

***DE QUEEN
ATHLETIC
POLICY
HANDBOOK***



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**DeQueen Public Schools
Athletic Department
Handbook**

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO
YOUR COACH AFTER YOU AND YOUR PARENTS
HAVE READ THIS BOOKLET.**

**I have read the following DeQueen Athletic Handbook and Athletic
Code of Conduct and I hereby agree to comply and follow the guidelines
set forth in order to be an athlete in the DeQueen School System.**

Signature of athlete

Signature of athlete's parent/guardian

**Note: This form must be signed and returned to the coach before an athlete
can take part in any sport. Please fill out and sign this form.**

Parents:

**If you do not have primary insurance coverage on your student, seeking
some type of coverage would be beneficial to you.**

Athlete's First, M.I., Last Name

Date of Birth

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name

Phone #

Address

Zip

Emergency Contact – Person to contact who may grant permission for emergency care if unable to contact parents.

Name

Phone #

Family Physician

Phone #

Warning / Permission: I give permission for our son/daughter to participate in organized junior /senior high school athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury. I acknowledge that even with the best coaching, most advanced protective equipment, and strictest observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries could be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or even death.

Permission to Treat: Permission is hereby given for emergency treatment at a clinic or hospital as deemed necessary by the available staff.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

Signature of Athlete

Date

Note: A release form must be filled out for each individual student / athlete.

ATHLETIC CONSENT FORM

I hereby give my consent for _____ to compete in interscholastic sports and related practice sessions and go with the coach on trips. I acknowledge that even with the best of coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, accidents occur. The DeQueen School District will not be liable if an accident occurs.

I understand that all DeQueen School District students participating in interscholastic athletics are covered by a secondary group insurance policy that is non-duplicating. The premium is paid by the DeQueen Public School District. The insurance company is selected on a bid basis by the district. When an athlete is taken for treatment, the medical facility must bill the expenses to the parents, not the school.

I understand that the DeQueen Public School District will not be responsible for payment of any medical bill that the family's personal policy or the district's athletic insurance doesn't cover.

I agree to be responsible for the return in good condition of any athletic equipment issued to the above named student.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATEMENT.

Signature of athlete

Signature of Parent/Guardian

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Why participate in athletics? The DeQueen Athletic Department believes sports exist as an extension to the regular curriculum as an additional enrichment tool to help student-athletes reach their fullest potential.

Our purpose is not just to win games or championships. We hope to develop character in our student-athletes. Character is defined in the qualities of discipline, humility, dedication, and self-sacrifice. It is demonstrated in teamwork, sportsmanship, and a good work ethic along with respect for authority.

We want to see our student-athletes and teams receive as much recognition as possible. However, we are not here to create stars. To reach the goals and instill these desirable traits in our student-athletes, the TEAM must come first.

The competitive world among children as well as adults is neither gentle nor overly kind. In such a world however, the youngster under wise direction begins to grow toward social maturity by learning to 1) suffer mild hurts, mental and physical, in silence, 2) control emotional outburst, 3) overcome feelings of fear, 4) restrain the outward expression of sudden impulses, 5) understand and endure delays in getting what he/she wants, and 6) reject being "BABIED".

Selfishness will kill a team quicker than anything. It is the world's way to teach selfishness. This department's goal is to teach unselfishness. The success of the individual as well as the team depends on it.

Coaches spend many hours in practice and at home evaluating players in relationship to the team. It is up to each coach to determine what is best for his/her team. The coach will decide how much playing time each player will receive.

The coaches of the DeQueen Athletic Department pledge to do their best as leaders and role models to help achieve positive attributes for your child. In return we ask you to help and support us and the team positively.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

DeQueen school officials, coaches of athletic teams, and sponsors of student activities believe that students who are selected for the privilege of membership on teams, squads, performing groups, clubs, and other school organizations should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of the school. In order to assure this conduct, coaches and sponsors enforce a Code of Conduct. Furthermore, members of teams and organizations who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action. Members of teams and organizations must always serve as exemplars of high moral character and must demonstrate appropriate academic commitment which is expected of all students. As recognized representatives of their school, members are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior during the season (activity) or out of season, in uniform or out of uniform, on campus or off campus.

ABSENCES

An athlete should consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practice or an event without good reason will be dealt with severely. An athlete missing for any reason is expected to make up the practice session.

DROPPING AND TRANSFERRING SPORT

An athlete who is participating in a sport is not allowed to quit that sport while in season and take up another sport without the consent of both coaches involved.

BEHAVIOR AND CITIZENSHIP

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed by many and it is important that an athlete's behavior be above reproach. Appearance, expression, and actions always influence people's opinions of the athletes as well as the sport. Once a student has volunteered to be a member of a squad, he/she has made the choice to uphold certain standards expected of all athletes in this community. Being an athlete is a privilege, not a right.

The way an athlete acts and looks is of great importance; thus proper dress appearance, grooming, and personal cleanliness are expected. Athletes should be leaders and fellow students should respect and follow them. Proper dress and appearance will be established by the coach and is a continual process.

SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL

Students suspended from school (ISS or home suspension) will not be allowed to participate in athletics or other events during the suspension.

TEAM TRIPS

All students going on school-sponsored trips will be expected to go and return by transportation provided by the school.

EXCEPTION- At parent's personal request, students may return with **their parents** only!!

NOTE- Sponsors will keep a record with the name of any student that is riding home with their parent. This will eliminate the possibility of leaving a student behind. **SIGN OUT SHEET MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT'S PARENT!!**

CARE OF EQUIPMENT

- A. Equipment should be turned in within one week following the end of the season.
- B. An athlete is financially responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. The cost of destroyed or lost equipment will be replacement costs.
- C. An athlete must treat school equipment as if it were his/her own personal property. It should never be abused.
- D. If an athlete is involved in the theft of school equipment, he/she could be dismissed from the team.
- E. Equipment should be turned in immediately upon dismissal from a team before a schedule change.

SPORTS FOR NINTH GRADE ATHLETES

A ninth grade athlete may compete in sports at the high school level if the following criteria are met:

- A. A particular sport is not offered at the Jr. High level.
- B. An athlete is too old to compete on the Jr. High level.

MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY

- A. All state, local laws and school rules must be followed by students driving from D.H.S. to practice or game facilities.
- B. Students are not allowed to ride with other students to practice.
- C. Transportation will be provided by the district to practice facilities.
- D. Failure to adhere to these rules could result in loss of driving privileges

OFF- SEASON POLICY

The importance of a weight program cannot be stressed enough in the DeQueen athletic program. Therefore, it is mandatory that athletes involved in the 5 major sports (football, basketball, track, soccer, and baseball) be involved in an off-season weight program. This will include grades 8-12. The Athletic Director will coordinate these programs in all sports.

SPORTS OFFERED AT DEQUEEN

Football-----	7-12 th grade -----	boys
Basketball-----	7-12 th grade -----	boys/girls
Baseball-----	9-12 th grade -----	boys
Softball-----	9-12 th grade -----	girls
Golf-----	9-12 th grade -----	boys/girls
Tennis-----	9-12 th grade -----	boys/girls
Cross Country---	9-12 th grade -----	boys/girls
Soccer-----	9-12 th grade -----	boys/girls
Track-----	7-12 th grade -----	boys/girls

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Students must attend at least four consecutive class periods preceding an extracurricular activity or event, including practice, in order to participate in that event unless the absence has been approved by the principal. The absence must be a class A (excused) absence.

DEQUEEN LETTERING POLICY

1. Football/Basketball

Must have been out for the team beginning with the first day of practice and participated in all practices scheduled by the coaches, except when excused by the coach or school administrator;

OR

Must have played in enough quarters (usually ½) or be recommended by the coach (an exception may be made for a student who receives an injury in a game or practice that prevents that student from playing for the remainder of the season. He/she must complete the season as a part of the team by attending practices if physically able).

2. Track

Athlete must score two points in the district meet and/or average two points in all regular meets during the season where two or more schools are competing.

3. Tennis

Must represent the school in enough competitive contests to be recommended by the coach or play in the state tournament.

4. Golf

Must represent the school in enough matches to be recommended by the coach or have been one of the top 4 team members for more than one-half (1/2) the season.

5. Baseball / Softball

Must have participated in one-half of the varsity contests or be recommended by the coach.

6. Cross Country

Must represent the school in enough competitive meets to be recommended by the coach or participate in the state meet.

7. Soccer

Must have participated in one-half of the varsity contest to be recommended by the coach.

COMPLAINTS

If an individual has a complaint, the following procedures should be followed:

- A. Contact the coach who had direct supervision of the athlete at the time. If a satisfactory resolution of the complaint is not made, then
- B. Contact the head coach of the sport which the athlete was participating in. If a satisfactory resolution of the complaint is not made, then
- C. Contact the Athletic Director of the DeQueen School District. If a satisfactory resolution to the complaint is not made, then
- D. Contact the building principal of the school. If a satisfactory resolution to the complaint is not made, then
- E. Contact the Superintendent of the DeQueen School District.