

**STUDENT ATHLETIC GUIDELINES**

**ELIGIBILITY-TRAINING RULES-COACH'S PREROGATIVES-EQUIPMENT**

The following are rules and regulations relative to participation in the Yough School District Athletic Program. Failure on the part of student athletes to adhere to these rules and regulations may subject the student athlete to probation, suspension, or dismissal from the activity in which they are participating.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. A Student Athlete's citizenship and conduct must be exemplary at all times. The conduct of a student athlete must be a positive reflection and representation of the Yough School District. **DO RIGHT RULE**—The coaching staff assumes the Yough Athletes know the difference between right and wrong behavior. Yough athletes are expected to make the "right" decision in relation to matters of academics, behavior, and discipline. If a player makes a "wrong" decision in any matter of academics, behavior or discipline, the coaching staff will assume that it was a conscious decision on the part of the athlete to do so and therefore the athlete will be held accountable for the "wrong" decision. Accountability can range from being counseled and/or reprimanded by the head coach—denial of playing time or practice time, suspension or removal from the team. All discipline decisions will be at the discretion of the head coach or school administration. **THE "DO RIGHT RULE" WILL BE IN EFFECT 24 HOURS A DAY...BOTH ON AND OFF CAMPUS...FOR THE DURATION OF THE ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUGH ATHLETIC PROGRAM.** General Expectations: 1) Follow the "Do Right Rule" at all times; 2) Be on time. Early is better; 3) Pay attention to your teachers and coaches; 4) Be at school all day, everyday; 5) Be at practice everyday.

2. A Student Athlete must at all times display a positive attitude toward the activity, toward his/her teammates, and toward the coach. Discourteous or in appropriate behavior will not be tolerated. The team and its success shall have preference over personal wishes and desires at all times.

3. Practice meetings, event attendance: A) A Student Athlete **shall attend all team functions (practices, meetings, events)** unless ill/injured, an emergency situation develops, or a student is excused by a coach or doctor. On non-school days, coaches must receive notice of the necessity that a student miss a practice, meeting, or event before the practice, meeting, or event is scheduled to begin; B) A Student Athlete shall not be permitted to practice or participate in an event during any in-school or out-of-school suspension; C) Except in cases of emergency, any team function missed without proper notification and/or excused by the coach may result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the team; D) Doctor, dentist and other similar appointments should be made during a time which will not interfere with the student's participation in a team function; E) A Student Athlete must be in attendance at school on the day of an event (except Saturday) by 10:30 a.m. in order to be eligible to participate in the event. **NOTE:** Saturday contests require Friday attendance.

4. A Student Athlete who is dismissed from a team for disciplinary reason by the coach will not be eligible to participate on another team during the same season.

**SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY - Determined Weekly and Quarterly**

A student-athlete must maintain a passing grade (D or better) in a minimum of 4 full-credit subjects or the equivalent as determined by the principal, to be eligible to participate on a weekly basis.

**TRAINING RULES**

Student Athletes must abstain from the possession of or use of cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, alcoholic beverages and nonprescribed drugs at all times. Failure to comply will result in suspension or dismissal from the team in accordance with the Yough School District's rules and regulations.

**COACHING PREROGATIVE**—(Subject to the Yough School District policies and procedures, school regulations, and state and federal law, the coach is the decision-maker with regard to the following items: 1) Selection, placement and play of student-athletes; 2) Practice times, dates and procedures; 3) Establishment and enforcement of all guidelines and training rules related to an activity; 4) Event strategies; 5) Varsity letter awards

**EQUIPMENT ISSUE**—Each student athlete must return all issued equipment within two days of the last game or practice of the season. Lost or stolen equipment must be paid for by the student athlete or he/she will not be permitted to participate in any additional athletic activities. Stealing, possessing or wearing stolen equipment from any Yough athletic activity will be cause for suspension or dismissal.

**AGREEMENT**

We, the undersigned, have read the above rules and regulations, and do hereby agree to the terms as stated. Furthermore, we agree to first contact the "Coach-In-Charge" pertaining to any problems(s) dealing with player/team personnel in accordance with school policy.

**STUDENT ATHLETE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_