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## **FALFURRIAS BELLES / JERSEYS ATHLETIC POLICY**

In addition to the Falfurrias High School student handbook, every student-athlete will adhere to the following policies.

1. **ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES:** Academics is a vital ingredient in regards to the optimal development of every team and individual in our athletic program; coaches will monitor and follow all UIL rules in regards to athletic eligibility.
2. **ATHLETIC PERIOD:** In order to participate in any UIL sport, middle school and high school student-athletes must be enrolled in an athletic class. A student is exempt from this rule only when the appropriate principal and/or counselor indicates that academic reasons do not allow the student to be enrolled in an athletic class. Every student enrolled in an athletic class will dress out daily in school issued attire.
3. **JOINING A SPORT:** Any student-athlete wanting to join a sport must do so within the first 6 school days of the start date indicated by the appropriate Head Coach. Transfers, migrant students, and students coming out of DAEP are exempt from this rule. All transfers, migrant students and students coming out of DAEP must be in good standing at their appropriate campus.
4. **LETTERMEN JACKET/LETTER/PIN/PLAQUE AWARDS:** In addition to the general academic and attendance requirements for all BCISD organizations, the student-athlete must:
  1. Participate in 50% of competitive competitions at the varsity level for the scheduled season.
  2. The student-athlete must complete the whole scheduled season in good standing; quitting and/or dismissal from the team disqualifies the athlete from earning his/her jacket/letter/pin/plaque.
  3. An athlete that is injured during the season may receive a jacket/letter/pin/plaque if he/she remains a part of the team and completes the season in good standing.
  4. Athletic trainers and athletic managers may earn and receive a lettermen jacket upon completion of two years in the sports training and/or sports athletic program.
  5. Sub-varsity sport participants must complete their respective season in good standing to earn and receive a plaque. (statements 2, 3 above apply)
5. **TEAM PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS:** All athletes will be expected to attend every scheduled practice at the set time determined by the head coach. Three unexcused absences will result in the athlete having a meeting with the head coach and athletic director; the meeting will be to determine if the athlete will be allowed to remain on the team.
6. **QUITTING/TEAM DISMISSAL:** The student-athlete has a 1 school week "try-out" period in each sport at the beginning of each sport before quitting consequences are enforced. If an athlete quits or is dismissed from a sport, he/she is not allowed to start his/her next sport until the sport that they quit/dismissed from has completed the non-district and district schedule. If the athlete is competing in more than one sport concurrently and quits or is dismissed from one of the sports, the head coaches of each respective sport will meet with the A D to discuss and determine consequences for the student-athlete. A quit form will be filled out and signed by the athlete, a parent or guardian of the athlete, the Head Coach and the Athletic Director. The quit form will be kept on file for the duration of the student-athlete's tenure as a Brooks County ISD student.

7. **EQUIPMENT:** Athletes are responsible for all equipment that is issued in his/her name. Misused and/or lost equipment will result in a monetary fine. All equipment from a sport must be turned in and/or all fines must be paid before the athlete is issued equipment for his/her next sport. Senior must be cleared of all equipment issued before graduation.
8. **DRESS and GROOMING:** In regards to grooming, all athletes will adhere to the Brooks County ISD student handbook. Athletes will adhere to the district dress code policy in school and at school related functions. Head Coaches may designate team game day and/or travel attire. Game day and/or travel attire must be approved by the appropriate school administration.
9. **TEAM TRAVEL:** Team members will travel with the team to and from out of town contests. If an athlete is to travel to or from a contest with their parent/legal guardian or a school official, written notification must be given to the appropriate administrator and/or coach. When an athlete is released to their parent/legal guardian, the coach must physically see and speak to the parent/legal guardian.
10. **PHYSICALS:** UIL requires that all incoming 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders must have a physical on file. Every student/athlete must have an updated physical on file before he/she is to be issued out any workout attire/school equipment. The trainer may require any athlete coming off a major injury/surgery/illness to have an updated physical.
11. **INJURIES:** Athletes must report any injury to a coach and to our trainer before they go to a doctor. Athletes must take the appropriate insurance form with them to the doctor visit. Injured athletes will report to all practices and attend all games/contests unless specified by a coach, the athletic trainer, and/or doctor not to. All medical decisions made by the trainer are final.
12. **IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION:** Any athlete that is in ISS on the same date as a game/contest will not be allowed to play or participate in any manner on that date. An athlete may not compete or participate on Saturday if their ISS placement starts during the school week and continues the following Monday. If an athlete is placed in ISS a fourth time in one semester, he/she will be suspended from all athletic contests/games for the remainder of the semester.
13. **DAEP PLACEMENT:** Any athlete placed in DAEP will not be allowed to participate or practice in any athletic sport until he/she is released from DAEP. Upon release from DAEP, the student athlete will have seven calendar days to acclimate/practice/condition before they are allowed to compete.
14. **STEALING:** Any athlete caught stealing will be suspended from all athletic games/contests for 6 weeks. Furthermore, any athlete caught stealing during an out of town trip will not travel with the team for the rest of that sports season. A second offense will result in suspension from all athletics for 1 school year from the date of the offense.
15. **ALCOHOL USE POLICY:** The consumption of and/or the possession of alcohol will result in suspension of the athlete. 1<sup>st</sup> offense = 14 calendar days. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = 42 calendar days. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = dismissal from whole athletic program for remainder of school/academic year. Athletes will practice during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense suspension period. Suspended athletes will be required to attend appropriate counseling in regards to alcohol use. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense occurs during the months of June, or July, the athlete will be suspended for the following fall semester. Notification in writing must be given by law enforcement official, school administrator, or school teacher/coach as proof of violation.

16. DRUG USE POLICY: The consumption of and/or the possession of any illegal drug and/or a positive drug test will result in suspension of the athlete. 1<sup>st</sup> offense = 30 calendar days. **Student-athletes must show a negative drug test before they are reinstated back into the athletic program.** 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = 90 calendar days. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = dismissal from whole athletic program for 1 calendar year. Athletes will practice during the 1<sup>st</sup> offense suspension period. Suspended athletes will be required to attend appropriate counseling in regards to drug use. Notification in writing must be given by law enforcement official, school administrator, or school teacher/coach as proof of violation.
17. PARENT and ATHLETE MEETINGS: Issues and concerns that a parent and/or athlete may have will be discussed during the coach's conference period. In regards to issues and concerns, coaches will not confer with anybody before, during, or after a game or contest. Conferences may be held with the parents/legal guardian, the athlete, the athletic director and the appropriate coach or coaches.
18. HAZING: A zero tolerance policy will be carried out in regards to any hazing incidents in or outside of school involving student-athletes that are in or out of season. Athletes will be suspended from the athletic program until a hearing determines reinstatement or total dismissal. The hearing will be conducted by the relevant/appropriate administrative team.
19. SCHOOL/CLASS ATTENDANCE: Student-athletes must be in school/class the day of and the day after any competition/game. Unexcused absences will result in the athlete being suspended from play/participation of their next scheduled contest/game. Excused absences include: school related function, doctor/dental visit, death in the family, and religious observation.

The head coach of a sport may also have a set of team rules; the team rules may include disciplinary action and or consequences in regards to and in addition to this athletic policy.

It is a privilege to be part of the Belles and Jerseys athletic program.

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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