



2020-2021 School Year



## Clyde Athletic Policy for Athletes & Parents

*\*Please read entirely and sign signature page at the back. Return to member of Coaching Staff*

### **A. Individual Athlete Conduct Expectations:**

We are following the Gold Standard for conduct and character in Clyde Athletics. This goes along with our Championship Level mindset in all we do and is in line with the Clyde CISD goals. The Gold Standard is a message that will constantly presented to the athletes and be reinforced. We will refer to it often and use it as compass for our programs.

#### Gold Standard

1. I will **respect** my coaches, parents, coaches, teachers, teammates, opponents, officials and the game itself.
2. I will **trust** that the separation comes from the preparation. I must practice like a champion to play like a champion.
3. I will **win** with class and sportsmanship and when I lose I will do so with the same dignity and ownership.
4. I will **embrace** the idea that sports prepare me for life. I will allow my coaches to help show me these life lessons for my benefit.
5. Above all I will **display** Clyde Pride ! My actions and attitude will make my team, my school and my community proud of me.

In addition all athletes are expected to conform to all UIL Rules and Clyde CISD Handbook rules and regulations.

### **B. Athletic Dress Code**

1. The appearance of an athlete should be in accordance to the Clyde CISD Student Handbook.
2. Your personal appearance away from athletics should reflect the same class and pride that you show while performing in the Clyde Athletic Program.

### **C. Athletic Travel**

1. All athletes are required by policy to travel to and from the destination of all athletic contest with the coach or sponsor by transportation means furnished by the school district.
2. Circumstances might arise that may require athletes to have alternate transportation. A written note will be required before an athlete will be allowed to travel in this situation.
3. Students traveling in Clyde CISD vehicles that are equipped with safety belts are required to utilize the device.

#### **D. Athletic Participation**

1. All athletes are to be encouraged to participate in as many sports as their interest and abilities will allow. Athletes must follow the athletic code of conduct as described.
2. All athletes are expected to place a priority on the sports they participate in with the Clyde Athletic program. The team associated with the school district will always take precedence over participation on teams outside of the school. This includes all practice times and competitions. If a student athlete misses a game or practice due to an outside of school sport or organization they are subject to punishment and playing time could be affected; possible removal from team.
3. All athletes will be expected to complete any sport they choose to participate in. If an athlete chooses to quit a sport then they will not be allowed to join another sport until the season is over in the sport they quit. This would include postseason play. If the athlete wants to rejoin that team during that season it will be up to the discretion of the head coach and athletic director. If an athlete quits a sport for a second time during their athletic career (mid-season) they will not be allowed to rejoin that sport for the remainder of their time in Clyde CISD. Once an athlete quits a sport for the 2nd time in the career they are placed under suspension and must meet with the Athletic Director to determine their future in athletics.
4. At the Junior High level we will provide enough teams so that most athletes are allowed the opportunity to participate throughout the season. At the High School level if the participation numbers in a sport are not conducive to everyone receiving quality practice or playing time they head coach of that sport will hold a tryout for their program. If an athlete is cut from a sport they will be allowed to stay in athletics so they can continue their overall skill level in an attempt to make the team in the future.
5. If an athlete fails a drug test issued by the Clyde CISD then the drug policy laid out in our FNF Local Policy on page 5 will go into effect.
6. If any athlete receives a citation for possession or use of alcohol, or a citation for the possession or use of any illegal drug the following consequences will occur:
  - Any athlete can be removed at the discretion of the Head Coach and Athletic Director after any offense on a case by case basis. Each offense carries over from year to year while the student athlete is in high school from grade 9-12.

**(Each Head Coach can set up their own additional team requirements and expectations. All Head Coaches and Athletic Director has the authority to remove playing time, suspend an athlete and remove an athlete if they fail to meet these standards set forth.**

#### **VIOLATIONS**

Vaping, E-Cigs or Cigarettes : Athletes will be held to a high standard of decision making when it comes to use of vaping devices, electronic cigarettes or the possession of any device related. **Violations include : use of illegal substances on school campus, bus or any events associated with the school, possession of illegal substances including vehicles, lockers or personal bags, concealment of illegal substance and obstruction of investigation.** The first violation will result in a 1 game suspension in the sport they are currently in or the next sport they plan on playing. The second violation will be their last violation for they will be removed from the athletic program at that time. Again this is carried over from year to year and is cumulative.

Citations, Theft, Academic Fraud, Possession / Use of Alcohol or Drugs:

1st Offense : The athlete will receive suspension time from the sport in which they are competing in currently or will be competing in next. The athlete, their parent or legal guardian and the head coach of the sport involved will meet to discuss the citation and future consequences.

2nd Offense : The athlete will face a season suspension from the sport in which they are competing in currently or will be competing in. There is no appeal process to the suspension time. The athlete and their parent or legal guardian will meet with the head coach to discuss the offense, their punishment and future consequences. The athlete will also undergo further counseling from the school district. The timing and amount will be determined by the athletic director and school counselor.

Third Offense : The athlete will be removed from the athletic program. Their suspension from athletics will be for one calendar year from the date of removal. The athlete and parent or legal guardian will be allowed to meet with the athletic director to determine possible admittance back into the program after one calendar year.

Fourth Offense : The athlete will be permanently removed from the athletic program for the remainder of their time in Clyde CISD.

Management of Felony Crime (Article IX THSCA Code of Ethics): It will be a breach of the Code of Ethics to willingly allow a student/athlete who is charged with and under indictment for a felony crime to participate in an athletic contest. This action should not be considered a presumption of guilt, but rather it affords the accused athlete the time and opportunity to clear their name. The student may be allowed to remain on their team as a suspended member, but should not be allowed to represent their school or community in an athletic contest while under this supervision. Once the student is exonerated, completes their sentence if found guilty or receives their probation terms the athlete, parent or guardian and the administration will meet to establish whether or not the athlete can be reinstated into the Clyde Athletic Program.

#### **E. Parent / Coach Interaction**

Both parenting and coaching are very difficult roles. By establishing an understanding between coaches and parents, both are able to better accept the actions of the other and provide a more positive experience for everyone. Parents have the right to know and understand the expectations placed on them and their children. Coaches have the right to know that if parents have a concern they will discuss it with the coach at the appropriate time and place.

Communication parents should expect from their child's coach:

1. Hold a pre-season meeting to outline all expectations
2. Clearly state Head Coaches philosophy
3. Expectations for each player and the overall team
4. Locations and times of practices and contest
5. Team requirements (fees, special equipment needed, rules, off-season)
6. Procedures that will be followed if your child becomes injured during participation

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns regarding their son or daughter
2. Specific concerns in regards to the coaches philosophies and/or expectations

3. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance

TIME & PLACE RULE : NEVER BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER A PRACTICE AND NEVER BEFORE DURING OR AFTER A GAME. All communication must occur during the day and not take the coach away from his classroom, his practice time or any other duties within his job. Coaches have the full right and responsibility to state...this is not the appropriate time or place to have this meeting.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with a coach:

1. The mental and physical treatment of your child
2. What your child needs to do to improve
3. Concerns about your child's behavior

Items **NOT** appropriate to discuss with your child's coach

1. How much playing time each athlete is getting
2. Team strategies and play calling
3. Any situation that involves another student athlete

If a parent has a concern to discuss with the coach, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Call/email the coach to set up an appointment
2. If unable to reach the coach, contact the athletic director and ask to set up meeting
3. Think about the goals and expectations of the meeting
4. Stick to the facts as you understand them
5. Finally do not confront the coach at these emotional moments such as after a game. These meetings will simply not be heard.

If at the end of the meeting you feel like there has not been a satisfactory resolution please contact the athletic director for future steps.

#### BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/SPECTATORS

At this time I will revisit the Gold Standard and ask that you review that. The Gold Standard is just as much a reminder for the parents as the students. Please read and ask yourself if your attendance at sporting events helps to foster this standard!

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I want to focus on #5, there is a difference between pride and arrogance. Pride means to wear school colors, cheer for our team and recognize the great efforts of the other team. Pride means to leave an event and feel good about how we as a group conducted ourselves. Pride is not about winning, it is about showing respect to the game and everyone around.

### **End of Season Expectations**

**It is the responsibility of the parent and student to ensure that all athletic equipment that is property of Clyde CISD be returned in a timely manner. Failure to do so could result in payment to replace, future involvement in the athletic program and for graduating Seniors receipt of diploma could be affected.**

### **WAYS TO HELP YOU BE THE BEST PARENT/FAN YOU CAN BE**

1. YOUR ATTENDANCE ALONE SAYS TO YOUR CHILD I LOVE YOU
2. CHEER FOR THE TEAM MORE THAN THE PERSON; IT'S A TEAM GAME SHOW YOUR KID THAT
3. MISTAKES WILL BE MADE ALLOW THE SITUATIONS TO HELP BETTER YOU KID
4. PRAISE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AS MUCH AS GOOD SKILL (ON BOTH SIDES)
5. LEARN THE RULES OF THE GAME SO YOU CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND SITUATIONS
6. THE GAME OFFICIALS ARE UNDERPAID AND HAVE OTHER FULL TIME JOBS
7. WITHOUT GAME OFFICIALS YOUR CHILD WOULD NOT GET TO PLAY
8. CONGRATULATE AND NEVER INTIMIDATE THE OPPONENT
9. REFRAIN FROM ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BEFORE,DURING OR AFTER EVENT
10. YOUR TICKET IN IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT TO BE NEGATIVE
11. A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CAN REMOVE AN INDIVIDUAL AT ANY TIME
12. REPEAT OFFENDERS CAN AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM ALL FUTURE CONTEST
13. YOU ARE EXTENSION OF THIS COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT AND TEAM
14. YOUR KID IS NOT YOU, DO NOT PUT UNREAL EXPECTATIONS ON THEM
15. KNOW YOUR ROLE POSTGAME ; LOVE YOUR CHILD. TELL THEM THEY ARE LOVED BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE AND NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. LOVE WELL!

### **Required Signature Page**

As stated before that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege, not a right. Each participant must conform to the guidelines established by the athletic department. The head coach will have the final decision on the athletes privilege to participate. By signing below you are saying that you have read and understand the expectations.

Athletes Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_