proper attire during practice times

Stealing will not be tolerated. If your child is caught stealing the he will be removed from athletics at that time. No Exceptions.

It is the athlete's responsibility to lock their belongings at all times. We encourage athletes not to bring electronic devices or excessive cash to school in order to lessen the temptation of theft.

Student Athletes **DO NO SHARE LOCKERS**

DRESS CODE

Proper practice uniforms which include the athletic shorts and shirt that is provided and white, black, grey, or Cleburne yellow jacket socks must be worn daily. Athletes must dress out each day whether they are excused from the workout or not. If the athlete does not have their clothes they are not excused from workouts. They will be expected to work out in their school clothes.

No jewelry, including any type of earrings will be worn during practices or games. Coaches will not be responsible for valuables lost or stolen.

No distracting hairstyles which includes but not limited to any type of mow hawks, and designs shaved into the head.

Length of hair must not touch the collar of the student's shirt.

No facial hair will be allowed.

No tattoos.

Quitting a Sport/24 Hour Rule

If an athlete quits, they will be given an initial 24-hour grace period to return. If they choose to quit they will not be able to participate in the next sport that is offered.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment, which is school property, will be issued to each player and a record will be kept. It is the athlete's responsibility to take care of the equipment. The athlete will pay for any lost or stolen equipment. All equipment will remain at school.

Athletes may not wear equipment home, wear another athlete's equipment, leave equipment out or have a messy locker room. Any violation will result in disciplinary action. Lost equipment must be replaced promptly upon request. Reimbursement from the athlete will be expected for loss or destruction of equipment beyond ordinary wear and tear. All equipment must be accounted for before the student will be able to receive their final grades.

No personal equipment will be allowed except for footwear, prescription eyewear, or mouth piece.

ELGIBILITY AND STUDY HALL

All athletes must maintain a 70 in all classes in order to participate. All tests and other make-up work should be done during tutorials and not during practice time. It is the athlete's responsibility to arrange with their teachers for tutorial times. Each season will have a requested time for students to attend tutorials that will not interfere with games or practices.

Any athlete that does not pass will be required to attend tutorials no matter the reason they failed.

PARTICIPATION

Athletes must try out for at least two of the three sports (Football, Basketball, and Track) and must participate in one of the sports for the entire length of the season to remain in athletics.

OFF-SEASON

Any athlete that is not currently in a sport will be placed in off-season. We will focus on weight training and conditioning for the next season.

SELECT OR AAU SPORTS

Games and practices that are not under UIL guidelines will not take precedence over any Cleburne ISD practice or game for the sports that your son will participating throughout the school year. If your son chooses to miss practice time or games for his sports outside of Cleburne ISD, he will be subject to reduced playing time or possible removal of the team.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM GAMES

We will provide transportation to and from the games for all athletes participating in the athletic events. Depending on the location of the away game, times that the bus will leave and return may vary from week to week. All athletes must **Ride the bus to and from** the game together as a team. We want to encourage team unity, which includes riding home on the bus with their teammates. At the completion of all the games the bus will return to school where parents can pick them up.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

If you or your student has an issue with a coach, there is a chain of command. You should first email or call the student's coach and discuss the issue with them. If the problem persists, then visit with the athletic coordinator. The third and last step is to visit with the Athletic Director. A meeting with the Athletic Director will only take place if you have tried the previous steps. The emails and phone numbers will be on the schedules.

The policy and regulations that have been provided are important to a successful athletic Program; however, the key to a successful program comes from communication between the coaches and parents, the coaches and athletes, and the athletes and parents. We encourage the parents to share in their athlete's experience and to help make it a positive and rewarding one. If there are any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with your student's coach (and will not be discussed)

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Any situation that deals with other athletes

Your athlete and the coaching staff greatly appreciate your cooperation and support and we encourage you to take part in their athletic events. Directions to other schools and schedules of the games will be provided.

Thank you for your support,

Cleburne Middle Schools Boys Coaching Staff

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ATHLETE'S PROMISE TO YELLOWJACKET ATHLETICS

As an athlete participating in an athletic program at Smith Middle School. I do hereby promise to read, understand, support, and abide by the Smith Middle School Athletic Policy. The policies will be in effect and will be adhered to. It is my desire to be a contributing part of the YELLOWJACKET Athletic Program and to help make it the very best possible.

_____ Athlete's Signature

_____ Date

_____ Athlete's Printed Name

As a parent/guardian of a Smith Middle School athlete, I have read and understand the Smith Middle School Athlete's Code of Conduct.
I also understand Cleburne ISD is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items. It is recommended by the coaching staff that you do not allow your child to bring expensive electronic devices and large sums of money to school.

_____ Parent's Signature

_____ Date