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Athletic Handbook

with

Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct

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Acknowledgement of Receipt and Adherence to the Athletic & Activity Handbook and Code of Conduct

Dear Student, Parent, and Guardian,

Welcome to Mount Si High School Athletics!

Participation in interscholastic athletics is one of the most rewarding experiences available to our students. The opportunity to represent Mount Si High School is a gift - one that extends far beyond wins, losses, and championships. Through athletics, students develop resilience, accountability, leadership, teamwork, discipline, and perseverance while learning lessons that will serve them throughout their lives. These experiences help prepare our student-athletes not only for future success but also to become responsible, respectful, and engaged citizens in their schools, workplaces, and communities.

Mount Si High School offers a wide variety of individual and team athletic opportunities designed to challenge students to pursue excellence both on and off the field of play. A well-organized, educational-based athletic program is an important part of the overall high school experience, contributing to school pride, positive relationships, and a strong sense of community. The Snoqualmie Valley School District and our community take great pride in the accomplishments, character, and sportsmanship demonstrated by our student-athletes, coaches, activities, clubs, and students.

This handbook outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and standards for participation in Mount Si High School Athletics and Activities. The policies have been developed in accordance with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), the Snoqualmie Valley School District, and the Mount Si High School Athletic Department. These expectations are designed to promote student safety, personal growth, integrity, sportsmanship, and the successful operation of an educational athletic program.

We encourage students and their parents/guardians to carefully review this handbook together and discuss the expectations and responsibilities of participation. Please sign and return the acknowledgment page to your coach to indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies and expectations outlined in the Mount Si High School Athletic Handbook and Athletic & Activity Code.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of Mount Si High School Athletics. We look forward to supporting you as you pursue excellence, represent your school with pride, and create memories and relationships that will last a lifetime.

Go Wildcats!

Jordan Sauvage

Mount Si High School Athletics & Activities Director

SECTION I: PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Athletic Registration

FinalForms Registration

Students are required to meet eligibility standards in the areas of academics, attendance, behavior, medical, residency, and WIAA standards. Prior to the start of the sport season, athletes must register online through **Final Forms** to determine eligibility for each sport played. Athletes also provide a brief medical history and medical approvals to be treated in the case of emergency.

The athletic department reviews each registration for eligibility and informs coaches of cleared athletes before the first practice/tryout. **Only cleared athletes may participate.** Contact and medical information are kept confidential and only shared with appropriate personnel in accordance with FERPA laws.

Physical Exam Requirements

Prior to the first practice for participation in interscholastic athletics, a student shall undergo a thorough medical examination and be approved for middle school and/or high school interscholastic competition by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination. The physical examination shall be valid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months and MUST be valid the entire sports season.

Participation Fees

A participation fee per sport of $250* is required along with purchasing an annual ASB card. Fees are due after you make the team but before the first contest.

In addition, all past due fines must be paid before competing in the first contest. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify for free and reduced lunch status.

*Fee may adjust on Board approval, communication will be sent out if it changes.

Family Fee Cap

The 3rd sport is free for a student playing multiple sports within a school year. The fourth sport and beyond is free for a family with multiple siblings participating in athletics within a school year.

2. Eligibility Requirements - Eligibility Checklist

WIAA Eligibility Overview

Season Limitation

After entering or being eligible to enter the seventh grade, a student shall have six (6) consecutive years of interscholastic eligibility. After entering or being eligible to enter the ninth grade, a student shall have four (4) consecutive years of interscholastic eligibility.

Age Limits

Students shall be under 20 years of age on or before the Saturday of the second week of each sport season.

Residency Requirements

In order to be eligible to participate and/or represent a Member School in an interscholastic contest, the student at that school must be residing within the boundaries of that school district and designated attendance area of the school. WIAA Rule 18.11.1

Full-Time Enrollment

Students must be enrolled full-time: Freshman and Sophomore must be enrolled in 7 of 7 classes: Juniors and Seniors can be enrolled in 6 of 7. Under WIAA Article 18.8.1 seniors who are on track to graduate may initially enroll in one less class than the minimum number of classes required for other students.

Concurrent Participation

A student shall not compete concurrently in more than one (1) interscholastic sport per season. The exception shall be for the students participating in schools that compete in an alternate season. This does not prohibit a student from being a Cheerleader or a member of the Dance/Drill team while concurrently participating in another sport.

Transfer Rules

After registering with and/or attending a middle level or high school, students changing enrollment to/from one school district to another school district **or from one high school to another high school within a multiple high school district** shall be considered transferring students. In order to be eligible for varsity competition, transferring students must meet the normal residency requirements or transferring student requirements. (WIAA Section 18)

As a transfer student, there may be restrictions on athletic eligibility. The student shall be restricted to junior varsity competition in those sports in which they participated the previous year at the school, community or club levels. After one year, they may regain varsity eligibility as Mount Si High School is then established as the “home” school.

In order to be eligible for varsity competition, transferring students must meet the residency requirements or transferring student requirements and/or appeal through the Athletic Director to the WIAA for “hardship”.

WIAA Student Eligibility Center

False Information

The participation of student-athletes who are ineligible according to either WIAA or Snoqualmie Valley School District rules may result in the forfeiture of contests in which the participant took part, except in situations in which it has been determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the student eligible *(e.g.,* false address). In such a case, the participant will be declared ineligible for varsity level interscholastic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the decision and official notification.

Hardship Appeals

The WIAA District Eligibility Committee, the Executive Director, and the WIAA Executive Board are given the authority to make specific exceptions to those student eligibility regulations contained in Article 18 of the WIAA Handbook, provided such exceptions are based upon hardship conditions which are deemed to have contributed in a significant way to non-compliance with specific regulation(s) which may be appealed.

Any waiver of student eligibility regulations shall be based upon extenuating circumstances, beyond the control of the students, or where applicable, their parents' or legal guardian's control, which are deemed to have significantly influenced or contributed to the cause of the student's non-compliance with the eligibility regulation(s) involved. Students who receive eligibility waivers from WIAA will also be eligible under Snoqualmie Valley School District Policy.

Contact the Athletic Director if you feel there is a hardship case.

Running Start, Home School, Alternative, Private Education Enrollment Categories

- see Appendix C *for more information*

WIAA Required Running Start, Home School and Alternation Education CONTRACTS

These required contracts are due prior to the first competition. All terms/semesters must be completed on the contract to verify that the student-athlete is and will remain a full-time student and remain eligible to compete. Student-athletes that violate the contract (drop classes, not attend classes) and fail to consult with their counselor can immediately become ineligible and any prior games could be forfeited.

Running Start, Home School, and Alternative Education Athlete Grade Expectations

These student-athletes are subject to the same academic eligibility standards and grade check intervals described above. These students are required to submit grades every 3 weeks. Ineligible students will be placed on academic probation per the guidelines listed in Section II.

SECTION II: ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

3. Academic Eligibility

Initial Fall Grade Check

At the start of the Fall season, the first-grade check will be conducted using recorded grades, from an official transcript or report card from the previous semester.

- Students with more than 1 failing grade will be placed on **academic probation** at the start of the Fall season through the fourth Saturday in September. [Note: unless otherwise stipulated, "N" and "U" grades will be considered failing and computed as such.] During the probation period an athlete may practice and compete in contests.
- Students on this **academic probation** can't have more than 1 failing grade by the end of the probation period or they will be suspended from play in contests for 3 weeks**. During suspension an athlete can practice but NOT compete!** WIAA 18.8.6.1

Three-Week Grade Checks

Student athletes are subject to grade checks every 3 weeks.

Academic Probation

Any student athlete with more than 1 failing grade will be placed on academic probation

Once on probation, grade checks will be conducted every Monday morning, if the student athlete improves their grades they will be removed from probation. On probation a student athlete can practice and compete. **When on probation the student must fill out an *Academic Eligibility Form. The form must be turned into the head coach by the end of the week. If still on probation the form needs to be completed every 3 weeks.**

Academic Suspension

After 3 weeks of probation and the grades haven't been improved, the student athlete will be placed on suspension. On suspension, students can practice but can NOT compete regardless if the grade changes until the next grade check. Grades will be checked every Monday morning, if the student athlete improves their grade (has only 1 failing grade) they will be removed from suspension. They will remain on suspension (ineligible) until there is not more than 1 failing grade. There are no middle of the week grade checks.

Winter Semester Eligibility

1st semester grades will be checked a week after the semester ends. Students with more than 1 failing grade in the previous semester are ineligible for competition for the first 5 weeks of semester 2 (WIAA 18.6).

Cheer, Dance, Music Grade Monitoring

These activities are held to the same academic standards. Since they practice and perform year long, grade checks will occur in alignment with all other grade checks.

Online Coursework Expectations

Students in online classes are subject to the same grading intervals as students in regular classes and must also be on pace to complete the coursework throughout the term. Students behind the pacing guidelines of an online course will be monitored in that class and placed on academic probation per the guidelines listed above.

Schedule Changes

If a student is academically misplaced in a course and unable to meet the demands of the coursework, a teacher may recommend that a student change courses. If a student is granted a schedule change due to a lack of aptitude, the student may request a schedule change without penalty.

4. Academic Integrity

Students are expected to adhere to the academic integrity policy as outlined in the student handbook.

Violations of the academic integrity policy include plagiarism; distribution/sharing of class assignments or test information; unauthorized collaboration; collusion; cheating; AI, and technology malpractice (see student handbook for definitions).

Final determination of whether a violation occurred will be made by the Athletic Director in conjunction with the building administration and teacher, considering the student's intent and the individual circumstances of the situation.

See Conduct & Discipline for Violation Matrix

SECTION III: ATHLETE HEALTH & SAFETY

5. Medical Requirements

Physical Exams

Prior to the first practice for participation in interscholastic athletics, a student shall undergo a thorough medical examination and be approved for middle school and/or high school interscholastic competition by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination. The physical examination shall be valid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months and MUST be valid the entire sports season.

Completed Physicals must be uploaded to Final Forms.

Medical Clearance

Parents must complete and sign all forms in Final Forms regarding Health History, Medical Profile, Emergency Medical Authorization, Sports and Activities Assumption of Risk, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness, Concussion Information Sheet.

6. Athletic Training Services

Injury Reporting

If a student sustains an injury or illness or is currently in treatment for an injury/illness, deemed serious enough by school personnel to require medical care from a licensed healthcare provider, **a student may not return to conditioning, practice sessions, or competition without a signed clearance from a licensed healthcare provider**. *See the Athletic Trainer for a physician referral form before seeing a physician.*
Please note all concussion/head injuries require medical care from a licensed healthcare provider – see below. Students will not be allowed to begin participating until they have completed the return to play protocol and are cleared by the athletic trainer.

Treatment Procedures

1. All injured athletes must check in with the athletic trainer. If an athlete is unable to practice one day, they must check in the following day. They cannot return to practice until cleared by the athletic trainer.
2. All injured athletes must report to the athletic training room immediately after school or an hour before their practice begins if it is a late practice.
3. All athletes receiving taping or treatment must sign in when entering the athletic training room.
4. All athletes will be treated on a first come, first served basis. However, priority will be given to those athletes who are able to practice that day and for sports that are in-season.
5. Injured athletes must continue to attend practice unless an alternative plan has been set up by the head coach and trainer.
6. Missing a treatment or rehabilitation session is considered the same as missing a practice. Those athletes missing treatments/rehabilitation will be referred to the coaching staff for appropriate discipline.

7. All athletes that see a physician must have a signed clearance before returning to play. Please see the athletic trainer for a physician referral form before seeing a physician.
8. All athletes who receive treatment will be recorded in the treatment log book with the date, time checked in and time checked out so coaches may check the log to see if their athlete was doing the appropriate rehabilitation at the appropriate time

Return-to-Play Procedures

7. Concussion Management

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally functions. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. You can't see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms

- Headaches
- "Pressure in head"
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems (forgetting games/plays)
- Change in sleep patterns
- Amnesia
- "Don't feel right"
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- Drowsiness
- More emotional

Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Vacant facial expression
- Forgets plays
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Slurred speech
- Can't recall events **prior** to hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Loses consciousness
- Confused about assignment
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Answers questions slowly
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events **after** hit
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Appears dazed

Removal from Play

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of a concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often fail to report symptoms of injuries. Concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key to student-athlete's safety.

Return-to-Play Protocol

Parent Responsibilities

Parents **must** report if their student has suffered a concussion or serious injury outside of school. Any athlete even suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury shall be removed from play immediately. An athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play (practice, conditioning, competitions, etc.) until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider **trained** in the evaluation and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.

8. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness

What is sudden cardiac arrest?
Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the sudden onset of an abnormal and lethal heart rhythm, causing the heart to stop beating and the individual to collapse. SCA is the leading cause of death in the U.S. afflicting over 300,000 individuals per year and is the **leading cause of sudden death in young athletes during sports.**
What causes sudden cardiac arrest?
SCA in young athletes is usually caused by a structural or electrical disorder of the heart. Many of these conditions are inherited (genetic) and can develop as an adolescent or young adult. SCA is more likely during exercise or physical activity, placing student-athletes with undiagnosed heart conditions at greater risk. SCA also can occur from a direct blow to the chest by a firm projective (baseball softball, lacrosse ball, or hockey puck) or by chest contact from another player (called "*commotio cordis*").

While a heart condition may have no warning signs, some young athletes may have symptoms but neglect to tell an adult. If any of the following symptoms are present, a cardiac evaluation by a physician is recommended:

- Passing out during exercise
- Chest pain with exercise
- Excessive shortness of breath with exercise
- Palpitations (heart racing for no reason)
- Unexplained seizures
- A family member with early onset heart disease or sudden death from a heart condition before age of 40.

How to present and treat sudden cardiac arrest?
Some heart conditions at risk for SCA can be detected by a thorough heart screening evaluation. However, all schools and teams should be prepared to respond to a cardiac emergency. Young athletes who suffer SCA are collapsed and unresponsive and may appear to have a brief seizure - i.e. activity or abnormal breathing (gasping). SCA can be effectively treated by immediate recognition, prompt CPR, and quick access to an automated external defibrillator (AED). AEDs are safe, portable devices that read and analyze the heart rhythm and provide an electric shock (if necessary) to restore a normal heart rhythm.

Remember, to save a life: recognize SCA, call 911, begin CPR, use an AED as soon as possible!

Cardiac 3-Minute Drill

1. **RECOGNIZE Sudden Cardiac Arrest:** collapsed and unresponsive, abnormal breathing, seizure-like
2. **CALL 911:** Call for help and for an AED
3. **CPR:** Begin chest compressions, Push hard/push fast (100 per minute)
4. **AED:** Use an AED as soon as possible
5. **CONTINUE CARE:** Continue CPR and AED until EMS arrives

9. Heat Index and Air Quality Guidelines

HEAT INDEX POLICY

When the Heat Index meets or exceeds 70°F it is recommended that all schools provide at any practice or event, a method for rapidly cooling athletes experiencing heat illness. Approved methods include ice water immersion or tarp assisted cooling with oscillation (TACO). Schools shall monitor the heat index for their geographic area prior to practices. Outlined below are the steps that each member school shall take in order to implement this policy.

NOTE: This policy applies to all WIAA sanctioned sports and activities in all seasons. Indoor activities where air conditioning is available are not bound by this policy.

Current DOH Air Quality Guidelines

More information on Concussions, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Air Quality, Heat Index can be found at: https://www.wiaa.com/health-wellness/

SECTION IV: ATHLETIC PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

10. Attendance Expectations

School Attendance

The student shall be enrolled and in regular attendance within the first fifteen (15) school days of a semester in order to participate in interscholastic contests during that semester. An enrolled student who receives semester grades will be considered to have been in attendance for that semester unless they are withdrawn from school. WIAA 18.10.0

The student-athlete is expected to be in daily attendance in ALL of their scheduled classes, on time and prepared to participate in the learning activities in a positive manner. ***If a student-athlete is not in attendance in all their classes, they cannot participate in practice or an event that afternoon or evening.*** The only exceptions to this rule are: school related and approved absences (field trips), medical, dental, family emergencies, or legal appointments when appropriate; and written verification of the appointment from the provider has been submitted to the attendance office upon their return.

Any other emergencies or absences must be approved by the Athletic Director or School Administration on a case-by-case basis. SVSD Policy 2151P

Practice and Contest Attendance

It is also the expectation that student-athletes will attend all practices and contests as defined/established by the coach. Regular attendance reinforces accountability within the program and helps ensure that skills are developed and progressed safely. If attendance becomes an issue and impacts the team in any manner, a coach may impose discipline up to and including dismissal from the team.

11. Team Selection & Tryouts

Selection Philosophy

Mount Si High School strives to provide athletic participation opportunities for as many students as possible. Coaches are encouraged to retain the maximum number of participants while maintaining the safety, integrity, and competitive standards of their sport. In some programs, roster sizes may be limited due to factors such as facility capacity, equipment availability, safety considerations, staffing, or competitive requirements.

Tryouts are open to all students who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this handbook. Participation in athletics is a privilege, and students voluntarily accept the possibility that they may not be selected for teams with limited roster spots.

Roster Limitations

Team selection decisions are based on factors that may include athletic skill, effort, attitude, sportsmanship, teamwork, coachability, commitment, and the specific needs of the program. During the tryout period, coaches will communicate team expectations and selection criteria.

Selection to a team is not guaranteed based on grade level, previous participation, or prior team membership. Students who are not selected for a team are encouraged to explore other athletic opportunities available at Mount Si High School.

Feedback Process

Coaches will communicate team selection decisions in a respectful and appropriate manner. Upon request, students may meet with the coach to receive feedback regarding the selection process and areas for future improvement.

12. Practice Regulations

School sponsorship or promotion of practice and/or participation in a given sport contest must be restricted to the WIAA designated season for that sport. Several practice regulations that apply to all sports during the school year are as follows:

- Practice shall be limited to each sports season as defined under each sport. Practices in one sport cannot be transferred toward the number of practices required in another sport.
- A coach of a school team (contracted or volunteer) may conduct practice only during the WIAA sport season or during the summer.
- For the purpose of meeting the pre-contest practice requirements, practice is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season and must be

conducted under the supervision of the school coach. Participation in physical education classes does not constitute a practice. A practice is further defined as any attempt by the coach of a school team (contracted or volunteer) to teach any phase of a game or activity to their squad or have their squad or part of their squad engage in drills under the supervision of that coach, or from directions provided by that coach.

- One day is equal to one practice for purposes of meeting the minimum practice requirements.
- Schools may conduct practices or contests during any 6 days of the week, with Sunday as the first day of the week.
- Practice on a game day shall not count as a required practice.

13. Travel Expectations and Overnight Code of Conduct

District Transportation

All students MUST travel to athletic events/contests in transportation provided by the district when it is supplied. Student participants will remain with their team/squad/club and under the supervision of their coach when attending any event/contest.

Parent Transport Requests

When extenuating circumstances arise, a student may travel with their own parent instead of using District-supplied transportation ONLY if the parent has prior Administrator approval, transports their student participant in their own vehicle.

Student Driving Restrictions

Under NO circumstance may student athletes drive other students to events/contests. This will result in ineligibility.

In some situations, the district does not provide transportation to and from events/contests that take place within the Snoqualmie Valley School District. (ex, practice at golf courses or pools). If the District is not providing transportation to and from the event/contest, transportation is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. However, students only may drive themselves within the Snoqualmie Valley School District boundaries ONLY with prior advisor/coach approval.

Misconduct of any sort while traveling to and from and while at an away event/contest will be dealt with according to the *"**Athletics and Activities Code of Conduct**"* and Snoqualmie Valley School District policies and procedures.

Overnight

Overnight Code of Conduct - This must be reviewed, signed and submitted to the Coach/Advisor prior to departure for an overnight trip.

14. Equipment & Uniforms

Equipment Responsibility and Uniform Care

School equipment checked out by the student-athlete is the student's responsibility. The student-athlete is expected to keep and return it clean and in good condition. Coaches are not permitted to issue uniforms and equipment to student-athletes outside of the school year sports season.
An exception is made for football helmets and pads only. Helmets and pads must be checked out to the student-athlete by the coach and returned to the coach at the end of the camp. It is expected that it will be reissued to the same student for the upcoming season.

Student-athletes will be responsible for lost school equipment assigned to them and a fine assessed.

Dress Code

All athletes will dress in school-issued uniforms for all contests. Dress for practices will be consistent with contests and NFHS Rules for Uniforms; students must wear the same style of clothing they would wear in a contest (i.e. tank top, jersey, t-shirt, etc.).

15. Postseason Participation

Postseason attendance, lodging and travel will be arranged in partnership with the Athletic Director and Head Coach. Each team may have different needs for the postseason and should develop arrangements once the postseason is obtained. The Athletic Director and Head Coach will create a written plan that is communicated to all stakeholders (administrators, families, athletes, and school office staff).

ASB will cover post season lodging and transportation for students and coaches. Students are responsible to cover any meal costs.

16. Varsity Letter Awards

Lettering Criteria

A Varsity Letter is awarded to student-athletes who demonstrate commitment, dedication, and meaningful contribution to their varsity program.

Student-athletes will earn a Varsity Letter by meeting one of the following criteria:

1. **Postseason Participation**
    - Be a member of the varsity team and participate in postseason competition (league, district, regional, state, or equivalent postseason events).
2. **Season Completion**
    - Successfully complete the season in good standing and meet the sport-specific lettering requirements established by the head coach and approved by the Athletic Department.

Coach's Discretion

- The head coach may recommend a Varsity Letter for a student-athlete who has made significant contributions to the program, demonstrated exceptional commitment, leadership, or performance, or whose circumstances prevented postseason participation despite having otherwise earned varsity recognition.
- Examples may include injury after substantial season participation, outstanding leadership, significant competitive contribution during the regular season, or other extraordinary circumstances.

All Varsity Letter awards are subject to the approval of the head coach and Athletic Director. The decision to award a Varsity Letter should reflect the student-athlete's overall contribution to the team, commitment to program expectations, and embodiment of the values of educational athletics.

SECTION V: WIAA PARTICIPATION RULES

17. Amateur Status & NIL

WIAA Name Image and Likeness (NIL) Guidance for High School Athletes

High school athletes may have the opportunity to earn money by promoting a company, product or event. This is called Name, Image and Likeness (NIL). NIL opportunities are allowed, but there are important rules from the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) that students must follow.
If NIL rules are broken, students could lose their ability to compete in high school or college sports.

The district does not review, negotiate, approve, or manage NIL agreements.

Understanding NIL:

- **Name:** Your legal name, nickname, or pseudonym**.**
- **Image:** Still photos, video footage, avatars, and physical likeness.
- **Likeness:** A person's recognizable voice, signature, or distinctive physical attributes that identify them

Types of NIL opportunities:

NIL rules apply when a student athlete uses their personal brand, including their name, photos, signature, voice, and public persona to earn money. Examples of include (but are not limited to):

- Social media posts
- Sponsorships and promotions
- Teaching lessons or running camps/clinics
- Personal branding, merchandise or licensing

Questions:

Students and families can reach out to their school's Athletic Director with questions.

Student and Family Guidance

What students CAN do

- Create your own NIL deals
- Build a brand separate from your school
- Promote products, services, or businesses
- Receive compensation for appearances or content creation
- Be paid for your name, image, or likeness
- Work directly with businesses or individuals

What students CANNOT do

- Do not use any school logos, uniforms, mascots, or facilities
- Do not use school names, logos, mascots, uniforms, trademarks, team accounts, or other school branding in promotional NIL content, nor imply endorsement by Mount Si High School or Snoqualmie Valley School District
- Do not wear school gear or film on school property
- Do not accept pay based on athletic performance or wins

Tips for staying eligible

- Keep NIL activities completely separate from school athletics
- Review all social media content carefully
- Never film content at practice, games, or SVSD facilities
- Keep written documentation of all agreements
- Ask your school's Athletic Director if you're unsure

How families can support their student athlete

- Make sure you understand NIL rules, participation does NOT affect eligibility if rules are followed
- Ensure your student keeps NIL opportunities separate from school athletics
- Review NIL opportunities and contracts with your student
- Help them maintain a positive online presence
- Keep documentation of all agreements
- Reach out to your school's athletic director if you have questions

Consequences of violating NIL rules

To play sports for your high school, students must compete as amateurs, which means they cannot make money from their connection to their school team. A student can lose their eligibility to play high school sports if they, a family member, or someone acting for them makes an agreement with a business, company, organization, or other group to use the student's name, image, or likeness (NIL) in a way that is connected to their high school or school sports participation.

READ FULL MEMO FROM WIAA

Sponsor Guidance

What sponsors CAN do

- Work directly with the student-athlete or their family
- Create NIL deals that promote the student as an individual
- Pay for social media promotion, appearances, or personal brand content
- Use the student's name, image, or likeness ONLY in non-school contexts

What sponsors CANNOT do

- Do not use Mount Si High School branding (logos, school names, mascots, colors)
- Do not mention the student's school, team, or program in advertisements
- Do not ask the student to wear school gear or appear at school facilities
- Do not tie compensation to athletic performance, statistics, or wins
- Students may not represent themselves as acting on behalf of Mount Si High School or Snoqualmie Valley School District.
- Businesses may not imply endorsement by Mount Si High School or Snoqualmie Valley School District.
- School facilities may not be used for NIL activities without prior district approval.

Amateur Status

A student-athlete who represents a school in an interscholastic sport must be an amateur in that sport. An amateur student-athlete is one who engages in athletics for the physical, mental, social, and educational benefits derived there from, and to whom athletics is an avocation, and not a source of financial reward. WIAA 18.24.0

Name Image and Likeness (NIL): A student is in violation of this rule and shall immediately lose eligibility if that student, their family member, or anyone else on behalf of that student, enters into an agreement with an individual, corporate entity, partnership, association, or any other party or organization, for use of that student's NIL which in any way relates to the student's connection to their high school. WIAA 18.24.1

In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student-athlete may not:

1) Accept merchandise or in-kind gifts (not limited to tangible items) of more than **$500** in fair market value per sport during any one calendar year August 1 through July 31.

2) Reduced membership fees or reduced user fees from an athletic club, recreation center, golf course, etc., do not count toward this **$500** limit.
3) Defined games of chance are exempt from this rule.
4) Accept payment of expense allowances over the actual and necessary expenses for the athletic trip. Entry fees and payment for lost wages are not considered reimbursable expenses.
5) Awards that are permitted – Awards to athletic teams or to individual members of such teams under the jurisdiction of the Association may be made by a member school in the form of letters insignias, certificates, medals, and/or trophies as are customarily emblematic of athletic competition and whose intrinsic values are insignificant.
6) Accept cash awards in that sport. A gift card that cannot be exchanged for cash or a voucher with no cash value is allowed.
7) Enter competition under a false name.
8) Play on an intercollegiate team.
9) Sign or have ever signed a contract to play professional athletics in that sport.
10) By sport receive or have ever received from a professional sports organization, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance including scholarships, educational grants- in -aid, or any of their expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team.

18. Non-School Participation

During any sport season after joining a school squad, a student- athlete may not participate on college and/or professional teams in that sport.

Student-athletes are not to be given special arrangements on a regular basis (more than once a week) to enable them to participate in non-school athletic activities, such as reduced practice times, special workouts, late arrivals, or early dismissals. Any decision, on a one-time or recurring basis, is at the sole discretion of the coach. WIAA Rule 17.25.0

Students shall not compete in the official uniform of the school at non-school events.

19. Out-of-Season Regulations

WIAA Rules

School sponsorship, practice and/or participation in a given sport must be restricted to the WIAA designated season for that sport. Out-of-season for all high school sports shall be from August 1st until the first day of the specific sport season and from the final day of the state tournament for that sport until the conclusion of the final spring sport state tournament. Participants in a school-sponsored sport may not attend camps or clinics in that sport after July 31st if the participant's coach is a clinician/organizer of the camp or clinic. *(See WIAA Section 17.5)*

Open Gym Procedures

Schools may conduct open athletic facilities (gym, pools, field, and track) in the off-season if the following conditions are met (WIAA Section 17):

- The program is part of the School District organized recreational or activity program.
- Activities are open and advertised to all members of the student body.
- Only members of the student body may participate (no neighboring schools or feeder school students).
- Students have a choice of activities.
- No coaching or drilling of the athletes attending in specific sport skills occurs.
- Supervision can be by any individual approved by the School District.

- Participation in open gym cannot be a requirement or condition of participation on a school team.

20. NCAA Eligibility

NCAA Eligibility Center & Scholarship Considerations

Students who plan to participate in athletics at the NCAA Division I or Division II level should be aware that eligibility requirements are established and enforced by the NCAA. These requirements apply to participation in practice, competition, and the receipt of athletic scholarships.

To be eligible during their first year of collegiate enrollment, students must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Certification is based on academic coursework, grade point average, and, where applicable, standardized test scores, in accordance with current NCAA guidelines.

Students are strongly encouraged to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center early in their high school career and to work closely with their high school counselor to ensure that all academic requirements are met and properly documented. Timely planning is essential to maintaining eligibility and ensuring a smooth transition to collegiate athletics.

For the most up-to-date information, students and families should visit the NCAA Eligibility Center website:

www.eligibilitycenter.org

SECTION VI: CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

21. Athletic & Activities Code of Conduct

The opportunity to participate in athletics and activities representing your school is a privilege. Due to the public nature of high school programs, students who choose to participate are expected to always conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect positively on the high standards and ideals of the school, community and Snoqualmie Valley School District.

Students who commit unlawful acts or engage in delinquent behavior are subject to disciplinary action up to and including **extracurricular disqualification**. All Snoqualmie Valley School District students are expected to adhere to all Snoqualmie Valley School District policies as explained in each school's *Student Handbook, Athletic Handbook and Athletic and Activities Code*. In addition to these general rules, coaches/advisors may establish other team/squad/club expectations specific to their programs.

The following rules apply to **all** students participating in interscholastic activities. **These rules will apply to all student-athletes, cheer, dance, and club members, at all times throughout the school year, including in season, out of season, and between seasons.** The school year is defined as beginning with fall tryouts through the last day of school and will include any school- sponsored summer activities or any private activity/camp that disrupts or impacts the school team/squad/club or the school educational process.

1. Students are expected to demonstrate conduct on and off the campus consistent with District policies, building rules, and team/squad/club expectations in addition to adhering to school and community laws and show respect for others and their property.

2. Any student on suspension/expulsion from school will not be permitted to participate in or attend any extracurricular activities.
3. Students who voluntarily choose to be members of teams/squads/clubs are expected to:
    - Be courteous to visiting participants, supervisors, fans, and officials.
    - Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without demonstrative protest.
    - Participate to the best of their ability.
    - Be modest when successful and gracious in defeat.
    - Demonstrate loyalty to the school by maintaining a satisfactory scholastic standing and by participating in or supporting other school activities.
4. All students who participate in extracurricular programs of the Snoqualmie Valley School District will comply with all rules and regulations as outlined in the school's student handbook, and Snoqualmie Valley School District Policies. All students will submit to the reasonable discipline of the school authority or school designee.
5. Students engaging in, attempting, or conspiring to engage in inappropriate conduct as listed below are subject to corrective action or sanctions. Such actions or sanctions include extracurricular and/or school discipline, activities/athletic probation, activities/athletic and/or school suspension, activities/athletic disqualification and/or school expulsion. Examples, but not limited to, include the following:
    - Disruptive conduct
    - Disobedience of reasonable instructions from school authorities
    - Refusal to identify oneself
    - Unauthorized absence from turnout or contest
    - Cheating
    - Conviction of or admission to any criminal act as defined by law
    - Use of alcohol, tobacco, and other mood-altering substances capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to be capable of altering a student's mood, perception, behavior, or judgment, other than properly used over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student and used at school in accordance with district procedures regarding dispensing medications. Nor shall the student possess, use, sell, or transmit paraphernalia associated with the ingestion or concealment of such drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other such substances.
    - Possession, use, sharing, sale, transfer, or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substances, or possession of drug related paraphernalia is harmful, illegal, and strictly prohibited on or about the school grounds, on student transportation, and at all school-sponsored activities, on or off school campus. Students who are in a group of students, one or more of whom is in possession of drugs, alcohol, or any other controlled substance, are also violating the drug/alcohol policy.
    - Immoral conduct; vulgarity or profanity
    - Destruction or defacing property
    - Extortion
    - Harassment, intimidation or bullying - means any intentionally written message or image—including those that are electronically transmitted—verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, or mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics, when an act:

• Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.

• Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.

• Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment

• Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. Policy No. 3207

- Assault on another student or employee.
- Possession or use of any dangerous weapons, substances, or objects
- Violation of any rule listed in the school's student handbook or in the Snoqualmie Valley School District Policy.

Academic Violations

Academic Integrity Violations	**Consequence**
1st Violation	Athletic/Activity Suspension for 1 week
2nd Violation	Athletic/Activity suspension for the remainder of the season or 4 weeks, whichever is longer
3rd Violation	Athletic/Activity for 1 calendar year

Behavior Violations

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate respect, integrity, responsibility, sportsmanship, and good citizenship at all times. Coaches and the Athletic Director may use progressive discipline when appropriate; however, serious misconduct may result in immediate suspension or removal from a team based on the severity of the behavior and its impact on the safety, culture, and integrity of the athletic program.

Behaviors that may result in Probation or Suspension/Disqualification, but not limited to:

Probation	Suspension/Disqualification
● Failure to demonstrate respect toward teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, or spectators. ● Unsportsmanlike conduct during practices or contests. ● Use of inappropriate or offensive language. ● Failure to follow team rules, expectations, or coaching directions. ● Disruptive behavior that negatively impacts the team environment. ● Poor sportsmanship or negative attitude that detracts from team culture. ● Failure to properly care for or return issued athletic equipment or uniforms.	● Fighting or physical aggression. ● Bullying, harassment, hazing, intimidation, or cyberbullying. ● Threatening or intimidating behavior toward teammates, coaches, officials, staff, or spectators. ● Theft, vandalism, or intentional destruction of property. ● Possession or use of a weapon or other prohibited dangerous item. ● Gross insubordination or refusal to follow the direction of a coach or school staff member. ● Repeated or severe unsportsmanlike conduct, including behavior resulting in ejection from a contest.

● Misuse of school or athletic facilities. ● Inappropriate conduct during team travel, meals, or team activities. ● Inappropriate use of social media or electronic communication that reflects negatively on the team or athletic program. ● Failure to complete assigned team responsibilities or corrective actions. ● Repeated minor violations of team expectations. ● Conduct that is inconsistent with the values of respect, integrity, responsibility, and teamwork.	● Dishonest or deceptive conduct that undermines the integrity of the athletic program. ● Conduct that creates a significant safety risk to self or others. ● Behavior that seriously disrupts team operations or undermines team culture. ● Repeated violations of team or athletic department expectations following probation or previous disciplinary action. ● Any behavior that brings significant discredit to the team, athletic program, or school.

22. <u>Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco & Vaping</u>

All offenses regarding these violations are cumulative of the student's high school career.

Any student-athlete attending and/or remaining at an event where it is reasonably known that consumption of any of the below mentioned substances by a minor(s) occurs will also be subject to these rules. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to remove themselves **immediately and safely**, beyond all reasonable doubt and proximity, from the situation. A student who makes a willful choice to remain at such an event, uses substances on their on, and/or participates in using substances when at school is in violation of the Mount Si Athletic Code

School and WIAA rules and regulations are intended to discourage the use of alcohol, tobacco, legend drugs, controlled substances and paraphernalia.

A student-athlete shall not possess, use, sell, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used any alcoholic beverage or other drugs or substances capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to be capable of altering a student's mood, perception, behavior or judgment, other than properly used, over- the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for an individual student and used at school in accordance with Snoqualmie School District Policy and Procedure 3416. Nor shall the student possess, use, sell, or transmit paraphernalia associated with such drugs, alcohol, or chemical substances.

The following sanctions will apply to any student-athlete in violation of this rule and or Regulation. (If sale or distribution is involved, please see additional information below on sanctions):

Possession &/or Use	**1st Offense**	**2nd Offense**	**3rd Offense**
Tobacco and Vaping	Immediate ineligibility and athletic suspension for one day and the student-athlete and parent/guardian must complete a tobacco cessation course.	The student-athlete shall be placed on athletic suspension for a period of no less than one week.	A student-athlete who violates this rule for a third time during their high school career shall be placed on athletic disqualification for a period of no less than one (1) calendar year from the date of the

			violation.
Drugs, Alcohol, and Controlled Substance	Immediate ineligibility and athletic suspension for one week even if that spans two sports seasons and the student-athlete and parent/guardian will be provided educational resources.	Immediate ineligibility and placed on athletic suspension for no less than 60 days. A student who seeks an assessment for their drug/alcohol/tobacco use shall be given the opportunity to reduce the suspension to 15 weekdays. After 10 weekdays, a student may practice with the team/squad/club; after 15 weekdays, the student may compete. The student must follow through with all recommendations of the assessing agency or the 60 days suspension will be reinstated.	A student-athlete who violates this policy for a third time during their high school career shall be placed on athletic disqualification for a period of no less than one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.
Sale/Distribution	**1st Offense**	**2nd Offense**	**3rd Offense**
Distribution of Tobacco	The student-athlete shall be placed on athletic suspension for a period of no less than one week.	Immediate ineligibility and placed on athletic suspension for no less than 60 days. A student who seeks an assessment for their tobacco distribution shall be given the opportunity to reduce the suspension to 15 weekdays. After 10 weekdays, a student may practice with the team/squad/club; after 15 weekdays, the student may compete. The student must follow through with all recommendations of the assessing agency or the 60 days suspension will be reinstated.	A student-athlete who violates this policy for a third time during their high school career shall be placed on athletic disqualification for a period of no less than one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.
Sale of Tobacco	Immediate ineligibility and placed on athletic suspension for no less than 60 days. A student who seeks an assessment for their tobacco sale shall be given the opportunity to reduce the suspension to 15 weekdays. After 10 weekdays, a student may practice with the team/squad/club; after 15 weekdays, the student may compete. The student must follow through with all recommendations of the	Student's athletic/activity disqualification for a period of no less than one (1) calendar year from the date of the 2nd offense for any sale of any tobacco substance.	

	assessing agency or the 60 days suspension will be reinstated		
Sale/Distribution of Alcohol, Drugs or Controlled Substances	Enhanced penalty: Student's athletic/activity disqualification for a period of no less than one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation for any sale/distribution of any tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or controlled substance.		
Legend Drugs Controlled Substances WIAA 18.26.2 Penalties for the possession, use or sale of legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescription, RCW 69.41.020-050) and controlled substances (RCW 69.50) shall be as follows:	A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate unless the student accesses the assistance program outlined in Rule 18.26.2.2. An athlete who is found to be in violation of the legend drugs and controlled substances rule shall have two options: 1) The athlete will be ineligible for participation in contests for the remainder of that interscholastic sports season and must meet the school's requirements in order to be eligible to compete in the next interscholastic sports season. The school principal will have the final authority regarding the student's participation in further interscholastic sports programs. 2) The athlete may choose to seek and receive help for a problem with use of legend drugs or controlled substances. Successful utilization of school and or community assistance programs may allow them to have eligibility reinstated in that athletic season, pending recommendation by the school.	A participant who again violates any provision of RCW 69.41.020-50 or of RCW 69.50 shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation.*	A participant who violates for a third time RCW 69.41.020-50 or of RCW 69.50 shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.*

**18.26.2.3 A student who violates for the second or third time RCW 69.41.020 through 69.41.050 may appeal to the WIAA Executive Director for reinstatement.*

A student-athlete who is **out-of-season** when the infraction occurs will be allowed the same reinstatement opportunity as the student who is in-season at the time of the infraction. The out-of-season student-athlete who seeks and/or receives resources regarding drug/alcohol use will be allowed to participate in turnouts (practices but no competitions)

at the beginning of the season until they have met the minimum WIAA eligibility requirements for that specific sport. After that time, the student-athlete will be disqualified from the interscholastic program for the required time.

23. Hazing, Harassment & Bullying

Definitions

Snoqualmie Valley School District is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and patrons that is free from harassment, intimidation or bullying. “Harassment, intimidation or bullying” means any intentionally written message or image - including those that are electronically transmitted via social media - verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, or mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics, when an act:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student’s property.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Nothing in this section requires the affected student to actually possess a characteristic that is a basis for the harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Reporting

Talk to any school staff member (consider starting with whoever you are most comfortable with). You may use our district’s reporting form to share concerns about HIB (Incident Reporting Form) but reports can be made in writing or verbally. Your report can be made anonymously, if you are uncomfortable revealing your identity, or confidentially if you prefer it not be shared with other students involved with the report. No disciplinary action will be taken against another student based solely on an anonymous or confidential report.

Consequences

Students found in violation of district Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (including hazing) regulations will be subject to discipline ranging from a conference with the Athletic & Activity Director to athletic/activity disqualification.

SECTION VII: DISCIPLINE PROCESS

24. Athletic/Activity Discipline Definitions

Athletic/Activity Probation (non-academic)

Athletic/activity probation is a period during which a student remains a part of the team/squad/club while given an opportunity to correct the deficiencies in a time prescribed by the head coach or advisor and athletic director. During athletic/activity probation, students will continue to participate in turnouts (practices) but will not participate in competitions.

1. Athletic/Activity Discipline and Athletic/Activity Probation

When athletic/activity discipline is imposed, the coach/advisor will:

- Meet with the student to discuss the reason(s) for athletic/activity discipline.
- Document the athletic/activity discipline if it may lead to athletic/activity probation or more severe sanctions.
- When athletic/activity probation is imposed, the coach/advisor will:
  - Meet with the athletic director/activities coordinator or designee to review the reason(s) for athletic/activity probation and secure approval.
  - Inform the student of the deficiencies, how the student is to correct them and the number of days of athletic/activity probation/discipline, and, follow up with notification to the parent/guardian.

Upon completion of the probationary period, and if the deficiency is corrected, the student is removed from athletic/activity probation; if the deficiency is not corrected, the athletic/activity probationary period is extended, or the student is recommended for athletic/activity suspension and/or athletic/activity disqualification.

Athletic/Activity Suspension (non-academic)

Athletic/activity suspension is a period during which a student is removed entirely from all team/squad/club activities for a specified number of days. The duration may be extended beyond the current season. A student who is suspended may not practice, compete, sit on the bench, or attend any other team/squad/club events during the period of suspension.

Athletic/Activity Disqualification

Athletic disqualification is the complete removal of the student from athletics, activities, and clubs.

1. Athletic/Activity Suspension, Athletic/Activity Disqualification

Prior to athletic/activity suspension or athletic/activity disqualification of any student, a conference will be conducted with the student as follows:

- The Principal/Designee will present to the student an oral and/or written notice of alleged misconduct and violation(s) of school rules; the evidence of school rules; the evidence in support of the allegations; and the corrective action or sanction to be recommended.
- The student will be provided with the opportunity to present an explanation.
- When athletic/activity suspension or athletic/activity disqualification has been imposed, the student will be notified verbally of the action taken. Promptly thereafter, written notice will be sent by mail to the student and their parent/guardian containing the following information:
    - The action taken
    - The reason for disciplinary action, and,
    - The grievance procedure.

25. <u>Grievance/Appeal Process</u>

Any student-athlete, parent, or guardian who is aggrieved by any athletic discipline, probation, or disqualification has the right to an appeal, which will be heard within three (3) days of receiving a written request for an appeal. The athlete may not participate in athletic activities during the appeal process.

Appeal Committee will consist of:

- Principal or designee will chair the committee
- 2 coaches of different sports
- 1 coach of the athlete's sport (non-voting member)

At the hearing, the student-athlete, parent/guardian will be subject to questioning by the principal or their designee and will be entitled to present evidence and to question school personnel involved in the matter under grievance. The Appeal Committee will notify the student-athlete/parents of its decision in writing within 2 business days.

The **athletic discipline, probation, suspension or disqualification** will continue at the sole discretion of the principal, notwithstanding the implementation of the grievance procedure.

If the student athlete, parent/guardian's appeal is denied at the building level by the Appeal Committee, they may file an appeal to the superintendent or their designee.

If the grievance is not resolved, the parents and student shall have the right to present a written grievance to the school board or disciplinary appeal council per SVSD Policy 3241.

SECTION VIII: FAMILIES & SPECTATORS

26. Spectator Expectations

The WIAA spectator guidelines are published in the hope that high school athletics will be kept in the proper spirit of competition. It is in the best interest of the student-athlete for all fans to abide by these guidelines. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- Remember that the game is for the student-athletes. They are here because they want to play, compete and enjoy the experience. Your sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.
- Refrain from distracting the student-athletes during play.
- Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good will.
- Treat the officials with respect before, during and after the contest. We cannot play the game without officials, as they are an integral part of the game, and they should be recognized as impartial arbitrators.
- Display good conduct. Even though you paid for your admittance, the management has the authority to remove any spectator who does not conduct himself/herself respectfully. Abusive or inappropriate language is prohibited.
- Recognize the fact that, as a spectator, you represent the school and the student-athlete you are identified with.
- Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
- Spectators are to remain off the playing surface **at all times**.

27. Weather Closure Procedures

Activity Cancellation Process

In the event of a school closure or early dismissal due to weather conditions or facility-related issues, all extracurricular activities, including practices, meetings, events, and contests, are considered canceled by default.

In limited circumstances, a coach or club advisor may request consideration to proceed with a scheduled activity. Such requests must be submitted in advance to the Athletic Director and/or the Principal for review. If the Athletic Director determines that the request has merit, they will elevate the proposal to the Superintendent for consideration and approval.

If the Superintendent is unavailable to review the request, the Athletic Director will consult with the designated Assistant Superintendent to determine whether an exception may be granted. No activities may proceed without appropriate administrative approval through this process.

SECTION IX: APPENDICES

Appendix A - Eligibility Checklist

All statements must be answered yes.

- ☐ I am enrolled in at least the minimum number of classes for athletic eligibility.
- ☐ I received passing grades in all of my classes the previous semester.
- ☐ I have not changed schools without a corresponding move of my entire family unit.
- ☐ I reside with my family unit in this school district and service attendance area.
- ☐ I have not been enrolled in high school for more than 8 semesters.
- ☐ I did not turn 20 years of age before the start of each sports season.
- ☐ I am an amateur in the sports in which I compete interscholastically, and I have not accepted cash or any award, equipment or prize valued greater than $500 per sport.
- ☐ I have not been recruited to this school.
- ☐ I have had a physical exam within the past 24 months on file at this school.
- ☐ If a Running Start student, I have a WIAA Running Start contract completed and on file in the Athletic Department.
- ☐ If a homeschool student, I have registered with the school district as a homeschool student and have completed the required WIAA Home Based contract.
- ☐ If a transfer student, I have no conditions of ineligibility at my previous school

Appendix B - Running Start, Home Based, Alternative Ed, Private Education information

Running Start Eligibility Standards

A Running Start Contract must be on file at the school where the student is a member prior to the start of the season. A Running Start student's eligibility is through the public school of residence/record, where the student accesses the Running Start Program.

Running Start students are subject to the same WIAA and SVSD eligibility standards, rules, and grade checks as other student-athletes. Running Start Students who meet WIAA eligibility standards may participate in MSHS sports. Running Start students must attend classes daily and can **NOT** drop any classes without counselor and Athletic Director approval. If classes are not attended or dropped this violates the contract and can result in removal from the team and declared ineligible for competition for a period of 1 year. WIAA 18.8.0

- **Member of the school** - The school of eligibility must be the school of residence/record for the Running Start student and include the same transcript records as all other students
- **Regular Attendance** - The Running Start student must comply with the WIAA minimum eligibility standards of attendance and comply with local school attendance eligibility policies required of all other students.

- **Previous Semester**-The Running Start student shall meet the requirements of Rule 18.8.0 by having been in regular attendance during the previous semester/trimester immediately preceding the semester/trimester in which the contest is held. Coursework will be monitored at any time, and, at a minimum, the previous semester grades recorded on the official transcript. The School Eligibility Standards must be consistently applied to all students. Standards adopted by a school board (or by schools authorized through district policy) that exceed WIAA standards must be enforced.
- **Scholarship** - The Running Start student shall maintain passing grades during the previous and current high school semester/trimester equivalent to the standards set in Rule 18.8.0. For the purposes of this rule, one five credit class in a college quarter shall be equal to one high school credit and one three credit class in a college semester shall also be equal to one high school credit.

Running Start students who participate in club sport programs at the post-secondary institution they attend forfeit their interscholastic eligibility for the corresponding WIAA-sanctioned sport

Home-Based Education Athletes

Home-based students must register with a public school district with the intent to homeschool. Additionally, a WIAA Home School Contract must be on file annually with the public school/school district. Home-based students do not receive assistance from the school district, nor does the school district receive FTE funding or any other outside sources for them. Home-based instruction students are categorized as regular members of a school. Therefore, to be eligible for interscholastic activities, the student must:

- Participate as a member of the public school in which service area they reside with their family unit. After registering with the school district as a homeschool student, a student is subject to the WIAA transfer if they subsequently change schools.
- Provide to school authorities acceptable documentation of any interscholastic eligibility standards required of all other student participants.
- Comply with WIAA and local school/school district regulations during the time of participation.
- Comply with RCW 28A.225.010 (4).
- Meet both WIAA and school/school district eligibility requirement standards of all students, including transfer student requirements.
- Meet and adhere to the same team responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance of other members of the team/squad.

Home school students must be enrolled full-time and complete the WIAA Home-Based Contract once they make the team. This form MUST be turned in before the first day.

Alternative Education Athletes

Alternative education programs are academic learning opportunities that fall outside of the traditional schoolhouse format. These programs include, but are not limited to, Alternative Schools (ex., Two Rivers in Snoqualmie Valley School District), Parent Partnership, Certified Educational Clinics, Home Link, Virtual Academies, Online Schools, Contract Based Education, etc. Alternative education students are considered “regular members” of a school if they are living in that school’s attendance area. WIAA Alternative Education Contracts have to be

completed and athletes are subject to the same WIAA and Snoqualmie Valley School District eligibility standards, rules and regulations as other student-athletes. Full-time enrollment is required.

Private School Students

A full-time student in a private school or a certified educational clinic student may participate on the interscholastic teams of their resident public school if the student resides within the service area of that public school and if the interscholastic activity is unavailable to the student in the private school. Students attending private schools may participate with Snoqualmie Valley School District teams provided they comply with Mount Si High School, Snoqualmie Valley School District and WIAA eligibility rules regulations.

Appendix C - Important Contacts

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Athletic Trainer | Ellie Stannard | Stannarde@svsd410.org

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Appendix D - Letter from Administration

Dear Mount Si Student and Family,

The Snoqualmie Valley School District demands a very high standard of acceptable student behavior. By participating in interscholastic athletics, activities, and clubs, your student will be subject to the Athletic & Activity Code of Conduct during the calendar year, including in-season, out of season, and between seasons. The school year is defined as beginning with fall activities, such as tryouts, to the last day of school and will include any school-sponsored summer activities.

Please take the time to read and understand these sections, especially the consequences for being academically ineligible and the consequences for the use, transmission, possession of, and proximity to, alcoholic beverages, drugs, chemical substances, and/or tobacco.

You should also be aware that coaches and advisors are responsible for determining which students are to compete in a contest; there is no guarantee that a student will participate in a particular contest.

We hope you and your student have an enjoyable and rewarding experience in Snoqualmie Valley School District athletics, activities, and clubs.

Principal - Vernie Newell
Assistant Principal - Krista Lallemand
Assistant Principal - Jessica Easthope
Assistant Principal - Katie Redman
Assistant Principal - John Norberg
Athletic & Activity Director - Jordan Sauvage

Appendix E - Acknowledgement of Receipt and Adherence to the Handbook

I have read the *Athletic Handbook* and I am aware of the expectations, policies, and procedures. I agree to adhere to the *Athletics & Activities Code* while representing the Snoqualmie Valley School District. The Athletics & Activities Code includes, but is not limited to, conduct and behaviors involving social media; cyberbullying; academic integrity; use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, and chemical substances; sale of drugs, alcohol, and chemical substances; tobacco products; hazing and bullying; etc.

Sport (s):_____

Print Student Name:_____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Equity Assurance Requirements for Schools
Legal and Official Notices

Below is a list of state and federal equity assurance requirements that are required to be included in **your school handbooks.** These notices, as well as inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures, district level contacts and reporting forms are located on the Legal and Official Notices page of the district website.

Nondiscrimination Statement:

Snoqualmie Valley School District complies with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all district employment and student opportunities. The Snoqualmie Valley School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all educational programs, services and activities.

Nondiscrimination Policy - Nondiscrimination Procedure

Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's compliance coordinators:

ADA/Civil Rights Coordinator:

Ryan Vidos
Associate Director of
Behavior Health
P.O. Box 400
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Section 504 Coordinator:

Salina Fassler
Associate Director of
MTSS and Assessment
P.O. Box 400
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Title IX/RCW 28A.640/HIB Coordinator:

Kelsey Carr
Associate Director of Compliance
and Categorical
P.O. Box 400
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedure:

The Snoqualmie Valley School District is committed to a positive and productive education free from discrimination, including sexual harassment. This commitment extends to all students and staff involved in academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, and other programs or activities of the school, whether that program or activity is in a school facility, on school transportation or at a class or school training held elsewhere.

SVSD policy 3205 prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students, employees, or third parties involved in school district activities. The grievance/ prescriptive complaint process is outlined in 3205P. For staff SVSD policy 5011 prohibits sexual harassment and 5011P outlines the grievance/ prescriptive complaint process.

Gender Inclusive Policy and Procedures

In compliance with RCW 28a.642.080 the SVSD is committed to fostering an educational environment that is safe and free of discrimination for all students, regardless of gender expression, gender identity, or sex. To that end, the district recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach toward transgender and gender-expansive students with regard to key terms, communication and the use of names and pronouns, student records, confidential health and education information, communication, restroom and locker room use and accessibility, sports and physical education, dress codes, and other school activities, in order to provide these students with an equal opportunity for learning and achievement.

This policy is a component of the district's responsibility to create and maintain a safe, civil, respectful and inclusive learning community and will be implemented in conjunction with comprehensive training of staff and volunteers. See policy (3211) and procedure (3211P)

Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO)

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds works with families, communities, and schools to address problems together so every student can fully participate and thrive in Washington's K-12 public schools. OEO provides informal conflict resolution tools, coaching, facilitation, and training about family, community engagement, and systems advocacy.

- Website: **www.oeo.wa.gov**
- Email: **oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov**
- Phone: 1-866-297-2597