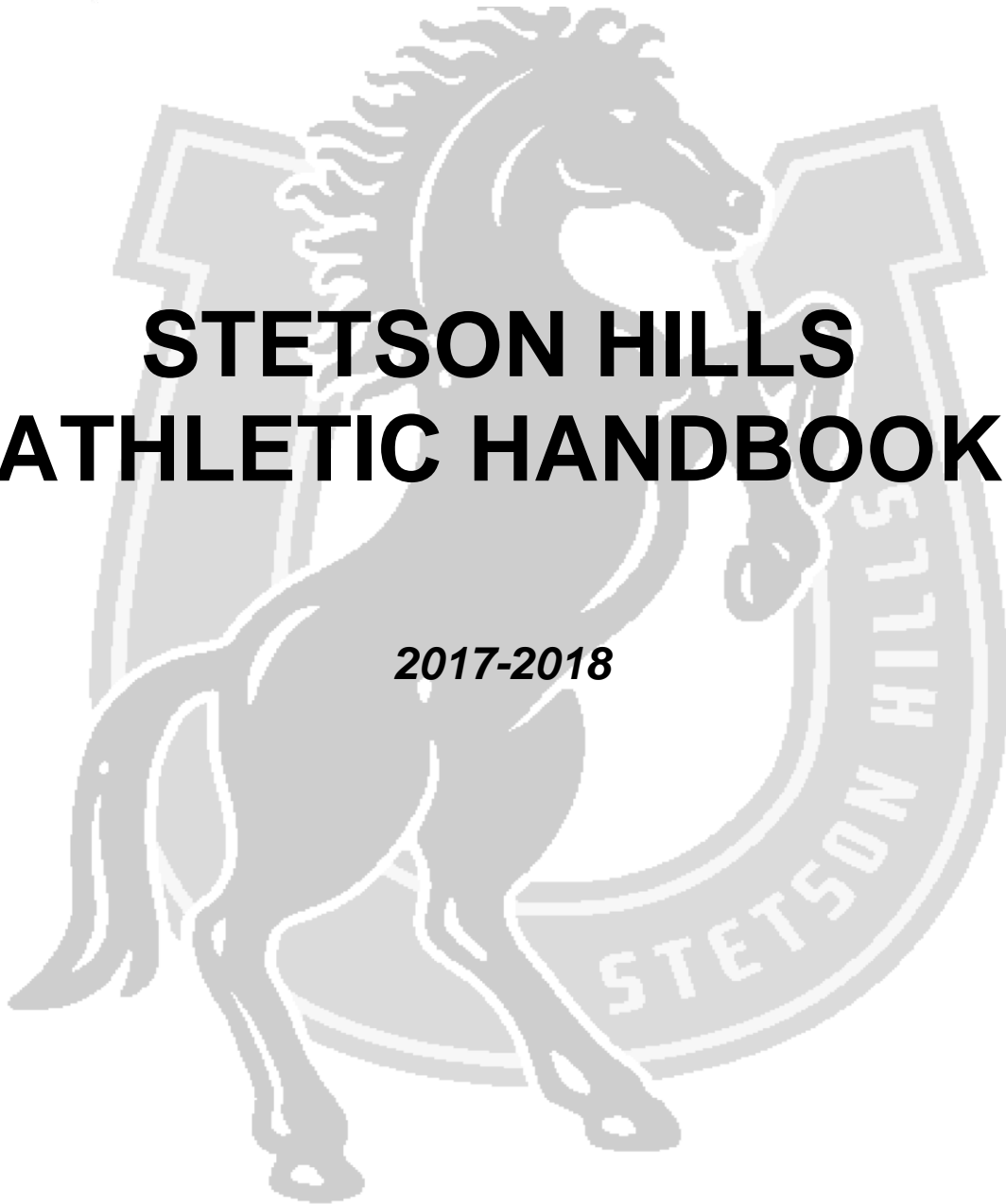




Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

STETSON HILLS ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

2017-2018





MISSION STATEMENT

“PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR”

THE DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENT ATHLETES PROMOTE “PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR” THROUGH THE “SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER:”

TRUSTWORTHINESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

FAIRNESS

CARING

CITIZENSHIP

STETSON HILLS ATHLETIC MISSION STATEMENT

THE STETSON HILLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO A SAFE, ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN LEARN LIFE LESSONS THROUGH DEDICATION AND HARD WORK WHILE “PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR” THROUGH THE “SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER”

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2015-2016 DVUSD ATHLETIC VISION
“Athletic Culture”

Deer Valley Unified School District Athletic Community will strive to continually improve school culture focusing on character, personnel, facilities and climate.

INTRODUCTION

Interscholastic competition in Deer Valley exists for many reasons. They complement opportunities to enhance the total educational experience of the student. They assist the student in developing skills and leadership while promoting social interactions in a safe and positive environment. They provide wholesome entertainment for the entire community while developing a sense of pride for everyone connected to the program. The district has developed a coaching certification program, required for all 7-12 coaches and volunteers, which uses the “Fundamentals of Coaching” curriculum.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) are supporting a philosophy of “Pursuing Victory with Honor.” Good sportsmanship is viewed as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. Administrators, coaches, student-athletes, fans, and parents will demonstrate the following virtues:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

Stetson Hills Athletic Community

Administration

Carrie Mabee	Principal	623-445-5304
Danielle Ware	Assistant Principal	623-445-5304
Ryan Backstrom	Stetson Athletic- Coordinator	623-445-5340
Joe McDonald	7 th -8 th District A.D.	623-445-8641

Coaches

Fall Sports

Girl's Volleyball	Kristin Grasso/ Christy Nichols	623-445-5359
Boy's Volleyball	Ryan Backstrom	623-445-5340
Cross Country	Ted North	623-445-5340

Winter Sports

Boy's Basketball	Chris Crowell	
Girl's Basketball	Ryan Backstrom	623-445-5340
Spiritline	Carissa Brnilovich	623-445-5362

Spring Sports

Softball	Janine Gallo/Kristen Grasso	623-445-5359
Baseball	Chris Crowell	

DVUSD K-8 Schools

Anthem	41020 NE Freedom Way Anthem, AZ 85086	623-376-3700
Canyon Springs	42901 N. 45 th Ave. Anthem, AZ 85087	623-376-5200
Desert Mountain	35959 N. 7th Avenue Desert Hills, AZ 85086	623-445-3500
Diamond Canyon	40004 N. Liberty Bell Anthem, AZ 85086	623-445-8000
Gavilan Peak	2701 W. Memorial Drive Anthem, AZ 85086	623-445-7400
Norterra Canyon	2200 W. Maya Way Phoenix, AZ 85085	623-445-8200

Paseo Hills	3302 West Louise Drive Phoenix, AZ 85027	623-445-4500
Sierra Verde	7241 W. Rose Garden Lane Glendale, AZ 85308	623-376-4800
Sonoran Foothills	32150 N. North Foothills Drive Phoenix, AZ 85085	623-445-8400
Sunset Ridge	35707 N. 33rd Lane Phoenix, Arizona 85086	623-445-7800
Terramar	7000 W. Happy Valley Road Peoria, AZ 85383	623-445-7600
West Wing	26716 N. High Desert Dr. SW Peoria, AZ 85383	623-376-5000

DVUSD Middle Schools

Deer Valley Middle	21100 N. 27th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85027	623-445-3300
Desert Sky Middle	5130 W. Grovers Glendale, AZ 85308	602-467-6500
Hillcrest Middle	22833 N. 71st Avenue Glendale, AZ 85310	623-376-3300
Highland Lakes	19000 N. 63rd Ave Glendale, AZ 85308	623-376-4300
Sonoran Trails(CCUSD)	5555 East Pinnacle Vista Dr Phoenix, AZ 85085	602-272-4800

General Information

Sports Schedule

Fall Sports

Boys/Girls Volleyball.....August – October

Cross Country.....August – October

Winter Sports

Boys/Girls Basketball.....November – December

Spiritline.....November – March*

*Includes State competition. Does not include talent show competition in May

Spring Sports

Baseball.....February – April

Softball.....February – April

Try-outs

Tryouts for all athletic programs should be well publicized and all students(7th/8th grade) should be encouraged to participate. Students will not be allowed to tryout without a completed District Athletic clearance packet, which includes an AIA physical form filled out by a physician, Brainbook concussion course and completion form, Emergency Contact Information form, Family/Coach Agreement form, Informed Consent Video form that can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/59194405>, and code of conduct form. Forms may be picked up from the front office, coaches, and/or printed off of the schools athletics website: <http://stetsonhillsathletics.shutterfly.com/> Announcements for all tryout schedules should be made before the first tryout session is held.

Coaches are required to prepare a scoring rubric or assessment for selection of participants. Selection criteria should be defined for those planning to participate in a particular activity prior to tryouts. A grade/behavior check as part of the tryout is the coach's decision. How long the try-outs last, how many round of cuts, and how many players are kept, are also the coaches decision.

All try-outs for all sports are closed to parents and observers.

District Athletic Fees (new to the 15-16 school year)

In 2015-2016 the Deer Valley Unified School District faces a year of reduced funding by the State Legislature. As a result, the DVUSD Governing Board has approved an athletic fee for the 2015-2016 school year. The approved fee is in compliance with legislation passed in 1995, A.R.S. 15-342.24, enabling schools to assess reasonable fees for optional extra-curricular activities and programs. The purpose of the athletic fee is to provide revenue to maintain and operate athletic programs, which exceeds \$2,000,000 per year, for 7th-8th grade and high school students. These fees collected will help defray the expenses of operating the DVUSD athletic programs.

2015-2016 Approved Athletic Fees	
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*
<i>* 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.”</i>	

Emergency Procedures

All coaches must carry a copy of the students' physical forms with them to practices and games. In the case of a minor injury, ice and general medical kits will be available for use and the coaches will need to proceed with caution when allowing the student to continue. If a head injury occurs, the student will need to be evaluated closely. Depending on the severity, the student may continue to play after being cleared by the coach. All head injuries need to be reported to the players' parents/legal guardian on pick-up after the event or by phone call by the end of the day. In the case of a severe emergency, 9-1-1 will be called then the parents/legal guardians will be notified. If need be, the school administration will be alerted to the situation.

Communication

Communication is a critical part to a successful season. At the beginning of each sport season the coach must have a parent meeting where he/she establishes this line of communication with the players and their families. It is required that all coaches give out their contact information, including work phone number and email address. The coach may also give out their cell phone number at their discretion.

All coaches need to have contact information for all players' families. This includes phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Coaches should keep all parties involved when communicating practice schedules, game schedules, and if any changes may occur during the season. Coaches need to keep an "open door" policy with their team.

Uniforms/Equipment

School uniforms and proper equipment are provided for all athletes in every sport. Players are responsible for all article of clothing and pieces of equipment that they are given. Any and all uniforms or equipment that is lent out by the school needs to be turned in promptly after the season is over. Please have all pieces of uniform washed and turned in within a week after the completion of the final competition. Depending on the sport, the student may need to purchase some form of team issued clothing. ie. Practice shirt, hat, etc. All items purchased by the player are theirs to keep and not of school property. A student may use their own equipment if needed as long as it is safe, and complies with DVUSD and NAIA / AIA standards. All students and coaches must follow the dress code standards for Stetson Hills School at all times.

Locker Room Usage

Locker rooms are available for all student-athletes to use. They may store equipment and uniforms in the lockers. The locker rooms are not always locked during the school days, therefore it is recommended that they use a lock to secure their items. One of the PE coaches can supply a combination lock for that student to use during the school year. While a student-athlete is in season, they may use one of the large lockers. When in the off-season, the student needs to move their lock to a smaller locker. The school/coaches are not responsible for any lost or

damaged personal items that may be stored in the locker room. The locker rooms need to be kept clean and in an orderly fashion. Failure to do so may result in loss of locker room privileges.

Parent/Volunteer Coaches

In situations where a parent/volunteer is hired as the head coach, then a certified employee must be present at all times for supervision. A parent/volunteer coach may coach without a certified employee if they are sub certified and meet the criteria set forth by the DVUSD and human resources.

- Parent/Volunteer coaches must go through human resources and the hiring process with proper paper work submitted.
- Parent/Volunteer coaches must have an interview with the Athletic Coordinator and an administrator prior to the first day of coaching.
- Parent/Volunteer coaches must follow district policy and complete the coaching certification class within one year of hire.
- Parent/Volunteer coaches must have their 1st Aid/CPR certification on file with an administrator.
- Parent/Volunteer coaches need to communicate with the designated certified employee all details of the team. (Practice times, parent meetings, paperwork, etc.)

Conference Tournaments

There will be a conference tournament conducted for each sport. The single elimination tournaments will be during the last week of each sports season. They are single elimination style tournaments. There will be Division I tournaments and Division II tournaments. A team's regular season record will determine which division tournament they will be in.

Game Admission Cost

All family members and friends that will be coming to support student-athletes and teams will be charged admission costs. Each regular season and playoff games at every school at the 7th/8th grade level will be charging adults \$3 admission to the contest. Family 10 punch passes are available for \$20. All students are free with district student ID. District employees are free plus one guest with presentation of DVUSD ID badge at admission table.

Awards/Banquet Info

There will be an end-of-the-season awards banquet offered for players and their immediate family members at the conclusion of each sports season. The banquet will be a combination of all sports teams from that season. I.e. Fall sports, Winter sports, and Spring sports. Information about specific banquets will be sent out by your coach toward the end of the season.

The banquets are sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club. All food and drink is provided to each player and their immediate family members.

Certificates will be awarded to each player that finishes the season with the team. Individual championship trophies will be awarded to team members only if the team wins or gets runner-up in the Division I tournament.

Homeschooled Students

Any 7th/8th grade student may try-out for a sports team as long as Stetson Hills is their home school and live in the Stetson Hills boundaries.

Coach's Section

The profession of coaching is a profession of teaching. In addition to teaching the mental and physical dimensions of their sport, coaches, through words and example, must also strive to build the character of their athletes by teaching them to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and good citizens. --Arizona Accord #16 from the Arizona Interscholastic Association **EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES**

Regular season expectations include not only daily practices and league competition, but also a variety of other responsibilities. Coaches may be asked to assist in the budgeting and inventory of uniforms and equipment, attend league and building coaches' meetings, present team awards, prepare and distribute behavior expectations and rules to their students, assist with fund raising activities, and fulfill other duties as assigned by the administration.

Coaches will define expectations of their athletes at the beginning of the season, prior to tryouts including a copy of the assessment used to determine selection of the team, parent letter, and schedules. Coaches' expectations should include academic standards, attendance requirements for practice and games, a list of any equipment, etc., which the athlete is expected to provide, conditions specific to the particular sport or activity, directions for caring for uniforms, locker assignments, etc.

The individual student's welfare is the most important aspect and has precedence over any other consideration. Coaches should have developed a strong sense of ethical relationships toward the school they represent and toward their opponent, and should be willing to accept the personal responsibility for their actions and for the reputation of the group and school they represent. The rules of the sport should be followed to the letter. The circumvention of the rules or the spirit of the rules is a gross violation of the confidence placed upon those in charge of the activity. The regulations and policies of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, the conference classification, and the school are binding upon those in charge of activities.

Coaches should instruct and develop among student athletes competing with contesting schools, the following practices:

- The competitive urge to excel.
 - The love of and respect for the activity and sport.
 - The acceptance of official's decisions without grumbling, defiance or disobedience.
 - A high sense of honor, duty and ethical character.
 - A cooperative spirit and a spirit of good will toward opponents and people in general.
- The realization that participation in an activity or sport is its own reward.
- Special privileges for participants are not to be expected or condoned.

Players' Section

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES

Attendance

Successfully making a sports team is a season long commitment for players and parents. It should be expected of all players to attend 100% of practices and games. If a player cannot attend a practice or game, or needs to leave early, it is the responsibility of the student-athlete and their parents to let the coach know as soon as possible. Understand that missing practices and games may result in less playing time.

- If a player misses a practice the day before a game the player will not be able to start that game.
- On the day of a game, a player must be at school at least half a day in order to be eligible to play. 12:05PM is the cut-off.
- Coach's discretion on any other missed time.
- Students who are suspended or assigned OCR may not participate in any team practices/games from the time of their suspension until the day following their last day of assignment to OCR or home suspension.

Grades/Eligibility

In accordance with the State of Arizona's regulations and Deer Valley's Governing Board Policy, only those students deemed academically eligible may participate in extra or co-curricular activities. Athletic Eligibility will be determined every week by the Administration and Athletic Coordinator starting the first Monday after the week of tryouts. If a student-athlete is failing a class (Minimum of 1 F), they will be put on a pending academic list for one week. During this pending period, the student athlete will still be considered on the team and allowed to participate. If a pending student-athlete is still failing a class (Minimum of 1 F) the following week, the student-athlete will be put on an ineligible list for one week. During this ineligible period the student-athlete will still be considered on the team, allowed to practice, but not allowed to participate in games or travel with the team to away contests. If

the student-athlete has a combination of three occurrences during a season (Pending or Ineligible), then they will be dismissed from the team. This will be considered the three strike rule. If a student-athlete is put on the academic pending list, a letter will be sent home with the student-athlete. If a student-athlete reaches the level of strike two (a combination of pending or ineligible), the coach should make direct contact with the parent/guardian to inform them of their student's academic eligibility status.

Grade checks will be run by Administration and/or the Athletic Coordinator using power schools every Monday morning and the pending/ineligible time period will be Monday-Saturday. Grades are considered for all classes with no exceptions, and it is not looked at on a class to class basis. In the case of a teacher error, then that situation will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Students assigned to OCR/ISS or students who are suspended from school may not participate in any team practices/games from the time of their assignment to OCR/ISS or home suspension until the day following their last day of assignment to OCR/ISS or home suspension. It is the responsibility of the coach to assure that no students assigned to on campus suspension or home suspension be allowed to participate.

Students and parents should be aware that if the student is medically excused from participating in regular physical education classes, they could be ineligible for participation in school athletic programs as stated on the medical excuse from the parent or doctor.

Conduct/Discipline

It is a tremendous privilege and great honor to be a member of an athletic team. Athletes should have impressed upon them the fact that they are representatives of the entire school, the community, and their parents. Whether at home, away contest, practices, or around school, all athletes should be on their best behavior. School policies regarding conduct, dress, attendance etc., noted in the students' handbook remain applicable to athletes at all times. Discipline policies outlined by the Deer Valley Unified School District, and the individual school administration can be found in the student handbook and the District's Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Student athletes shall comply with the policies stated in the handbooks.

Playing Time

Coaches will strive to play all team members in each game or athletic event; however this may not always be possible. The conference teams are very competitive and a win/loss record is kept along with the conference standings. Meeting team goals may surpass those of an individual.

Cell Phones/MP3 Players/Electronic Devices

Athletes may use their cell phones and MP3 players before and after practices and games. They may take them on the bus to away games at their own risk. They may not take their electronic devices with them to the field of play at anytime. If an emergency occurs it is the coach's responsibility to make any phone calls.

Uniforms

School issued uniforms should not be worn during the school day, unless special permission by the coach is given. T-shirts or practice shirts may be worn if the student-athlete chooses to do so. Uniforms should be washed and returned back to the coach within a week following the last contest, unless otherwise asked.

Parent's Section

Conduct

All parents and fans are expected to follow the same code of conducts as the players and coaches using the six pillars of character. Before each sports season all parents, as well as students must read and sign the DVUSD Code of Conduct form and return to their coach. Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that would be a good example for all student athletes to emulate.

Parent Meeting

At the beginning of each season, coaches are required to hold a parent meeting. It is asked that at least one parent/guardian attend the meeting. This will be a good opportunity to meet the coach, ask any questions you may have, and receive important information on the upcoming season.

Picking up students

It is important that parents pick their child up promptly after practices and games. When taking your child home from an away contest, only the child's parent or legal guardian is allowed to pick them up. Before taking your child, you must sign and hand back, the appropriate form handed out by the coach. Students that do not ride home with their parents will take the bus back to school where they can be picked up by someone other than their parent.

Athletic Booster Club

Stetson Hills athletic booster club is a parent run organization. It provides a sense of community involvement as well as complete school involvement in the athletics program. Parents of student athletes are asked to get involved in some way. For example, you may be asked to work the concession stand at one of the home games, help to sell t-shirts to raise money for the Stetson Hills athletic program, or be active in our family fun night. All money raised will benefit each sports team equally.

Miscellaneous

Tax Credit Information

Tax credit donations are a great opportunity for any person or family wishing to aid in the financial needs of the athletic department. Any single or married couple may make a tax credit donation to the Stetson Hills athletic department or a team of their choice. Your donations may be used for equipment, apparel, officials for games, or end of the season awards banquet. In return, your tax credit reduces your tax burden to the state of Arizona, dollar for dollar. It also reduces your taxable income to the federal government, usually by 1/3 of your donation. For more information on tax credit donations you can pick up a pamphlet from the school's front office, print one offline or file online at: https://www.dvusd.org/pages_index/tax_credit.htm.

Support Banners

A good way to help support Stetson Hills Athletics financially is to get a business to buy a support banner to be hung in the multi-purpose room. More information on how this is done can be found out from the Stetson Hills Athletic Coordinator or school administration.

DVUSD Athletic Handbook

The district's athletic handbook consists of many more topics and details than is included in the Stetson Hills' athletic handbook. If you wish to view or receive a copy of the District's handbook, you may contact the school's Athletic Coordinator.

Stetson Hills Athletic Handbook Agreement Form

Athletic Handbook can be found online at
<https://stetsonhillsathletics.shutterfly.com/>

Please have parent/guardian and prospected student athlete sign and date the bottom portion of this form.

This form will need to be included in your clearance packet that is required before trying out for a sport.

I, _____ (student-athlete) have read and understand the Stetson Hills Athletic Handbook and agree to abide by it.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

I, _____ (parent/guardian) have read and understand the Stetson Hills Athletic Handbook and agree to abide by it.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)