



SHERMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT & STUDENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

2026 – 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Sherman ISD Athletic Department · 903-891-6453

The signed acknowledgment form at the back of this handbook must be returned to the Athletic Department.

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Sherman ISD and the Athletic Department, we hope that students who have the ability and desire will take advantage of every opportunity in athletics. Participation in athletics will enable you to make new friends, learn valuable lessons, and provide a lifetime of memories. We believe that the lessons taught in the "athletic" classroom support the academic mission of our school and are educational in helping athletes develop successful life values.

Participation in athletics is a PRIVILEGE, not a right.

No student is obligated to take part in athletics, nor is this required for graduation. Athletics is designed to accommodate students who have the ability and emotional stability to handle competition. Not all students are capable of competing in this program. Parents and athletes should realize that competitive athletics by nature is sometimes strenuous and demanding, and will not necessarily be enjoyed by all who wish to participate.

Participating in Sherman athletics carries many responsibilities. It is imperative that all students taking part understand the commitment to follow the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures established by the district. It must also be understood that athletes who violate the rules, regulations, policies, and/or procedures shall face disciplinary action and possibly removal from the athletic program.

Our athletic programs promote responsible social behaviors, greater academic success, and instill a sense of pride in our community. With discipline and work ethic, our athletes develop confidence in one's physical abilities, an appreciation of personal health and fitness, and create strong social bonds with fellow teammates.

OUR MISSION

Our purpose is to prepare the student athlete for success both on and off the playing arena for the rest of their life.

WHO TO CONTACT

Questions about a specific team should start with that team's head coach. For questions the coach cannot resolve, contact the campus coordinator or the Athletic Director.

NAME	POSITION	CAMPUS	PHONE
Alan McDougal	Athletic Director	Sherman ISD	903-891-6453
Efrain Ramos	Head Football Coach / Boys Coordinator	Sherman High School	903-891-6453
April Atterberry	Girls Coordinator	Sherman High School	903-891-6453
Steven Wade	Boys Coordinator	Sherman Middle School	903-891-6400
Austen Hancock	Girls Coordinator	Sherman Middle School	903-891-6400
Tyler Atnip	Boys Coordinator	Piner Middle School	903-891-6400
Brittany Jones	Girls Coordinator	Piner Middle School	903-891-6400
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The Student / Parent Agreement Form must be signed and returned to the Athletic Department.

Athletes may also complete the signature page through the online paperwork submitted to the Athletic Department.

SECTION 1

ATHLETIC COACHES DIRECTORY

SHERMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Coordinator	Efrain Ramos
Girls Coordinator	April Atterberry
Athletic Trainers	Mikayla Orona, Savannah Stone
Baseball	Head: Zach James Asst: Brandon Evans, Nick Blankenship
Basketball — Boys	Head: Jackson Rennie Asst: Cory Fredrick
Basketball — Girls	Head: Mark Kerkhoff Asst: Alexis Canaday, Cory Gilley, Ashley Lamb
Cheer	Head: Stephanie Littrell Asst: Caitlin Curry
Cross Country	Head: Anthony Shearer Asst: Zoey Garcia
Fishing	Head: Tyler Atnip
Football	Head: Efrain Ramos Asst: Kenny Wilkerson, Klay Keith, Jeff Richters, Chris Clark, Shawn Clark, Diamon Hughes, Cory Fredrick, Brandon Fulton, Jake Knight, Paul Tullis, Jackson Rennie, Scott Smith, Brandon Evans, Nick Blankenship
Golf	Head: Steve Schutts Asst: Erica Lammers
Powerlifting	Head: Kenny Wilkerson Asst: Sarah Roscoe, Alex Garcia
Soccer — Boys	Head: James Dowell Asst: Steven Horne
Soccer — Girls	Head: David Counts Asst: Chico Aleman
Softball	Head: April Atterberry Asst: Zoey Garcia
Tennis	Head: Rodney Pilcher
Track — Boys	Head: Klay Keith
Track — Girls	Head: Cory Gilley
Track — Assistants	Chris Clark, Shawn Clark, Sarah Roscoe, Brandon Fulton, Anthony Shearer, Jeff Richters, Diamon Hughes
Volleyball	Head: Jessica Dunlap Asst: Steven Horne, Alexis Canaday, Chico Aleman

PINER MIDDLE SCHOOL — BOYS

Boys Coordinator	Tyler Atnip
Football	Tyler Atnip, Brad Budish, Alex Little, David Moreno, Byran Spencer, Jordan Williams
Basketball	Tyler Atnip, Alex Little, Tommy Reason, Byran Spencer, Jordan Williams

Track	Tyler Atnip, Brad Budish, Alex Little, Tommy Reason, Byran Spencer
Soccer	David Moreno, Jordan Williams
Tennis	Aaron Maxwell
Cross Country	Brittany Jones, Cindy Ramos

PINER MIDDLE SCHOOL — GIRLS

Girls Coordinator	Brittany Jones
Volleyball	Brittany Jones, Ashley Aleman, Jessica Booker, Jansen Hansen, Breia Holland
Basketball	Ashley Aleman, Suzy Brannan, Jansen Hansen, Breia Holland, Cindy Ramos
Track	Brittany Jones, Ashley Aleman, Jessica Booker, Suzy Brannan, Breia Holland, Cindy Ramos
Soccer	Jessica Booker, Suzy Brannan
Tennis	Aaron Maxwell, Jansen Hansen
Cross Country	Brittany Jones, Cindy Ramos

SHERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL — BOYS

Boys Coordinator	Steven Wade
Football	Derek Homer, Shawn Hummel, Devan Marrow, Wade McCroan, Omari Broussard
Basketball	Steven Wade, Devan Marrow, Matthew Spears, Travis Usery, Omari Broussard
Track	Steven Wade, Devan Marrow, Matthew Spears, Travis Usery, Omari Broussard
Soccer	Shawn Hummel, Wade McCroan
Tennis	Matthew Spears
Cross Country	Austen Hancock, Jeff Dennis

SHERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL — GIRLS

Girls Coordinator	Austen Hancock
Volleyball	Ashley Armijo, Jayde Brannun, Taylor Levan, Travis Usery
Basketball	Austen Hancock, Ashley Armijo, Jayde Brannun, Taylor Levan, Travis Usery
Track	Austen Hancock, Ashley Armijo, Jayde Brannun, Jeff Dennis, Taylor Levan
Soccer	Jeff Dennis
Tennis	Matthew Spears, Travis Usery
Cross Country	Austen Hancock, Jeff Dennis

OFFSEASON / ATHLETIC PERIOD

ENROLLMENT IN ATHLETIC CLASS

Athletic classes are physically stressful and demanding. Students will be constantly pushed to work through the physical discomforts and mental trials associated with developing a great athlete. Improving your child's core strength, speed, agility, conditioning, and competitive mindset are as important as developing sport-specific skills.

Counselors may not facilitate mid-semester changes in schedules. As a result, any athlete that quits a sport or is removed from a team may still have a modified workout until the schedule can be changed at the end of the semester. The student is still responsible to attend class daily and follow instruction until the schedule is changed.

An athletic class has prerequisites that must be met before a student can enroll in it. Entrance to an athletic class will be determined by coaches and the Athletic Coordinator. Students may be denied entrance into an athletic class for the following reasons:

1. Behind in credit — not on grade level at the start of the year.
2. Quitting or having objectionable standing in the athletic program.
3. Violation of athletic policies.
4. Prior to enrolling in athletic class, the student must have written approval from the coach (8th–12th).
5. Continual non-participation due to academic ineligibility.
6. Excessive discipline problems in the school or criminal activity.
7. Violation of the Student Code of Conduct as determined by campus administration and head coach.

ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE

Athletes are expected to be present every day and to be on time for all related athletic functions, including the athletic period, practice, meetings, trips, and games. If he/she is going to be absent, the athlete must notify the appropriate coaches prior to missing, or it is considered an unexcused absence.

High School Office: 903-891-6400

Middle School Office: 903-891-6400

MISSED PRACTICE / GAMES

A coach must be consulted ahead of time if any athlete must miss a practice or game. Missing a practice or game without permission may result in suspension or removal from the team.

OFF-SEASON EXPECTATIONS

A student-athlete who made a team or previously participated on a team must be enrolled in the athletic class for off-season in order to develop strength, speed, agility, skills, team unity, and character development. Any exception to this needs approval from the athletic department.

TRY-OUTS

Try-outs may be held for each sport. Head coaches' discretion will be utilized on length and format.

SUSPENSION FROM THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

A head coach may suspend an athlete from the sport the athlete is participating in. The head coach is required to inform the Athletic Director of why the athlete is being suspended. The Athletic Director is responsible for seeing that discipline is consistent. Only the Athletic Director may suspend an athlete from the total athletic program.

SECTION 3

MULTI-SPORT PARTICIPATION

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

Student-athletes are encouraged to participate in as many sports as possible. When conflicts arise between overlapping seasons, the coaches will come to a workable practice and competition plan.

Varsity competition takes precedence over sub-varsity.

District competition takes precedence over non-district competition.

All high school athletic activities take precedence over club sports and activities.

SCHOOL VS. CLUB EXPECTATIONS

All school practices and games will take priority over club practices and games. An effort will be made to work with an athlete involved in club sports. If an athlete chooses to participate in a club sport competition over a school competition, that athlete will not be eligible for post-district awards and will not be considered for any end-of-season awards.

SECTION 4

INJURY PREVENTION & TREATMENT

REPORTING AN INJURY

It is very important that any type of injury be handled in the proper manner. An athlete who sustains any type of injury should immediately notify a coach and/or trainer. Under **no** conditions should an athlete leave campus or an athletic event with any type of injury without first contacting the athletic trainer.

Injuries need to be reported so that:

1. They can be properly cared for. This may include some form of treatment or referral to a physician or medical care facility.
2. All appropriate parties such as parents, coaches, and possibly administrators can be notified.
3. We follow the proper protocol for school insurance.

SISD school insurance is a secondary insurance and will only work after primary insurance has been applied.

SISD cannot guarantee that any claims will be approved.

School insurance will not pay unless the athletic trainer refers the athlete to a doctor or emergency room.

Any athlete injured during the season is strongly encouraged to contact or see the athletic trainer prior to seeing a general practitioner unless an emergency situation arises. If an athlete is referred to a physician or chooses to see a physician on their own, documentation must be provided to the athletic trainer.

No coach, including the athletic coordinator, may overrule the athletic trainer on injury decisions. The athletic trainer will determine when the injured player may practice and play.

TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION

- The athletic trainer is responsible for the evaluation, management, treatment, and rehabilitation of all injuries suffered by athletes during their participation in interscholastic athletic programs sanctioned by SISD.
- It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer to determine the status of an athlete's ability to practice and to compete. Such information is communicated to respective head coaches on a daily basis.
- If an athlete suffers from injury or pain, he/she should never leave a game or practice without first seeing the athletic trainer.
- If the athletic trainer feels that an injury merits further examination, he/she will contact the athlete's parents and explain his/her findings. Parents will then be urged to refer their child to a physician. When requested by the athlete's parents, the athletic trainer will be available to assist and/or arrange for the athlete's referral to proper medical specialists.
- Once an athlete is seen by a physician, the athletic trainer and coaching staff are required to follow the physician's diagnosis, rehabilitation plan, and timeline for return. The athlete will be required to submit

a written physician's release before being allowed to return to athletic participation. If no rehab is recommended by the physician, the training staff will establish the requirements for rehabilitation.

- Injured athletes are required to attend practices and to suit out in proper attire, as determined by the athletic trainer and the coaching staff.
- Injured athletes must attend all scheduled treatment sessions. Such sessions are essential for a healthy and timely recovery. Treatment sessions are usually held before school and following practices each day. Specific treatment session times will be posted and announced to all athletes by the athletic trainer.
- Unless an athlete has a doctor's note or permission from the athletic trainer, he/she will be required to practice, lift weights, and/or participate in conditioning activities. If an athlete is reported to not be attending required treatment sessions, then he/she will not be considered injured and will be expected to dress and participate fully in all required activities.
- Unless excused by the athletic trainer prior to practice, the athlete will be required to be on time for practice and competitions. **Rehab, taping, etc. is not an excuse for tardiness.**

SISD Athletic Trainers: Mikayla Orona and Savannah Stone · Office 903-891-6440

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT

Students participating in SISD extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but other students and the school district. For this reason, their behavior **must** be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of SISD, the Sherman Athletic Department, and our community.

In addition, the same rules of conduct published in the SISD Student Handbook will apply to all athletic settings. Student-athletes will be held accountable for any additional rules approved by the superintendent, principal, and athletic director that are specific to athletics.

Head coaches have the right to remove, suspend, or correct any athlete whose conduct or actions are detrimental or distracting to the team and the integrity of SISD.

INSUBORDINATION OR DISRESPECT

Any act of disrespect by an athlete to his/her teacher, coach, or member of school administration will be handled on an individual basis. Consequences may range from suspension to removal from athletic activities for one calendar year from the date of incident. His or her return would be determined by his/her conduct during the period of the suspension or removal.

PLAYING FIELD BEHAVIOR

The athlete must refrain from the use of profanity or resorting to illegal tactics. Behavioral outbursts, flagrant violations of rules, etc., will not be tolerated. Total respect to officials is an absolute must; the coach will address officials if needed. Athletes must learn that both winning and losing are a part of the game, and that you have to be gracious in defeat and humble in victory.

Any behavior contrary to the above, or any other act which is not conducive to good sportsmanship, may result in removal from the contest, future contests, or the team.

QUITTING

When a student expresses a desire to quit a school-sponsored athletic team, the head coach of that sport will meet with the player and communicate with the athlete's parent/guardian to confirm the student's intent to quit prior to a final decision being made. If an athlete quits a team and is seeking to immediately join another sport within the same school, the two head coaches of the respective sports will determine whether the request will be granted. The head coaches involved should consult with the athletic director with the decided measure.

After quitting a school-sponsored athletic team, should the athlete request to rejoin the team, it will be at the discretion of the head coach — after consultation with the athletic director — whether the request will be granted.

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONICS

All cell phones and electronic equipment should be put away while participating in team activities per the "off and off" policy. They should be used only in case of an emergency or calling for a ride. Filming or picture taking is not allowed at any time inside the locker rooms. *See Student Handbook for full expectations on pg. 63.*

SOCIAL MEDIA

All athletes must be careful when using social media sites and keep in mind that sanctions may be imposed if these sites are used improperly or depict inappropriate, embarrassing, or dangerous behaviors. **Pictures or video that show student-athletes engaging with drugs or alcohol are subject to punishment under our athletic code of conduct.**

Words or phrases that should not be posted on your site — regardless of who posted them — include:

- Any words or phrases that would be considered harassing and/or discriminatory
- Any demeaning or threatening remarks
- Sexually explicit language
- Profanity of any kind
- Trash talk about opponents, teammates, or coaches
- Words or phrases that talk about drug or alcohol use

FACILITIES

Keep equipment in proper places at all times. Keep lockers and locker rooms neat at all times. Students will be held accountable for any damage to facilities. Restitution may be required.

EQUIPMENT

Once an athlete has been issued equipment, it becomes the athlete's responsibility to care for it. Loss or damage of equipment is the athlete's financial obligation. Students going from one sport to another must have all equipment turned in, paid for, or arrangements made before they will be issued equipment in the next sport.

UNIFORM

Each team member is to be dressed the same while participating in an event or competition. Every piece of equipment worn by the athlete should be identical to his/her teammates, with the exception of shoes or approved medical or safety equipment. Game uniform shirttails must be worn tucked in at all times unless the top is designed otherwise.

PARENT MEETINGS

Meetings between parents and coaches will not take place immediately after an athletic contest. There will be a 24-hour waiting period before any scheduled meeting may take place. When the meeting is scheduled, please note the student-athlete is required to be in the meeting with the coach and parent, unless approved by the athletic director regarding attendance.

SECTION 6

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

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We expect our athletes to contribute to a positive learning environment in our schools. If you are an athlete, your conduct reflects on us at all times. Our coaches will continue to develop the great relationships we have with the entire SISD staff. We will support our teachers in trying to help develop our athletes. When a teacher contacts a member of our coaching staff regarding an athlete's work ethic, attitude, disrespect, or general classroom misbehavior, our coaching staff will correct the behavior.

TUTORING

We want and expect our student-athletes to perform well in the classroom on a daily basis. We do not, however, want our student-athletes to miss the athletic period with their teams to do so. Student-athletes will work with their teachers and coaches to make sure the tutoring schedule is set up to best accommodate the student-athlete, the classroom teacher, and the individual program.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION / ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Students that are in Reset/Choices will not participate in practices or games unless they have fulfilled their Reset/Choices assignment. Students placed in DAEP will not be allowed to participate in or attend any extracurricular activities during that period. Students who are repeatedly assigned to these programs may be subject to dismissal from their program. Loss of conditioning during this absence can be considered when the student-athlete returns to practice.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Student-athletes are expected to be in class all day and be punctual. Student-athletes with excessive academic and/or athletic absences may be removed from the Athletic Program. Absences, excused or unexcused, will be handled by the coach of each sport.

SISD EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

What is an extracurricular activity?

- Any University Interscholastic League (UIL), school district, or campus-sponsored or related public performances, events, contests, demonstrations, displays, club activities, or athletics, whether on- or off-campus
- Any elected offices and honors (such as student council and homecoming court)
- All co-curricular activities, which are those held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class but that may take place outside of school and outside of the school day (such as band and choir)
- All national organizations (such as National Honor Society or Future Farmers of America)
- Any activity held for an organization that is considered to be an extracurricular activity (such as club meetings, practice, or field trips)

Why are extracurricular activities important?

- They promote self-discipline, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, commitment, and student wellness
- They enhance and enrich curricular educational offerings
- They offer participants the opportunity to be leaders and role models on campus and in the community
- They enable participants to represent the Sherman Independent School District in a positive manner

JURISDICTION

Who is subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct?

Any student who participates in one or more extracurricular activities is subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct (ECC). A student is subject to the ECC from the time he/she is selected for, elected to, or otherwise joins an extracurricular activity, and continues to be subject to the ECC from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in extracurricular activities.

When does the Extracurricular Code of Conduct apply?

The privilege of representing Sherman ISD carries with it a greater responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, and to serve as a role model for all students. Consequently, extracurricular activity participants are expected to comply with the ECC at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on- and off-campus conduct, as well as evenings, weekends, holidays, and summer.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

What is expected of extracurricular activity participants?

Participants in extracurricular activities are representatives of Sherman ISD and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Sherman ISD at all times. Specifically, they must:

- Maintain an average of 70% or better in all academic courses, except as provided in District policy FM (Legal)
- Be punctual and prepared for all games, practices, meetings, performances, camps, and/or other scheduled events related to an extracurricular activity
- Treat all school property with respect and ensure that school property is returned upon request and in good condition (excluding reasonable wear and tear)
- Abide by the Sherman ISD dress and grooming standards for students, as well as any dress and grooming standards applicable to the specific extracurricular activity
- Comply with all UIL rules
- Be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, spectators, parents, and officials, whether from Sherman ISD or from any other school district
- Provide advance notice to the coach or sponsor of an activity if they are unable to attend a game, practice, meeting, performance, and/or other scheduled event related to the extracurricular activity
- Comply with all rules and guidelines in the ECC and those established for a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates
- Comply with and adhere to the behavioral standards identified in the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Category A Violations

- Engaging in acts of poor sportsmanship (see the UIL Sportsmanship Manual)
- Being insubordinate to a coach or sponsor
- Buying, selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of tobacco, regardless of whether the student is on school property or at a school-related activity, or on social media
- Being tardy or absent to games, meetings, practices, performances, camps, and/or other events without permission from the activity sponsor or coach
- Violating the Sherman ISD standards for dress and grooming, or the standards set for the specific extracurricular activity
- Engaging in misconduct prohibited by the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct
- Being disruptive during a game, meeting, practice, performance, camp, and/or other event
- Violating the established rules or guidelines of a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates

Category B Violations

- Engaging in theft, destruction, or misuse of school district property
- Engaging in hazing, harassment, or bullying of others as defined by the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct
- Buying, selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance (without a proper prescription), or a dangerous drug at any time, regardless of whether the student is on school property or at a school-related activity, or on social media

- Engaging in any unreasonably dangerous athletic technique that unnecessarily endangers the health or safety of a student
- Maintaining or being identified on a website or blog that depicts behavior that is illegal or is sexual in nature
- Sending, transmitting, or posting images or other material that is related to illegal or sexual activity
- Failing to return school property as directed
- Engaging in conduct prohibited by the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct that is punishable by placement in DAEP or expulsion

Note: The standards of the ECC are independent of the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct may result in a student being disciplined under both standards.

Note: Students placed in DAEP are ineligible to participate in or attend extracurricular activities pursuant to Texas Education Code § 37.006(g).

Note: Sherman ISD administrators, sponsors, or coaches are permitted to assign reasonable consequences in the event a member of an activity or group is in violation of any part of the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct or Sherman ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

CONSEQUENCES

Category A Violations

First Offense	The student will receive a verbal warning and reprimand and will be directed to refrain from future violations.
Second Offense	The student will be suspended from participation for 10 school days and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the semester.
Third Offense	The student will be suspended from participation in the extracurricular activity for the remainder of the season.

Category B Violations

First Offense	The student will be suspended from participation for 10 school days and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the season.
Second Offense	The student will be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

Vaping

First Offense	The student will be suspended from participation for 10 school days and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the season.
Second Offense	Removal from the athletic program and a meeting with the parent.

THC

First Offense	The student will be suspended from participation for 30 school days and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the season.
Second Offense	Removal from the athletic program and a meeting with the parent.

A DAEP assignment will supersede this timeline, but will serve as a concurrent consequence.

Definition of "suspension"

The student will not be permitted to participate in any competition, contest, scrimmage, performance, or election associated with an extracurricular activity. The student may continue to attend practices, with participation determined by the individual coach.

PROCEDURES

Who determines that a violation of the ECC has occurred?

The activity sponsor or coach will determine whether a violation of the ECC has occurred and will assess the appropriate consequence.

How will consequences be assessed for different violations of the ECC?

Consequences for violating the Sherman ISD ECC are assessed based on the severity of the violation and the commission of prior ECC violations.

Is a student entitled to participate in extracurricular activities?

No. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. As such, a student's participation may be revoked at Sherman ISD's discretion.

How will parents be notified that a violation of the ECC has occurred?

Parents will be notified of all violations that result in suspension from participation in extracurricular activities. The activity sponsor or coach will contact the student and the student's parent. At this time, the activity sponsor or coach will inform the parent and student that a violation of the Sherman ISD ECC has occurred, discuss with them the applicable consequences, and give the student an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

What if a parent does not agree with the decision?

All appeals will be addressed through the Sherman ISD complaint process, contained in policies FNG (Legal) and FNG (Local). Appeal decisions are not appealable beyond Level 1.

SECTION 8

PARENT / FAN BEHAVIOR

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS OF SPECTATORS (PER UIL)

- Always support your team and the efforts of all participants involved.
- Do not intimidate or ridicule a player, coach, or official before, during, or after a contest.
- Always praise athletes for their actions during a game; never degrade a participant for their efforts. Athletics are a learning experience for students, and mistakes will be made.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Always respect the integrity and judgment of officials. They are present to regulate the flow and enforce the rules of the game. An official should never be degraded or ridiculed for a call they make.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. Treat them as guests to your school.
- Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substance (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during, and after the game, on or near the site of the event (i.e., tailgating).
- Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

REMOVAL FROM AN ATHLETIC CONTEST

If an administrator has to remove a parent or fan from an athletic contest, the following consequences will be issued:

- 1. The parent/fan must take the "Positive Sport Parenting" course through NFHS Learn.**
- 2. Print the certificate.**
- 3. Bring the certificate to a scheduled meeting with the coordinator or Athletic Director.**
- 4. If this is not completed within the time frame established by school district personnel, the parent/fan will not be allowed to attend any on-campus athletic events for a calendar year.**

Positive Sport Parenting course — nfhslearn.com

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

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Parents: please read the following information, sign, and return this page to your child's school.

We have received, read, and understand the Sherman Independent School District's Athletic Handbook.

We have received, read, and agree to abide by SISD's Athletic Handbook. I understand that my child will be held accountable for the behavior and disciplinary consequences outlined in the Athletic Handbook. I understand that this includes all behavior at school, school-sponsored and school-related activities, school-sponsored travel, some behaviors occurring within 300 feet of school, some behaviors occurring off campus, and any school-related misconduct regardless of time or location. I understand that any student who violates the Student Code of Conduct, the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, or the Athletic Handbook guidelines is subject to disciplinary action.

I have read and understood all of the statements above.

NAME OF PARENT (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

STUDENT'S SPORT(S)

NAME OF STUDENT (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATHLETE

CAMPUS

All athletes must turn this completed form in to the Athletic Department, or complete the signature page through the online paperwork submitted to the Athletic Department.