

# Brownfield Independent School District Athletic Code of Conduct

## I. Extracurricular Activities

The term "extracurricular activities" means any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All University Interscholastic League (UIL) and non-UIL activities and student organizations, such as Student Council and National Honor Society are extracurricular. Extracurricular activities also include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, and club events. All athletic activity participants are subject to the provisions of this *Athletic Code of Conduct*.

## II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in athletic activities is encouraged. Brownfield ISD makes athletic activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the athletic program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in athletic activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the school district when performing, competing, or participating in athletic activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as Brownfield ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Brownfield ISD student body at all times and places.

Important goals of the athletic programs are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Because participation in athletic activities is a privilege and not a right, Brownfield ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of athletic activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Athletic Code of Conduct* extends beyond the *Brownfield ISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This *Athletic Code of Conduct* will be enforced with all students' participating in extracurricular activities:

- regardless of whether school is in session;
- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school related event;
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the *Brownfield Student Code of Conduct* will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or athletic director for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in athletic activities could violate the *Athletic Code of Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or athletic director without having violated the *Brownfield ISD Student Code of Conduct*.

### **III. Conduct Expectations**

**The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the coach or Athletic Director:**

Student Commitment to a team is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one sport; however students may not quit one sport in order to participate in another while the sport that he or she quits is still active. If a student quits or is kicked off a sport they will be suspended for 18 calendar weeks. The duration of the suspension will be reviewed and administered by the Athletic Director under the recommendation from the coach/ coaches. The final decision will rest with the Athletic Director.

Students will adhere to all Brownfield ISD policies; a) student handbook, b) student code of conduct, c) district drug testing policy manual, d) BISS dress code, and f) athletic code of conduct.

Students who participate in athletic activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. Brownfield ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability. Personal fouls and technical fouls will be a violation of the code of conduct and will result in disciplinary action.

Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and be prepared.

Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meetings, or events should call (not text) the coach, as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Every effort should be made to report absences early, and a text should ONLY be used as the last resort. Missed practices, meetings, treatments, or workouts will be made-up; however, disciplinary action will be taken if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester.

Injured or ill students, who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meetings, or events are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group. Injured athletes will be required to attend 7:00 a.m. treatment as a substitute for the missed workout. Missed treatment will be treated the same as a missed practice. Also, partial participation is encouraged; athletics encourages injured individuals to continue improving as long as it doesn't place them at increased health risk.

Athletes will follow proper hair mandates from the student code of conduct. Male students are required to be clean shaven. Males' hair will be neatly trimmed, combed, and cut. No exotic hair designs and colors will be permitted for both males and females. Sideburns will not extend below the bottom of the ear for males. No jewelry or earrings will be allowed on males. Females may wear only earrings. All sports will have a dress code for travel and game days.

#### **IV. Prohibited Conduct**

**Brownfield ISD students who participate in athletic activities are prohibited at all times from:**

- possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products;
- possessing or using drug paraphernalia;
- quitting or getting kicked out of a sport;
- unexcused absences;
- becoming academically ineligible;
- being ejected from any type of competition, or getting a technical foul, personal foul, or yellow card.
- possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug;
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the Brownfield ISD Student Code of Conduct;
- attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises);
- riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol;
- stealing or using others items without permission, this will include, but is not limited to athletic equipment and supplies;
- conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, or obscene gestures;
- fighting, and or assault;
- any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers;
- inappropriate touching including "making out" in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public;
- inappropriate or illegal behavior;
- being placed in AEP or ISS;
- disrespect to coaches, administrators, teachers, or others.
- representing any of the offenses above in or on any social network.

## **V. Procedures**

The coach and/or athletic director will determine whether an *Athletic Code of Conduct* violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an *Athletic Code of Conduct* violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- the appropriate school counselor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.

Nothing in this *Athletic Code of Conduct* limits the authority of a coach or athletic director to impose reasonable sanctions, including extra workouts, for students who breach team conduct expectations, but do not engage in prohibited conduct.

## **VI. Disciplinary Action**

Coach and athletic director will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coach and athletic director will strive for consistency in punishment for *Athletic Code of Conduct* violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in athletic activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- First Offenders: are subject to disciplinary action, suspension from team, or expulsion from team. The head coach and athletic director have the authority to determine the extent of the punishment. This disciplinary action recommended may be in addition to any other disciplinary action taken as a result of policies that are applicable for all students. Parents will be consulted by the coach or Athletic Director if any action is necessary. Discipline action may be, but is not limited to verbal correction, temporary suspension from a team, withdrawal from the team and or athletic department, extra work beyond normal workout time, suspension from competition, suspension from special events, and any other action deemed appropriate under the circumstances. Be it understood that each head coach of his or her sport may have other rules and regulations that must be followed in that specific sport and disciplinary action tied to those rules.\*
- Repeat Offenders: Student athletes who continually violate prohibitive conduct for the subsequent time in a school year may be dismissed from the athletic program for a minimum of four calendar weeks up to a maximum not to exceed the remainder of the school year. If any offenses occur during off-season, the athlete will be suspended from the competitions during the next sport the athlete normally competes in. A review committee will be formed to determine the length of expulsion. The committee shall include the athlete's coach, head coach of that particular sport, athletic trainer, and the athletic director. The athletic director will chair the committee. Factors entering into the decision shall include but not be limited to the following criteria:
  - 1. Material in personal file such as conduct reports, personal attitude, attendance records, academic record, police reports, and general reputation as a student.

- 2. Willingness to submit to athletic guidelines
- 3. Behavior since first offense committed through the dismissal time period.

We will have a personal foul, technical foul, ejection from game, and yellow card policy. If an athlete from Brownfield Athletic Program is involved in any type of fighting, arguing with officials, cussing or any type of disrespectful activity that warrants a technical foul, personal foul, or a yellow card they will be subjected to follow our policy.

Personal Foul Policy 10 Game Season	Technical Foul/Yellow Card Policy 30 Game Season
1. Quarter Suspension	1. Half Suspension
2. One Half Suspension	2. One Game Suspension
3. 1 Game Suspension	3. 2 Game Suspension
4. 2 Game Suspension	4. 4 Game Suspension
5. Dismissed From Team	5. Dismissed From Team

#### Ejection From Game Policy

1. You will be suspended for the remainder of the game and next game
2. You will be suspended for the remainder of the game and next two games
3. You will be dismissed from the program

The Ejection policy in our athletic program will serve as a three strike policy throughout the entire school year. If an athlete gets ejected from one game in one sport and two in another sport that is 3 strikes and they will be dismissed from the athletic program for one calendar year.

The disciplinary action recommended may be in addition to any disciplinary action taken as a result of policies that are applicable for all students.

#### Violation of all Other Athletic Code Requirements

Violation of all other athletic code requirements is subject to punishment ranging from disciplinary action to expulsion determined by the coach and athletic director.

The administration may be asked to assist the coach or athletic director with judgment regarding appropriate discipline.

## **VII. Acknowledgment**

A condition to participating in any athletic activity is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the *Athletic Code of Conduct*. The *Athletic Code of Conduct* can be accessed on <http://www.brownfieldisd.net>. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party has read and understands the *Athletic Code of Conduct* and the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct. *The Brownfield Athletic Department reserves the right to add or to delete from this document from recommendations of a Head Coach, The Athletic Trainer, an Administrator, and the Athletic Director, with school board approval; any part based on the discretion and under circumstances which may arise.*

### **Please Sign and Return**

**I have read the Brownfield ISD *Athletic Code of Conduct* and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Brownfield ISD athletic**

**activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my athletic participation.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the Brownfield ISD *Athletic Code of Conduct* and understand the requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Brownfield ISD athletic activities. I have read the *Athletic Code of Conduct* and understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.**

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_