

## Quemado High School Athletic Agreement

**I. Philosophy**—QHS athletics exists to offer students participation in sports program in order to provide:

1. encouragement of self-worth and an attitude of self-discipline that includes sportsmanship and ethical behavior
2. an opportunity to develop to their full potential
3. an opportunity to participate in competitive sports
4. a sense of responsibility to school, team, and self

Participation in athletic programs is a privilege and is subject to a higher standard than that expected of the general student population.

### **II. General Regulation of Athletes**

1. Student-athletes are subject to the rules and laws established by the state, community, and school.
2. Student-athletes agree to abide by the regulations set by the NMAA,
3. It is each student's responsibility to understand and comply with all of the school rules and regulations, including: attendance, transportation, eligibility requirements, participation requirements, dress code, student conduct.
4. Administrators and coaches shall use discretionary judgment in their dealing with individual situations not covered by a specific written regulation.

### **III. Student-Athlete Conduct**

1. I shall never do anything to discredit myself, my team, my coach, or my school.
2. I shall not use alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal substances on or off campus.
3. I shall always be respectful toward coaches, administration, staff, fans, and other students, as well as respect the rights and property of others.
4. I will have the right and opportunity to discuss any problems I may have with my coaches. This includes me notifying my parent or guardian to contact the school in the event that I need to meet with the Athletic Director and/or coach.
5. I shall provide leadership for my fellow students in areas of behavior, courtesy, discipline and conduct, both in and out of the school, including in buses, restaurants, hotels, and school events.
6. It is my responsibility and my parents' responsibility to ensure that I abide by all of the regulations and procedures that student-athletes must follow.
7. I shall ride to and from events with my team unless I am riding home with my parents. Parents must inform the coach in writing before I leave with my Parents.
8. Each athlete and/or parent may review at the Quemado campus, any governing board policy and or NMAA policy.

### **IV. Enforcement of Rules and Regulations**

1. All coaches will discuss this athletic agreement with the student-athletes prior to their season and before students and parents sign this agreement.

2. Coaches/Athletic Director/Principal are responsible for the enforcement of the student-athlete conduct violations during their season. If a resolution is not made, the Athletic Director and/or Principal will be responsible for ensuring proper enforcement.
3. Parents are responsible for enforcing student-athlete violations off school grounds during the time in the school year prior to the student-athlete's first athletic season.
4. Teams will travel with the group unless prior arrangements have been made, well in advance, with the Head Coach;
5. Eligibility for playing sports follows the guidelines in the Student Handbook. Refer to Page 8.
6. Punishment for alcohol/drug use during the off-season within the school year is as follows: minimum of three - five missed games/matches; any student-athlete guilty of alcohol/drug use during the summer will forfeit the right to attend summer camps. Infractions of rules during summer camp will be treated as off-season within the school year violations.
7. Alcohol/drug use during in-season: miss half of the season.
8. Students who are ineligible will attend a Study Hall.
9. Enforcement for student-athlete violations begins the first day of the season and continues until the season ends.
10. All disciplinary actions will be in accordance with the Discipline Policy adopted by the governing board.

Participation in extra-curricular activities is allowed only if the students are in attendance on the day of the event. Students must also attend school the day after an extra-curricular activity. Students with absences of 15 or more days will not be allowed to participate in athletics or activities during the instructional school day.

Approval for special circumstances regarding absences must be approved by the administration.

Coaches may institute sport-specific, non-discriminatory rules which exceed NMAA regulations and school regulations, as long as these rules do not conflict with Independent School District #2 Policy, NMAA guidelines, and state, and federal law.

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations adopted by ISD#2 and the NMAA. I also understand that each coach may have other rules and procedures by which I must abide. If I have questions or concerns, I know that I must contact my **coach first**, then the **Athletic Director**, to resolve problems before I go to the **Principal**, **Superintendent**, and **School Board**.

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Athlete

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Parent/Guardian

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Coach

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Date

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Athletic Director/Administrator