

SAVOY ISD Athletics Code of Conduct

Purpose

Participation in athletics at Savoy ISD is a privilege, failure to comply with the rules set forth in athletics may result in discipline, suspension or removal from the athletic program completely. These policies are established so that parents may understand the expectations associated with being a student athlete. Athletics is not mandatory to graduate from any high school, it is offered as an extracurricular activity to help enhance the opportunities for students.

Rationale

A student who represents Savoy ISD in extracurricular athletic activities is recognized as a representative of their school, parents, community and mostly of themselves, therefore high expectations are set on presentation and good behavior. Each student is responsible for his/her behavior at all times, during the school day/year, or outside the school day/year, on or off the school campus.

The purpose of this plan is to make sure our students understand the high expectations this school has for students who choose to participate in extracurricular activities.

Athletics serve many purposes for our students, participation in athletics can benefit our students in the most positive way possible by teaching life skills that will benefit them as they grow into adult life.

Our hope is that athletic activities will

- Improve the performance of the students so that they can contribute to the overall success of the program
- Encourage students to get involved in athletics not only to represent your school but to learn to work with a team, self-discipline, and accountability.
- Allow the student to be a role model for younger students, to be a recognized citizen in our community.

Expectations and consequences

The coaching staff has set its standards of what it takes to represent Savoy ISD. They will use their own discretion for infractions that are not conducive to how an athlete must act in order to represent at the highest level

The following violations may result in disciplinary action, more practice time, loss of playing time or other consequences the coach may deem necessary

Classroom disruptive behavior
Excessive tardiness or absences
Unacceptable conduct at school or school activity
Unexcused missed practice
Unacceptable social media

Students must make up all missed practices excused or unexcused.

Student behavior that will go directly to Principal/AD

Drugs
Alcohol
Felony charges
Racism
Bullying

All students are open to be randomly drug tested. Positive test results will have the following effects:

First offense

20 miles to be completed in 14 days
Students will miss three week of scheduled games or if open week it carries over the next week.

2nd Offense

40 miles in 21 days
Suspension for entire season of current sport.

3rd Offense

Suspension from all athletic programs for 180 days (1 school year) Meet with coaches and AD for evaluation to return to athletics.

-Drug testing will be handled by an outside entity only. No at home testing will be allowed for results purposes. Refusal to test in an automatic positive result to be treated as an offense.

Possession, distribution, or use of drugs

Refer to the Savoy ISD Student Code of Conduct with regards to the possession, distribution, or use of illegal drugs.

Felony

Students charged with a felony will result in immediate suspension of any extracurricular activities currently participating in until results of charges are available.

Students who are convicted of a felony charge depending on the charge are subject to

- 1 year suspension from all extracurricular events/also subject to school policy.
- Suspension for the remainder of high school extracurricular activities.
- Dismissal from school as noted in the student handbook.

Stealing

Students who are caught stealing will be removed from all athletics and subject to possible arrest. Also subject to school code of conduct

Racism

Racism will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to proper procedure with school and athletic policy. Subject to disciplinary action and dismissal from athletics.

Bullying and Cyberbullying

Bullying of any type will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to proper procedure with school and athletic policy. Subject to disciplinary action and possible removal from athletics.

Dress and Hair Code

Although students at our school are required to follow certain guidelines with hair and dress code, athletics is a different entity. With this in mind some of our expectations may be a little stricter than the student body. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions.

Quitting

Once quitting happens it becomes a habit, we encourage all kids to learn to fight through adversity, tough times, injuries and any other circumstances that can cause a setback. In such a small school district we need kids who want to participate and represent their school and community to the best of their ability. Quitting is easy, overcoming adversity makes you a stronger person. We do realize that athletics may not be for everyone but we do encourage you to give some sort of extracurricular your best effort.

The student may choose following the season not to play the next year but quitting during a season will have its repercussions.

- A student who quits a sport will not be eligible to receive an athletic award for that sport.
- Students that quits one sport will not be able to participate in the next sport unless the head coaches of both sports agree otherwise.
- If a student decides to quit a sport and later realizes they want to rejoin the sport they will be required to 1. visit with the coach 2. Go through an off-season program before the next season, 3. They will be required to visit with the team and explain what made them decide to quit, and why they deserve a 2nd chance. If the athlete quits for the 2nd time, they will no longer play that sport.

With regards to quitting, re-entry to a sport or participation in the athletic program as a whole, will be at the discretion of the coaching staff.

Practice and Games

-In order for our teams to be successful it is mandatory that all students attend practice and games of the teams they compete with, all missed practices will be made up.

-Students are expected to be at practice on time or they will have consequences unless prior arrangements have been made

-Communication is vital, if a student is to miss a practice or game, they must have notified a coach in advance

-Coaches will handle all excused and unexcused absences according to their team rules.

-Students who are under the care of a physician must bring a written note from the Dr. to explain what protocol the student must follow.

-Students who play with club organizations need to understand that UIL takes precedence over any outside organizations (School Activities comes first) Failure to comply could result in dismissal from the team.

Excessive absences from team practice could lead to dismissal from the team or athletic program.

Sportsmanship

Savoy athletes are expected to conduct themselves to the highest degree of sportsmanship at all athletic events home or away. We will accept winning and losing with humility and great respect for our opponents. We will not use foul language, express displeasure with officials or fans, or act out in any way. Students who do not comply will undergo disciplinary actions.

Students who receive infractions for unsportsmanlike conduct, rejected from a game, receive a technical foul for negative responses to a situation, again will be subject to meet with coaches of sport and athletic director and will be open to team disciplinary actions.

It is at the discretion of a coach or athletic director to determine if a student's actions or attitude are detrimental to the team, at this time a parent conference will take place and if the actions are not corrected removal of the team will be the result.

The following guidelines are to encourage parental involvement, and to show support for team and athletes.

The job of the parent is to support their student athletes, negative responses to coaches, players and officials are not part of creating a positive environment therefore should not be part of an athletic event. We know the frustration of a possible bad call, a bad play etc. but negative responses only enhance the situation. Please do not confront officials, fans, coaches, or players as this could result in immediate removal from the games and possible suspension from future sporting events. Please be a great fan and great supporter of our student athletes.

Coaching from the stands is something we totally discourage as we feel it can be detrimental to the player and the team. A coach needs the full attention of all the players during competition and distractions from the stands could become a distraction to our teams

Roles and responsibilities of the parents.

We understand all concerns with parents and their kids while participating in athletics, As a parent you need to be mindful of the things you say and respond to around your kids. A negative attitude toward coaches and or other teammates can become a toxic situation very quickly. If there are concerns, we have the following protocol to take place.

--Parents need to respect the decisions of the coaches in charge by staying positive. Parents are allowed to request a meeting with the coach but airing negative comments to friends and

student athletes should never happen. Parents will never be allowed to approach a coach or their child while on the bench, halftime or immediately following an event or prior to the postgame meeting. Parents should never enter the locker room with exceptions such as an injury or to decorate the locker room prior to a game. If you would like to meet with the coach a proper time and place could be arranged the next day.

--While we do encourage communication with all parties involved, we do have a set protocol on how to handle any situation where a meeting with the coach is required

1. Students are encouraged to first communicate with their respective coaches, discuss the concerns and hopefully come up with a working solution
2. Second option is for parents to schedule a meeting with the concerns they may have. Playing time, other students, and team strategies are not options to discuss, the coach will give you information on how to become a better student athlete and listen to any concerns you may have. Meetings will not be scheduled on game days.
3. The third line of communication will involve the Athletic Director, coach and the Parents.

I Hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the rules and regulations outlining our extracurricular activities, training rules and expectations of our programs. I have read and agreed to the policies and standards that have been set forth.

Student Signature _____

As a parent I have read and understand the policies and procedures that will be required of my son/daughter to participate in extracurricular activities.

Parent Signature _____

We as coaches would like to thank you for the opportunity to coach your kids.

