

Presidio Independent School District



Athletic Handbook And Student Athlete Code of Conduct 2018-2019

Presidio Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, gender, national origin, disability or age in its programs and activities. For more information call (432) 229-3275.

Mission Statement

Athletics is an integral part of the total education experience for both boys and girls. Presidio Independent School District Athletic Department will provide an athletic program available to all students that helps develop the individual to be successful in all aspects of life. The athletic program is designed to enhance academics, improve positive character traits, and to promote excellence in athletic competition.

Participation

The athletic program strives to offer every student an equal opportunity to participate in athletics if he or she so desires. However, athletics is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, no student will be obligated to participate in athletics, with the understanding that student participation is up to the head coach of the program. Athletics is not required to meet the state or local guidelines for graduation. Because of this, the coaching staff and the Presidio ISD administration have the authority to suspend or revoke the athletic privilege when the rules of the PISD athletic program are not followed.

Eligibility

1. In order to participate in Presidio ISD athletics, the student athlete must meet the requirements of the campus, district and the University Interscholastic League (UIL).
2. A student may only participate in athletics at the beginning of the next year if he or she has earned the cumulative number of credits needed to advance to the next grade level in high school or meets the requirements for advancement to the next grade level set forth by the administration in middle school.
3. **After the first six weeks, any student who receives a grade below 70 on his or her report card will be ineligible for a three-week period plus seven calendar days.**
4. The student becomes eligible at the end of three-week period if he or she is passing all classes AT THE TIME GRADES ARE DUE FOR THE THREE-WEEK PROGRESS REPORTS. A student who is still deemed ineligible at this time will not be eligible for the remainder of the three weeks. The athlete becomes eligible at the beginning of the next six weeks if the athlete is passing all classes at that time.

Responsibilities of a Presidio ISD Athlete:

1. The student athlete is a public representative of Presidio ISD and will demonstrate gracious and courteous behavior in all athletic contests. All athletes have a responsibility to be dedicated, play to win, follow their coaches' guidelines, and realize that as an athlete, he /she is responsible for never putting him/her in a situation that will embarrass the school.

2. 24/7/365 Rule. The student realizes that he or she is a student athlete 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. In accordance with this policy, he/ she has an obligation to abstain from participating in illegal, immoral, or disrespectful acts the entire time he or she is a member of the Presidio ISD Athletic Program. If the student athlete does participate in such acts, he /she understand that there will be consequences for his /her actions. Consequences could be as severe as removal from the athletic program for the remainder of the athlete's high school career.
3. The student athlete is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play at all times. Winning and losing are both part of the game, and the student athlete is expected to win modestly and lose graciously.
4. The student athlete realizes that he/she is a student first and foremost, and is expected to attend all classes, complete all assignments, take all exams, and act appropriately in class.
 - a. Athletes are expected to maintain a minimum 70% passing rate in all classes, and failure to do so will result in disciplinary action including removal from the athletic program and the athletic period.
 - b. If the student was ineligible more than half of the prior school year, the athletic department may remove the student from athletics.
 - c. The athletic department realizes that student achievement must come first. If an extra-curricular activity is hindering this, student participation may be restricted.
 - d. If an athlete is ineligible for a three week or six week period, this is considered a violation of the athletic code of conduct and the student may be required to participate in mandatory study sessions, as well as serve consequences determined by the coach.
5. The student athlete should be enrolled in the athletic class, unless the athlete has a waiver from the Athletic Coordinator in order to participate in a sport program without being enrolled in an athletic class. If it is mandatory that the student athlete take another class, that is required for credit towards graduation, he or she may receive a waiver from participation in the athletics class period once it has been determined that the required ATHLETE cannot be in the athletic class.(ONE YEAR ONLY-PHS/LRFMS-AS DETERMINED BY COORDINATOR) The student MUST obtain a waiver from the Athletic Coordinator in order to participate in a sport program without being enrolled in an athletic class.
 - a. Once enrolled in athletics, the athlete is expected to dress out and participate the entire athletic period.
 - b. If the student is enrolled in the athletic period, it is mandatory that he or she participate in at least one sport.
 - c. In order to be enrolled in the athletic period and be eligible for participation in sports, the student athlete must have a coach's signature on his or her registration card.

6. The student athlete will be issued uniforms and equipment necessary to wear for competition.
 - a. These articles must be treated with great care.
 - b. The athlete will be responsible for returning the exact items issued to him or her.
 - c. Any loss, damage, or destruction of a piece of PISD equipment will be replaced by the student responsible. Student/athletes are accountable for all costs to replace the item.
 - d. Items issued by the Presidio ISD Athletic Department are not personal belongings and MAY NOT be worn outside of Presidio ISD athletic practices, contests, or travel to/from athletic contests.

General Expectations for the Student Athlete:

1. The student athlete is expected to participate in a sport from beginning to end.
2. If a student is compelled to cease participation in a sport, an exit interview must be scheduled with the head coach of the sport, the student and the parent.
3. If a student ceases to participate in a sport, he or she will not be allowed to participate in another sport until the sport from which he or she resigned has completed its regular season.
4. Coaches reserve the right to deny participation, in a specific sport, to any student/athlete who quit the team during any of the previous seasons.
5. In order to participate in another sport, arrangements must be made with the head coach of that sport.
6. Presidio ISD reserves the right to conduct tryouts at the Middle School and High School. In the Middle School, no athlete will be excluded from participation in the program. In high school, athletes may be removed from the roster, depending on the needs of the program. If a student is removed, this will not be considered quitting.
7. The illegal consumption, use of, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco of any kind is strictly prohibited. (Refer to drug abuse/drug & alcohol testing policy)
8. **The Presidio athletic program reserves the right to enforce an athletic dress code that is determined by the athletic department. For males a traditional haircut (no hair below the ears or below the collar) is required. Females may wear earrings but may not wear jewelry any where else on the face during travel from/to or at home games. Males may not wear any jewelry on the face or ears during the athletic period or travel from/ to or at home games.**

Expectations for the student athlete during competition:

1. The student athlete will perform to the best of his or her natural ability.
2. The student athlete is expected to exhibit complete control of him/herself at all times, regardless of location. Displays of temper, use of profanity, disrespect for coaches or officials will result in disciplinary action.

3. The student athlete will follow all rules and respect all decisions of the officials.

Expectations for student/athletes on campus and in the classroom:

1. The student athlete will be a positive role model on campus.
2. The student athlete will abide by the PISD student dress code and Athletic Dress Code.
3. The student athlete will abide by the Presidio Independent School District Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook.
4. Each student athlete is responsible for contacting his/her teachers before/ after class for away contests.
5. The student athlete will treat all teachers, administrators, school staff, and peers with respect.
6. The student athlete will arrive, on time for every class, ready to work.
7. Students who are suspended from school are not allowed to participate in any work-outs, games, and may not travel with the team.
8. If the student is placed in ISS, he/she cannot participate in any game or athletic contest. **He/she may workout with the team after school.**

Expectations during the athletic period and during before or after school practice:

1. The student athlete is expected to participate in all practices scheduled by the coach.
 - a. If a student athlete cannot attend a scheduled practice or game, it is his/her responsibility to notify the coach before the practice or game.
 - b. If the student athlete is absent, he or she will make up the practice before he/she may participate in an athletic contest.
 - c. Make up practices will be supervised and scheduled by the coach.
 - d. Unexcused absences are not acceptable and are grounds for dismissing a student athlete from the team.
2. The student athlete is expected to be on time for the athletic period, practice, competition, and any scheduled trip. Tardiness will not be tolerated.
3. All personal communication devices will be turned off and out of sight during practice and games.
4. It is the athlete's responsibility to keep the locker room neat and clean.
5. The student athlete is responsible for coming to practice prepared.

Expectations during team travel:

1. **The student athlete is expected to travel to and from all out of town contests with the team. However, if a student must be taken off a bus the Athletic Department will use the following travel waivers:**

- a. A release form must be completed by a parent, either before or on site after the contest, if a parent/legal guardian chooses to take their child off the bus.
 - b. The student/athlete traveling with someone other than their parent/legal guardian must have a Release Waiver signed by the Principal before they will be released to anyone other than a parent.
2. The student athlete is expected to abide by all rules and regulations of PISD while on a trip, including dress code.
 3. The student athlete will arrive on time for departure. If the student misses the bus because of tardiness, he or she will not be permitted to play.
 4. All telecommunication devices will be turned off before and during competition.
 - a. If an emergency arises, the parents may be asked to contact the coach on his/her cell phone before the contest.
 - b. After the contest, cell phones are permitted, unless otherwise stated by the coach.
 - c. On overnight trips, the athletic department reserves the right to limit or prohibit cell phone use.

Expectations in the weight room:

1. The student athlete will dress in athletic clothes while using the weight room. Shirt, athletic shoes, and shorts/wind pants are the only acceptable articles of clothing.
2. When lifting weights, the student athlete will have adult supervision and a spotter present at all times.
3. The athlete will leave the weight equipment in its designated place. The benches, bars, and other equipment are not to be moved around the weight room.
4. All weights will be returned to the rack in their location.
5. The weight room is for weight conditioning only.
6. No food or drinks are allowed in the weight room.
7. Weight room equipment is not to be removed from the weight room.

Chain of Command:

The Presidio ISD Athletic Department observes a Chain of Command beginning with the athlete's coach. Complaints and issues may be addressed following this chain of command.

Designated Sport coach, Head Coach (if not a varsity team), Athletic Coordinator, Superintendent (or designee).

Disciplinary Procedures:

Each coach has the authority, with the concurrence of the athletic director and campus administrator, to discipline student athletes for infractions of any rule. In addition, the coach has the authority to recommend removal of the athlete.

Any athlete suspended from an athletic sport must be given:

1. Reason for removal.
2. The time and provision of the removal.
3. Procedures for reinstatement in the program.
4. An opportunity to appeal.

Appeal procedures in the case of a suspension or removal of a sport:

- a. Student must be given the opportunity to appeal to the Head Coach one more time
- b. Student may appeal to the Athletic coordinator
- c. Student may appeal to the Campus Principal.
- d. Student may appeal to the Superintendent
- e. Student may appeal to the Board of trustees

The School Board's Decision is final

Any violation of the PISD Student Code of Conduct that results in the student being placed in an alternative placement program (PACE) or expulsion will cause the student athlete to be suspended or removed from athletics for the duration of the alternative placement or expulsion.

Presidio ISD Athletic Handbook Oath of Acceptance

The rules, regulations and standards set forth in this athletic handbook are designed to give each athlete a sense of responsibility and pride through membership in PISD's Athletic Program whether he/she is on the field/court of play, in the class room, in our community, or while visiting another school.

Therefore, your signature commits you to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in the Athletic Handbook of the PISD Athletic Department, in addition to specific regulations set forth in this oath. Failure to do so may result in removal from the team or athletic program.

1. I will strive for excellence in all my activities, at all times.
2. I will faithfully abide by the rules set forth in the Athletic Handbook.
3. I will abide by practice schedules and complete my work out every day.
4. I will personally notify my coach when I must be absent.
5. I will be responsible for the proper care/cleaning of my practice and game clothing.
6. I will pay for any equipment issued to me that is lost, damaged, or stolen.
7. I have read the athletic handbook from beginning to end and fully understand my obligations, responsibilities, and duties to myself, my parents, my coaches, my teammates, my school, and my community.

Student Signature: Please Print _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

A Note to Parents of Presidio ISD Athletes

This is to certify that as a parent/legal guardian, I have read this manual and am aware of all rules, requirements, and operational procedures concerning the Presidio ISD Athletic Department. Please keep the handbook and return only this letter of acceptance.

Parent/Guardian Please Print: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

****If a student or parent/guardian refuses to sign and return the oath, the athlete will be unable to participate in the Presidio ISD Athletic Program.**