

Deer Valley School District Athletic Communication

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to the student athletes. Clear communication between coach, athlete, and parent is an important part of all athletic programs.

Communication From The Coach

- Coaches philosophy.
- Locations and times of all practices and contests.
- Individual team requirements.
- Injury reports.
- Discipline procedures.

Communication From Parents

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the programs of the Deer Valley School District, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important that they understand there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times **discussion with the coach is encouraged.**

Examples:

- The treatment of your child.
- Concerns about your child's attitude.
- Academic support.

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much or where you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgments based on what they believe are to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things should be left to the discretion of the coach. Examples:

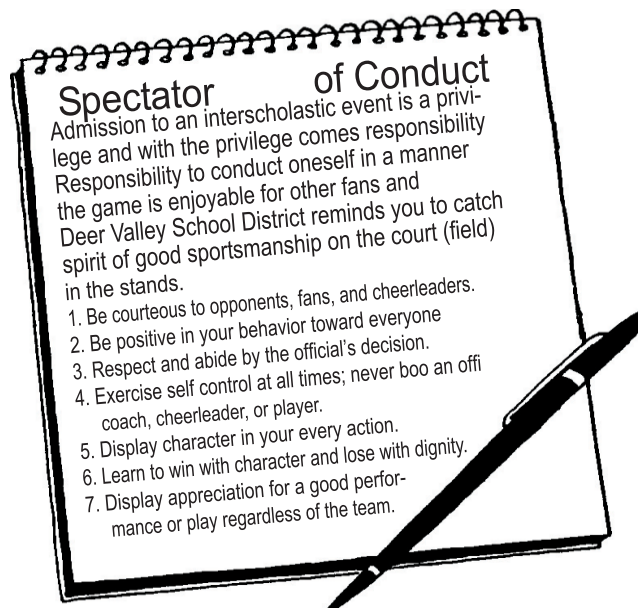
- Team strategy.
- Other student athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference be-

tween the parent and the coach. **These are encouraged.** When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed.

- Call the coach and set up an appointment.
- If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic director for assistance.
- Please **do not** attempt to confront a coach before or after a practice or contest.
- If the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution the next step is to call the athletic director.

We hope this information makes both your child's and your experience with the Deer Valley Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.



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Interscholastic
Athletic
Information

What It Takes To
Play In Deer Valley



A Message To Student Athletes

Your school is one of many public, parochial and private high schools that have agreed to follow the rules and regulations they helped to enact through the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

Your high school years will provide some of the most memorable and enjoyable moments you will ever experience. The privilege of competing in interscholastic athletics is a once-in-a-life time experience which will influence you forever, but participation is dependent upon your eligibility.

The essential eligibility requirements in this brochure are only a summary of some of the regulations affecting student eligibility. Most requirements are found in the A. I. A. Constitution and By-Laws handbook, which is located in your school's athletic office or you may go directly to the website at www.aiaonline.org. In addition, the Deer Valley School District has the authority to establish more stringent standards and to enact codes of athletic conduct that are in the best interests of individual students, the team and the community.

Review the rules with your parent/guardian and ask questions of your coaches, athletic director and principal. Your role in following the rules will assure eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports or prevent your participation as an ineligible athlete, which would result in forfeiture of contests for your school.

Establishing Eligibility

Both the State Association and the Deer Valley School District have requirements and guidelines for initial athletic eligibility. Prior to any participation, including tryouts or practices, the following forms must be complete and on file in the athletic office at your school.

- **Athletic Emergency Information Form** - Please return all copies to the athletic office.
- **Athletic Physical Exam and Acknowledgment Form** - A physical exam must take place on or after March 1 to be valid for the following school year. The physical portion of this form must be completed by an authorized medical provider. Both acknowledgment sections of this form must be signed by student and parent/guardian.
- **Copy of Legal Birth Certificate** - Each school must have on file a copy of the students' birth certificate. This is not an annual procedure. Once recorded and on file, it is not necessary to repeat this procedure.
- **Athletic Informed Consent Form** - Each athlete and his/her parent/guardian must view the sports injury risk and prevention video. The video and form will be provided online or at the individual schools. The Informed Consent Video Form must be signed by both the athlete and their parent/guardian. This must be done each year for each student.
- **Family Coach Agreement**
- * **Go to this site for all forms and eligibility paperwork sportnet.dvusd.org.**

In addition to the necessary paperwork your acknowledgment on the physical form verifies that the following state and/or district eligibility guidelines are met.

- **Age Limit** - No student may participate if he/she turns 19 years of age prior to September 1 of the current school year.
- **Semester Rule** - A student is eligible for a maximum of 8 semesters, and semesters 7 and 8 must be consecutive.

- **Domicile** - A student must reside with parent or legal guardian within the attendance boundaries of school of attendance to be eligible for athletic participation.
- **Transfer** - After enrolling and attending one or more classes, students changing enrollment to another school shall be considered a transfer student and will be subject to all district and state guidelines on transfers.
- **Insurance** - Each athlete must purchase school medical insurance or have equivalent personal medical insurance identified on the Athletic Emergency Information Form.

Maintaining Eligibility

- **No Pass/No Play** - ALL students participating in AIA sanctioned events must maintain a passing grade in ALL classes. "NO PASS/NO PLAY" guidelines, as established by the State Board of Education, are in effect.
- **Grade Check** - Teachers will be surveyed every week and a student/athlete failing will receive notification of pending ineligibility. A student failing a class (or classes) two consecutive weeks will be ineligible to participate until subsequent grade check the following week indicates a passing grade. ***The ineligibility period is for one week*** (Monday through Saturday).
Students will be able to practice during the ineligibility period. They may ***not*** suit up for games.

DVUSD Athletic Fees

The following are DVUSD approved athletic fees for 2015-2016. School procedures for payment will be outlined in team communications.

7 th /8 th grade athlete	\$60 per sport (\$120 maximum per athlete)
9 th -12 th grade athlete	\$100 per sport (\$200 maximum per athlete)
Family	\$300 maximum per family/household*

*A **family** or **family household** is defined by the United States Census Bureau for statistical purposes as "a householder and one or more other people related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption."

