

QUINTER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF ATHLETICS

The athletic department is happy to welcome you as a member of the Quinter Jr/Sr High School athletic team. The administration and coaches of Quinter Jr/Sr High School care about you, the athlete and parents. Many athletes and parents have asked how the athletic environment is supported so that each athlete can have the opportunity to participate in an orderly and enriching atmosphere.

The coaches and administration at Quinter believe that discipline provides the foundation for a successful season. Discipline is like the foundation of a building. Nothing lasting can be built without it. Quinter Jr/Sr High School supports positive behavior and provides for prevention and correction of misbehavior.

Quinter Jr/Sr High School athletics expectations are few but are important for the team to be successful. Athletic participation is a privilege, not an automatic right. Students are expected to:

1. Know and observe the rules of the activity.
2. Behave responsibly (what others see is a reflection on the school and community).
3. Respect others and self, displaying courtesy at all times.
4. Make good choices. Athletes are given opportunities to be responsible.
5. Put forth your best effort at all times.
6. Represent the school in a positive manner at all times.

It is the desire of Quinter Jr/Sr High School to provide a positive experience for all participants in each of the interscholastic athletic programs. We hope this will help better prepare young athletes to meet a democratic society and grow physically and intellectually while nurturing disciplinary growth.

QUINTER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

Students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities must adhere to eligibility guidelines. They must have a completed **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** form on file **before participation in practice**. The student and parent must have signed the **ASSUMPTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK** form that must be kept on file at the high school office **before the first practice**. The student-athlete must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of at least five (5) new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight, and must have passed at least five (5) new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight, the previous semester (KSHSAA requirement). Enrolling in summer school does not regain a student's eligibility. In addition, the student-athlete must meet local weekly eligibility requirements that are found in the high school handbook.

It is the students' responsibility to know the regulations and expectation of each sport. Students who violate school disciplinary rules and regulations must realize that they may jeopardize their status as team members. **Please review the Activities section of the Student Handbook for the general "Activity Rules and Regulations"**. This section covers the general rules and regulations that should be followed. Keep in mind that individual head coaches have their own rules and regulations in addition to those listed in the student handbook.

NCAA GUIDELINES FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES

Student-athletes and their parents should contact the Quinter High School Counseling Department to obtain information about the guidelines for eligibility requirements in order to receive an NCAA scholarship for NCAA eligibility during the first year of college.

LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING

Should a player lose or alter the condition of any equipment/clothing in any manner other than normal wear, he/she will be required to pay for the replacement of the equipment/clothing. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the squad and/or not lettering. The coaching staff realizes that extenuating circumstances can exist and will remain cognizant of that fact.

QUITTING A SPORT

Quitting a sport differs from being dropped in that the athlete has not acquired the coach's permission. If a student-athlete quits a sport, that person forfeits the letter award. After a student is out for a sport for two weeks, the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in any other sport until the season of the sport in which the student quits is completed. The best way to withdraw from a sport is to make personal contact with the coach and obtain his/her approval. This is very important if the student-athlete expects to remain eligible for other sports.

MISSING PRACTICE

An athlete should always consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practice or a game without a good reason will be handled by the head coach for his/her respective sport. Sudden illness or an emergency would constitute a good reason for missing a practice or a game.

SPORTS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY (Copied from the Student Handbook Activities section).

No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs or any form, or participation in any activity, party, etc., where these things are prevalent.

1st Offense: Suspension of one game/activity day.

2nd Offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season. Loss of any office held. A student may be reinstated if he/she elects to attend counseling through a recognized alcohol and drug rehabilitation program. The student must provide written affirmation from the counselor.

3rd Offense: Suspension of all sports/activities for the remainder of the school year. Each suspension will be carried with the individual for the entire school year. Once students reach three, they are finished for the year.

Wedding dances/receptions will be handled ahead of time with the coach or sponsor.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE

Student-athletes are expected to attend all classes on game day. If a student-athlete is ill or has an unexcused absence from class on a game day, he/she will not be allowed to participate on that day. An exception on the day of a game would be made for a doctor's appointment, funeral, or religious observance of the student's own faith. If this violation is learned of after participation, then he/she will not play in the next contest. Unexcused absences on a game day is also a violation of KSHSAA. All players are expected to be in school the day after a contest.

Students will not be allowed to practice on days they are absent unless the absence is for a doctor's appointment, funeral, or religious observance of the student's own faith.

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES ON ATHLETIC TRIPS

- All members of an athletic team shall travel by USD 293 transportation to an athletic event and return by the same conveyance. Unless prior approval is given by the building principal, athletes must ride home with the team unless the parents sign them off of the bus using the proper forms and procedures.
- Parents wanting their son/daughter to ride home with another adult must personally sign the proper form in the high school office prior to departure of the team.
- General rules of conduct, covered in the student handbook, will be enforced by the coaching staff.
- When traveling to and from athletic contests, students will dress appropriately, as determined by the coaching staff.
- Overnight trips are covered in the student handbook. However, student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times.

SUMMARY

Not all rules and regulations are covered in this athletic code. It is understood that coaches may have additional rules that are specific to their sport. Participation in athletics at Quinter Jr/Sr High School is an honor and a privilege. Quinter Jr/Sr High School also considers it an honor and are proud to have quality well rounded student-athletes represent the school.

This code is designed to be as fair and impartial as possible. Please note that the Activities section of the Student Handbook is more complete and also applies. However, the Athletic Code is a basic summary of these expectations.