

Burleson Adventist School Athletic Handbook

BAS believes that being an athlete in this school is an honor demanding many responsibilities. As a representative of this school, students are expected to strive to be the best person they can be. This privilege can be revoked if an athlete fails to meet the goals and standards set forth by BAS. The BAS Athletic Handbook is intended to compliment the BAS Student Handbook.

Statement of Expectations for Student Athletes

The Burleson Adventist School has established the following goals and standards for its athletes:

- Strive to obtain a quality education. Always give 100% effort to Christian behavior, athletics, and academics.
- Display positive leadership. This includes being on time, dressed for practices or games, ready to play, and exhibiting a positive attitude.
- Aspire to the highest moral, ethical, and religious values.
- Display conduct becoming to a young Christian man or woman.
- Show respect to teachers, coaches, administrators, classmates, teammates and all persons from other schools.
- Respond appropriately to the progress reports coaches receive from your teachers.
- Develop and exhibit school spirit.
- Abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.
- Be committed to the team.
- Display a willingness to learn.

As athletes, students present an image that reflects the school to both our opponents and our community. This image should be one of good sportsmanship, competitiveness, respect and proper conduct that reflect a sense of school spirit and most importantly a Christian character.

Participation in athletics sponsored by Burleson Adventist School is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, all students taking part in the program shall conform to all rules contained within the league and both the BAS Student and Athletic Handbook. When rules are violated, whether on or off school premises, before, during, or after school hours; the administration and/or coaches shall have the right to deny the privilege of participation.

Statement of Expectations for Parents/Guardians of Student Athletes

Behavior and actions of parents/family/visitors shall be congruent with the mission and objectives of BAS while on the school premises and at school sponsored activities. Parents are not permitted to verbally criticize, where others may hear; any official, athlete, or attendee to the athletic event. Parents should be verbally supportive and praising the play of all athletes. Parents should exhibit a Christ-like character through both words and actions while on campus or at any athletic event in which the school is represented. Parents that fail to follow these guidelines will not be allowed to remain at the activity, and such behavior may result in further consequences, such as losing the privilege to attend further athletic activities.

Statement of Expectations for Coaches of Student Athletes

The Burleson Adventist School has established the following goals and standards for its coaches:

- Exemplify a Christ-like character through both words and actions, both on and off campus at all times.
- Display positive leadership. This includes being on time, dressed for practices or games, ready to coach, and exhibiting a positive attitude.
- Aspire to the highest moral, ethical, and religious values.
- Show respect to athletes, teachers, coaches, administrators, and all persons from other schools.
- Enforce rules established by BAS as it relates to academics and eligibility to participate in athletic events.
- Develop and exhibit school spirit.
- Abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.
- Be committed to the team.
- Communicate and collaborate with parents and students in all activities.
- Game officials shall be respected and treated with courtesy. Any discussion of decisions made by officials shall be left to the head coach.

Coaches are responsible for decisions affecting the teams they coach. Such decisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Composition of the team
- Working with the Athletic Director regarding schedules
- Playing time for individual students
- Time & Structure of Practice
- Disciplinary actions
- Awards to athletes
- Selection of individuals to be recognized for outstanding performance
- Will not allow any ineligible athlete to play even at the risk of forfeit due to too few players
- Students will not be moved to a different level of play unless authorized by the School Board to do so. Example (moving a child from the 5th & 6th grade level to play with the 7th & 8th grade level)
- Coaches will not allow more than 2 games in any given week or more than 3 practice and game combinations in any given week. Excludes tournament play.

Academics

Academics are a high priority at BAS. If a student has failed to demonstrate the ability to meet guidelines for academics and attendance, removal from athletics will be considered, based on the following guidelines:

- Participants in BAS Athletics will be required to maintain a C (70%) grade point average in each Core Subject which includes: English, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Computers, and Bible.
- Coaches will review eligibility of participants as provided by the appropriate teachers on each Friday prior to a Game week. Teachers will provide the coaches with a list of any children whose

grade point average has fallen below a C. Should a participant fail to meet the required grade point average, they will be notified of their ineligibility of next week's games.

- The ineligible participant will be expected to improve their grade to the minimum grade point average before they will be reinstated to full academic status.
- An ineligible participant will be allowed to: practice with the team; attend games dressed in street clothing. They will not be allowed to sit on the player's bench.
- BAS Staff reserves the right to restrict participation of students based on classroom attendance. If any student is absent more than a half day on the day of a game, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in that day's game(s).

On the Field or Court of Play

Athletes should not use profanity or resort to illegal tactics. They should understand that both winning and losing are a part of the game. Exhibitions of tempers, rule violations, taunting, and any other unsportsmanlike activities shall not be tolerated.

Game officials shall be respected and treated with courtesy. Any discussion of decisions made by officials shall be left to the coaches.

Any behavior that is contrary to the athletic policies of BAS, or any other act that is considered poor sportsmanship may result in removal from one or more games and possible removal from all games.

Personal Appearance and Grooming

As voluntary participants in the athletic program, participants shall meet and maintain certain acceptable grooming and personal appearance standards. To participate in athletics, students shall adhere to the following rules:

- Hair shall be neat, clean, well groomed, and not a distraction.
- Faces will be clean-shaven.
- Dress will be neat in appearance. This includes tucking in shirts, fully zipping travel sweat pants, shoes and socks worn, with laces properly tied.
- School issued or approved attire shall be worn during contests. No exceptions shall be made to the team uniform.
- No jewelry shall be allowed for any athlete while participating in any contest.
- Compliance with all other school rules pertaining to dress and grooming as described in dress code policy in BAS Student Handbook.

Conduct

Any act of disrespect by an athlete towards another player, coach, administrator, referee or community member shall be addressed on an individual basis.

Violations will result in disciplinary action, which may include, but not limited to, suspension of one or more games, and/or removal from athletics for the remainder of the school year.

Tobacco and Alcohol

Student athletes are not permitted to use alcohol or tobacco, either on or off school premises. Violations will result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from athletics. Students who violate this policy will also be subject to the disciplinary policy of the Student Handbook.

Practice

Practice is an essential part of athletics and students are expected to participate except when injured or sick. To assure an athlete qualifies to play in a game, the athlete must attend and participate in organized practices. During practice situations, athletes shall:

- Consult the coach, as far in advance as possible when absence is necessary.
- Make every effort to be a team member, not an individual.
- Be on time. Tardiness will not be tolerated.

Theft

Theft from other players, students, opponents, schools, coaches, or BAS facilities shall not be tolerated. Violations will result in disciplinary action, which may include, but not limited to, suspension of one or more games, and/or removal from athletics for the remainder of the school year. In addition, student will be subject to the policies spelled out in the BAS Student Handbook.

Locker Room/Bathrooms

Safety is of primary concern for our locker rooms. The following rules shall be observed:

- No horseplay. This includes, but is not limited to, wrestling, throwing items, popping towels, etc...
- Maintain school equipment as directed by coaches. This includes keeping your locker clean, taking proper care of all issued items, and treating all facilities and equipment with respect.

Travel

Because athletes represent their parents, school, community, coaches, teammates and themselves, proper conduct is expected on all athletic trips. Athletes shall dress in accordance to school and athletic policy of BAS. Students shall conduct themselves according to the following guidelines:

- Be on time for all trips
- Dress neatly and in accordance to policy
- Be mannerly and courteous at all times, whether at the game, restaurant, or other public place
- Be orderly in the vehicle to avoid distracting the driver
- Show respect to opponent facilities

Consequences for Student Athlete Conduct Violations

Athletes will be subject to the following steps when violations of conduct have occurred:

1st Offense

Verbal warning -- Students will be warned that their behavior is a violation. Refusal to rectify the behavior will automatically place student on step 2.

2nd Offense

Written reprimand -- A written reprimand will be issued to any student that has violated the athletic policy. A copy will be given to the administrator, athletic director, teacher, and parent.

3rd Offense

Suspension -- A suspension for a minimum of 1 week or 2 games, whichever is greater, will be administered. A final warning letter will be sent and a parent conference will be required for any student that has reached this step. This will be given to insure that all parties are aware of the seriousness of the situation. This conference will be necessary before athlete will be reinstated.

4th Offense

Removal from Athletics -- If a student has failed to correct persistent misbehavior and has reached step 4, or has demonstrated through their actions a disregard for the policies, they will be removed from the athletic program for the remainder of the sports program season in which they are participating or up to one academic year at the discretion of BAS coaching staff, athletic director, and the principal of BAS.

Reinstatement

An athlete may be reinstated to the athletic program only if the following criteria are met:

- Approval from coaches and administration
 - Written letter of apology which includes accepting responsibility for the behavior that led to the disciplinary action and the reason why the athlete should be allowed back into the program
- Failure to achieve these requirements will preclude any further action. Student will be subject to removal without further consideration. Students who are reinstated will be placed on step 3 of the discipline code. Any additional need for correction may lead to automatic removal from the athletic program.

Quitting

Any athlete who chooses to quit a sport after beginning shall:

- Discuss situation with coach
- Turn in all equipment that has been issued by the school
- Forfeit the right to an award for the sport should a participant choose to quit; the Athletic participant fee will not be refunded either on a full, or pro-rated basis.

Grievance Procedure

As stated in the BAS Student Handbook, the success of the BAS depends in a large measure upon the fullest cooperation between parents, teachers, and students. Coaches are considered to be teachers, and grievances should be handled as directed in the BAS Student Handbook using the legitimate concern process that includes the following:

- If a parent(s) becomes concerned with an action of the BAS Athletics program, he/she is asked to speak directly to the appropriate coach, without the student present.
- If no satisfaction is realized, he/she is to meet with the appropriate coach and the athletic director, without the student present.
- If no satisfaction is realized, he/she is to meet with the appropriate coach, athletic director, and the principal about the problem.
- If the concerned parent(s) are still dissatisfied, they must put their complaint in writing to the School Board.

An athletic fee is charged each student to participate in each sport offered at BAS. An \$80.00 fee will be assessed each student for each athletic program in which they participate. This fee covers officiating fees, uniforms, electricity, and other such appropriate costs.