

## 2023-2024 Olton ISD Athletic Policy and Code of Conduct

All athletes will abide by all the rules to the letter and spirit set forth in this policy, the student handbook, student code of conduct, and the rules of the University Interscholastic League. Student participation in athletics is encouraged. Participation in athletics is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students that participate in athletics not only represent themselves, but also other students, Olton ISD, and the City of Olton. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the values of our school and community. Olton ISD athletes will strive daily to follow the three core values of our athletic department.

### Olton Athletics Core Values

1. Do your best.
2. Do what is right.
3. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

### Parent/Guardian Behavior

We ask our athletes to be well behaved during competition. We ask that this behavior be modeled appropriately by our athletes' parents/guardians as well. Inappropriate behavior from the stands can result in the loss of privileges to attend competitions involving your student athlete.

### Severe Offenses (All severe offenses will be reviewed by the athletic director)

All Athletes must enter the random drug testing program at Olton ISD. All athletes are bound by the rules and regulations of the Olton ISD drug testing policy.

- Use or possession of illegal drugs (including steroids)
- Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarettes/Vape products.

### Disciplinary actions to be taken for drug, alcohol, and tobacco use or possession:

#### First Offense

- The student will be suspended from all in season athletic events for 15 consecutive school days. During the suspension, practices will be mandatory and the student shall complete a district-approved substance abuse counseling course. The athlete and his/her parents will be required to sign an *Athletic Probationary Contract*.

#### Second Offense

- The student will be suspended from all in-season athletic events for 30 consecutive school days. During the suspension, practices will be mandatory and the student shall complete a district-approved substance abuse counseling course. The athlete and his/her parents will be required to sign an *Athletic Probationary Contract*.

#### Third Offense

- The student will be suspended from all in season athletic events for no less than one calendar year. During the suspension, practices will be mandatory and the student shall complete a district-approved substance abuse counseling course. The athlete and his/her parents will be required to sign an *Athletic Probationary Contract*.

#### Fourth Offense

- The student will be permanently removed from athletics

Conviction of a felony offense will result in immediate removal from athletics.

An athlete that has been charged or is under indictment of a felony offense will be removed from athletics until the issue has been resolved. Once the issue has been resolved, the athlete may be reinstated upon a review by the athletic director.

## General Rules

- A. Missing Practice** - As a member of any Mustang or Fillie team, you are expected to be at every practice and meeting. If there is an emergency and you can not attend practice, you must let your coach know as soon as possible. Failure to contact your coach will result in an unexcused absence.
- B. Late to Practice** - Be on time to practices so the team can stay on schedule
- C. Grades** - Your primary reason for being in school is to earn an education. You must meet all UIL eligibility requirements in order to participate.
- D. Conduct** - As athletes, you are in the spotlight. Be respectful to others and conduct yourself with class at all times. Time spent in DAEP, ISS, or detention will be considered an unexcused absence.
- E. Out of Town Games** - We represent the City of Olton and Olton ISD. Do not do anything to embarrass yourself, your teammates, your school, or your town.
- F. Sportsmanship** - Treat game officials, opposing teams, and opposing coaches with respect at all times. Play hard, clean, and fair.
- G. Equipment** - The equipment you use is the property of Olton ISD. Take care of school equipment at all times. School issued equipment is not allowed to leave the school without your coach's permission. Any lost equipment will be charged to the athlete at replacement cost.
- H. Appearance** - All athletes will follow the Olton ISD dress code; however, head coaches may have a more strict dress code as approved by the Athletic Director. Athletes will be clean cut and are expected to set the standard for the school dress code. No jewelry will be worn during practice or competition.
- I. Profanity** - Profanity will not be tolerated.
- J. Playing a team sport** - If you desire to play a team sport, you must be enrolled in the athletic period at the beginning of the school year and participate in our strength and conditioning program.
- K. Starting a Sport** - If you desire to play a sport, you must join the team at the beginning of the season. An exception will be made for new students to the district.
- L. Quitting** - Quitting is a bad habit that will not be tolerated. Before a student athlete will be allowed to quit, there will be a required meeting between the athlete, parent(s) and Athletic Director. An athlete that quits may be removed from athletics for the remainder of the year.

**The Athletic Director reserves the right to review and manage all disciplinary actions based on the best interest of Olton ISD Athletes and Athletics.**

**\* Uniforms, warmups, and attire worn during competition and/or performance must be composed of blue and white colors. Accents and variations must be approved by administration. The mascot must be the rearing Mustang.**

## Communication

Olton Athletics strives to keep the lines of communication open between the athlete, parents and the coaching staff. If a parent has an issue that they would like to discuss, the following chain of command will be followed.

- Step 1 Parent meeting with the athletes position coach or team coach.
- Step 2 Parent meeting with the head coach of the sport.
- Step 3 The Athlete and parent will meet with the head coach and the Athletic Director.
- Step 4 If an issue is not resolved with the AD and Coaches, a meeting with the Superintendent may be scheduled.

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**I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT BREAKING ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE COACHING STAFF OF OLTON ISD.**

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Student Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date