

## **Desert Sky Middle School Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**

The Privilege of participation in the DSMS athletic program is extended to all 7th and 8th grade students provided they are willing to except the responsibilities required of a student athlete. The Code of Conduct responsibilities are as follows:

**1. Social Behavior:** A student-athlete will (a) display outstanding sportsmanship, both on and off the court/field, (b) demonstrate respect for those in authority (coaches and officials), as well as opponents , (c) use socially acceptable language at all times, (d) display a real spirit of cooperation.

**Failure to adhere to these social behaviors will result in a parent-athlete-coach conference to determine further action.**

**2. Eligibility:** In order to represent DSMS in any interscholastic competition, a student must meet all requirements:

A) Academically each student-athlete must maintain a minimum “C” grade point average and at no time earn an “F” on an eligibility notice.

B) Maintain a “Meets” or “Exceeds” rating on the citizenship rubric.

C) Have no more than two (2) referrals and/or one (1) suspension during each sport season.

D) Student-athletes must have a current physical form on file in the Desert Sky Health Office before participating in any sport including practices-physicals are good for one year from the time they are completed.

E) Pay a non-refundable, \$75.00 activity fee per student per sport, or a \$200.00 maximum per student per year, or \$400.00 per family involved in DSMS sports per year. All fees must be paid before a student can participate in any athletic competition.

Students’ eligibility to participate, using the criteria listed above, is determined each Thursday during the season. Students who are declared ineligible are not able to participate in games, or sit with the team during a game and remain ineligible for an entire week until eligibility is checked again the following Thursday. They are, however, permitted and expected to participate in practices.

In addition, students who are suspended from school may not participate in nor attend a game or practice. Students who are absent from school may not participate in a game nor practice on the day of an absence. Student who are declared ineligible three times during a given season are dismissed from the team. Students who are ineligible at the start of the intercession will remain ineligible for the remainder of the season if the season ends during the intercession break. Students who are required to serve PRIDE hour on the day of a game or practice must serve the PRIDE hour before attending the game or practice. Students who owe PRIDE hour on the same day his/her team will be traveling to another school for a game will need to attend PRIDE hour and make other transportation arrangements if he/she still wants to attend the game.

**3. Attendance:** The best performance an individual is capable of producing comes only when the individual is willing to sacrifice his/her time and effort towards a conditioned training program.

the student-athlete is, therefore, required to attend all practices. If a student -athlete is unable to attend practice, written notice must be give to the coach prior to practice. Failure to give written notice will be considered an unexcused absence: Two unexcused absences will result in the student-athlete being released from the team. **EXCEPTION: ABSENT FROM SCHOOL THAT DAY**

**4. Uniform care:** Uniforms are provided at no cost to the student-athletes. It each individuals responsibility to care for the uniform. Cost for the replacement to damaged or lost uniforms will be the responsibility of the student-athlete.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

**I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I FAIL TO FOLLOW THE STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT I CAN BE DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM.**

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(PLEASE PRINT STUDENT NAME)

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(STUDENT SIGNATURE)

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