

FORSAN ISD

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



Forsan ISD Athletic Code

Section I – General Regulations

- A. The UIL Rules must be followed in all cases of eligibility, transfer, physical examinations, insurance coverage, starting dates, use of school equipment, etc. Each coach has the responsibility to know, to inform team members and parents, and to enforce school and UIL regulations in these matters.

- B. Any civil law infraction or conduct by a student athlete that is determined by the Head Coach and School Administration to be detrimental to the Athletic Program, school, or FISD will result in counseling by the Head Coach and a School Administrator with possible suspension.
 - 1. The term student athlete includes any student participating in the Athletic Program, including student managers, and student trainers.

- C. No student athlete may quit one sport and turn out for another after the season has begun without the mutual consent of both Head Coaches.

- D. Student athletes must travel to and from athletic contests away from Forsan in transportation provided by the school district. The only exceptions are:
 - 1. Injury to a student athlete which would require alternate transportation.
 - 2. Prior arrangement between the parent/guardian and the coach.

- E. A display of unsportsmanlike conduct toward an opponent or official or use of profanity during an athletic practice or athletic contest will result in counseling by the Head Coach and possible suspension.

- F. Unexcused absences from scheduled athletic contests will result in:
 - 1. Suspension for one athletic contest following the first violation.
 - 2. Suspension for the remainder of the sports season for the second violation.

- G. Violations requiring administrative action that would suspend a student athlete from **regular** school attendance (AEP) will result in:
 - 1. Suspension for one athletic contest following the first violation.

2. Suspension for the remainder of the sports season for the second violation.
- H. Theft or malicious destruction of any school or individual's equipment or property is not to be tolerated.
1. First offense: The student athlete will be suspended from the team for five days. At the end of this period, following counseling by the head coach and a school administrator, a decision regarding further competition will be made.
 2. Second offense: The student athlete will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the sports season and will be referred to the school administrator.
- I. The theft or malicious destruction of any property or equipment while on a school sponsored athletic contest will result in the suspension from the Athletic Program for a period of not less than one semester nor more than one calendar year.
- J. The UIL defines the monetary value limits to be placed on awards given to high school athletes. At the present time, we are allowed to give a letter jacket one time in a student athlete's high school career. Each head coach is responsible for setting the criteria for lettering in his/her sport. Any athlete that does not meet definite criteria for lettering in a varsity sport (which falls under the coaches discretion) will be considered at a meeting between the head coach and the athletic director.
- K. The grooming code for student athletes at any FISD will be as follows:
1. Male student athletes will have their hair no longer than a dress shirt collar in the back and no longer than the bottom of the ear lobes on the sides and no longer than the eyebrows in the front. There will be no facial hair present. Sideburns will be no longer than the ear lobes and no chops.
 2. Female student athletes must have a hair style that does not draw attention to herself in an attempt to stand out in a radical fashion.
 3. There will be absolutely no wearing of earrings by male athletes while they are an athlete representing the Forsan Athletic Department. This also means any time they are on school property or on school sponsored trips.
 4. Both male and female student athletes will dress in a manner that will represent their school and community in a positive manner when at an athletic contest.

- L. Any student convicted of a felony, or involved with a felony, will not be allowed to participate in athletics. Pending felonies will constitute suspension until the case has been resolved.

Section II – School Attendance Policy

- A. A student must be in school through the attendance period in order to participate in an activity that day. An exception would be made if the student has an approved medical appointment. The student must get signed approval from the principal if they do not have a medical excuse.

- B. A student athlete who has been injured and has received medical treatment cannot participate again until cleared by a date indicated by the student athlete's physician.

Section III – Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, Steroids, Drugs or Narcotics by Athletic Program Participants is Prohibited.

- A. Students are responsible for their conduct at all times. FISD realizes that there is a difference between school related activities and free time activities. Therefore, conduct will be treated differently between the two activities. Students must remember that extracurricular and co-curricular activities are not a right, but a privilege. In doing so, student athletes are under their own set of rules and regulations as approved by the FISD Administration and School Board. The FISD drug testing policy/punishments will be used for all athletes.

- B. Consumption or possession of any drugs other than alcohol at school or on athletic trip:
 - First offense* – 1 year suspension
 - Second offense* – Out of athletic programAt the end of the suspension period, a review will be held to determine if the athlete will be readmitted to the Athletic Program.

- C. Abuse of alcohol during the school year:
 - First offense* – 1 week suspension and 10 miles run. Suspension will continue until all miles are complete.
 - Second offense* – 30 day suspension and 20 miles run. Suspension will continue until all miles are complete.
 - Third offense* – 1 year suspension.

D. Abuse of alcohol at school or while representing our school as an athlete:

First offense – 1 semester suspension

Second offense – 1 year suspension

Third offense – Out of athletic program

E. Abuse of tobacco products during the school year:

First offense- 1 week suspension and 10 miles run. Suspension will continue until all miles are complete.

Second offense – 30 day suspension and 20 miles run. Suspension will continue until all miles are complete.

Third offense – One semester suspension.

Section IV – Suspension Notification

Before a suspension provided for under the athletic code shall take effect, the student athlete shall be verbally advised by the athletic director and head coach of the alleged violation. The student athlete will have an opportunity to explain or justify the action. If after such conference the athletic director and head coach is satisfied that a suspension is justified, the student athlete shall be notified. It is the responsibility of the student athlete to notify the parent/guardian.

Section V – Code Application

The rules and regulations in the athletic code shall apply to any violation on or off school premises during the school year.

Section VI – Additional Rules

Additional rules and regulations may be provided by the head coach, but must be cleared by the athletic director and principal. Athletes must be aware of additional rules for a particular sport. For example coaches may have different rules/punishments for players missing practice.

Section VII – Grade Eligibility

Each coach has the option to attach additional grade eligibility beyond the U.I.L. standards. One example: If a coach wants to remove a player after failing two consecutive six week.

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Forsan Independent School District
Student and Parent/Legal Guardian Acknowledgement
And Consent of the Athletic Handbook

Students Name (Print) _____

The Student Athletic Code of Conduct contained in this Athletic Handbook has been developed to help your son or daughter gain the greatest possible benefit from his or her high school experience. Please read and discuss the Athletic Handbook with your child. Your signature, and that of your child, will acknowledge that you have received and read the Athletic Handbook.

“I understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in the FISD Athletic Code of Conduct. My child shall be held accountable for the behavior and consequences outlined in the Athletic Code of Conduct at school, at school-sponsored and school-related activities, during school-sponsored travel, and for any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location. I understand that any student who violates the Athletic Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including referral for criminal prosecution for violations of law.”

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Student _____ Date _____

*Any questions concerning this Athletic Handbook should be directed to the Athletic Director.

Return this signature page to school after parent and student have signed.