

ANTHONY ISD ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT



Anthony Wildcat Athletic Code of Conduct

Discipline will be consistent with the philosophy of Anthony ISD. Failure to follow the rules and policies will result in immediate action.

- **Illegal Drugs:** Will not be tolerated. First offense will result in suspension from current sport. Second offense will result in dismissal from athletics.
- **Criminal Conduct:** Will not be tolerated. First offense will result in suspension for a period to be determined by seriousness. Second offense will result in suspension from sport. Third offense will result in dismissal from athletics. Any athlete who is indicted for a felony will be suspended until his or her name is cleared.
- **Alcohol/Tobacco:** Will not be tolerated. First offense will result in 20 miles of running within 10 days (Athlete cannot compete until running is complete). Second offense will result in dismissal from the sport. Third offense will result in dismissal from athletics
- **Stealing:** Taking things that do not belong to you will not be tolerated especially teammates and fellow athletes. If a student athlete is caught stealing he/she will be dismissed from that sport and removed from athletics.
- **Conduct/PDA:** The Anthony Wildcats bring a great deal of pride to our community. We will be noted for our determination in our chosen field of competition and we will show respect to all things Wildcat. We will respect our opponents and officials put forth every effort to be competitive in all of our athletic endeavors. This will also carry over into the classroom where teacher and administrative rules will be followed at all times, respect for both teachers and administrators will be ongoing. Public displays of affection with a significant other are not allowed during the school day or athletic events. Athletes have to understand that they represent their, team, school, community and their families. Lewd or questionable behavior is unacceptable. The first time an athlete displays lewd or questionable behavior he/she will be suspended for one game. The second offense will result in result in dismissal from the sport. Head coaches must notify the parents and AD when athletes conduct themselves inappropriately.
- **Attendance:** Do not cut classes, do not be tardy. Missed practice or games due to unexcused reasons will result in dismissal from athletics. If you must be absent, call and talk to one of your coaches before practice begins. If an athlete misses one practice they will be suspended for one quarter, one match or 3 innings. If 2 practices are missed that athlete will be suspended the next game. Athletes may be dismissed from the team after 3 unexcused absences. Both excused and unexcused absences are subject to suspension and extra conditioning. Athletes

that miss practice for tutoring will be considered excused. Missing practice to make up work is unexcused and the coaches will check with teachers to verify if an absence is excused or unexcused. On game days student athletes need to be in school for at least 4 consecutive class periods in order to compete or travel.

•**Injury or Illness:** Refer to athletic training code of conduct. Injured athletes may travel if head coach allows the travel team.

•**Promptness:** Always be on time. The bus will not wait for tardy athletes. We do not have time to waste and must get directly to the departure location. Tardiness will result in community service hours. (clean up weight room, or help at high school and middle school games) An athlete is considered tardy to practice if they arrive up to 5 minutes late for practice. Anyone who shows up 6 or more minutes late without a note from teacher, trainer or informing the head coach is considered unexcused.

•**Dress and Appearance:** You should always be presentable while in uniform. Everyone will wear his or her uniform in the same manner. Do not wear jewelry during practice or during games. Male athletes will not wear earrings to, during or after athletic events and athletic periods. Your appearance both in and away from school should reflect the same class and pride that you show while in your chosen athletic event. Each head coach will give their athletes a dress code for game days. Athletics is a privilege and your actions reflect on our entire school and community. Failure to adhere to dress and appearance guidelines will result in extra running and/or suspension.

•**Care of equipment and facilities:** All athletes are to store their equipment properly. Do not track mud and dirt into any of our dressing rooms. Take off cleated shoes before entering the locker room/gym areas. When you change into your workout gear, store your clothes properly. Urinals and toilets are to be flushed, showers, and faucets turned off so they do not drip and all soda cans and tabs put into the trashcan. Clean up daily, in and around your storage area. This is our school and our facilities make sure we take pride in them. This also includes athletic training room and equipment.

•**Phones/Electronics:** We recommend that athletes do not bring their electronic devices when they travel. Athletes must have permission from the head coach to use their phone. No athlete is allowed to use their cell phones at practice or while traveling to athletic events (district away games only) or during home games. Athletes that are injured still have to follow cell phone rules and expectations. Other electronic devices may be used such as mp3/music devices or tablets. If parents need to get a hold of their child in case of an emergency they can contact the head coach. Coaches and Anthony ISD are not responsible for lost or damaged electronics.

• **Quitting/Dismissal:** The AD must be contacted as soon as an athlete has decided to quit or is dismissed from a team. A student may quit a sport during the 1 week grace period without repercussions. The grace period begins for all athletes when the first practice for the team is conducted. If an athlete joins a sport after the first week of practice there is no grace period for that athlete. Student athletes who are dismissed after the grace period have to miss the number of days that were invested in the previous sport as well as run 12 miles for high school students and 10 miles for middle school students on 5 consecutive days. The student athlete must complete the conditioning in front of the AD. If a day of conditioning is missed then the student must start over at the start of the next week. Student athletes cannot begin to play in the next sport until both the investment time and the conditioning are completed.

• **ISS/DAEP:** A student athlete is placed in ISS for 3 days or less will have a 1 game suspension, 4 to 10 days will have a 2 game suspension and 11 days or more will result in dismissal from team. Athletes must still attend all practices and meetings while they are suspended. Failure to attend team activities will result in unexcused absences. If a student athlete is not in season at the time of placement then he/she will have 5 hours community service for each day they are placed in ISS. A student athlete is not eligible to return to a sport until all the hours have been completed. If an athlete is placed in DAEP they are not allowed to participate in athletics. The athlete will be evaluated and his/her situation will be reviewed before being allowed to participate in athletics.

• **Hazing:** By definition Hazing- “the imposition of strenuous, often humiliating, tasks as part of a program of rigorous physical training and initiation”. Any actions that are committed on or off campus that can endanger the physical, mental health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation, pledging or being a part of a group will not be tolerated. A student athlete commits a hazing offense if he/she commits any of the following:

- Engages in hazing
- Solicits, encourages, directs and aids, attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing
- Recklessly permits hazing to occur
- Has firsthand knowledge of planning or a specific hazing incident involving a student or firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowing fails to report that knowledge in writing to administration, counselors or athletic director

Any athlete who is guilty of hazing other athletes or students will result in immediate removal from all athletics.

• **Appeal Process:** Students have the right to appeal disciplinary action that results in dismissal athletics. The appeal must be conducted with the parents/guardians of the athlete before the Appeals Committee. The committee will consist of the Athletic Director, Principal, and the Head

Coach of the sport. The conduct of the student athlete in the classroom will also be taken into consideration during the appeal process. If the appeal results in reinstatement to the team, guidelines will be established for the athlete's return.

• **Travel guidelines:** All athletes will ride on the bus with his/her team. Parents and guardians wishing to take athletes from the contest must have previously filled out and signed a travel release letter. This form should be completed one day prior to the date of contest and given to the Principal/Head coach before departure to the competition. All sub varsity athletes that travel will need to sit behind the varsity bench in the bleachers or stands until all games are completed. No sub varsity athletes can leave unless they are given permission by their coach.

• **Athletic Conflicts:** At Anthony ISD we encourage all of our athletes to participate in multiple sports and extracurricular activities. It is our job as the athletic department to work together so that we can find solutions so that the student is not caught in the middle. If a solution regarding sharing of an athlete then the AD will make a decision based on:

- The importance of each event/activity
- What is important to the student?
- A conference with the athlete's parents
- In no way will a student athlete be penalized once the decision has been made.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

- Win or lose please be sure you appreciate your child, recognize their efforts and are not disappointed in them. Be the positive reinforcement they need.
- Be honest with your child about his/her athletic ability, skills and attitude.
- Never compare your athlete to anyone else or other members of the team. No two athletes are the same and everyone brings something different to the team.
- Do not compete with the coach. He/She must be the authority figure during athletic competition and parents have to be the authority figure at home.
- Get to know the coach, their philosophy, rules and ethics. Always remember that children tend to exaggerate when both praised and criticized. Temper your reaction and investigate before overreacting.
- Never confront a coach before, during or after a practice or game.
- Call coaches to set up appointments to discuss concerns
- Think about what you want to get accomplished as a result of the meeting.
- If your child is injured make sure to follow proper protocol at home so that your child can return to his/her sport as soon as possible
- If a student athlete is injured and sees a doctor make sure that the athletic trainer receives a note with diagnosis within 2 days.
- Please try to schedule vacations outside of your child's athletic season. If traveling or vacation cannot be avoided, understand that there are consequences for missing practices or games.

ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

- Mental and physical treatment of your child
- What needs to be done to help child improve
- Concerns about child's behavior

ISSUES NOT TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

- Playing time athletes are getting
- Team strategy
- Play calling
- Any situation that deals with other student athletes

I _____, have read the Athletic Code of Conduct and Parent Code of Conduct for Anthony ISD Athletics and understand that my child _____ shall be held accountable for her behavior and accept any consequence for his/her actions

_____ Parent/ Guardian Date _____

_____ Athlete Grade _____ Date _____

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