



Extra Curricular Activities/Athletic Handbook

Desert View Middle School

Philosophy:

At D.V.M.S. We believe through extra curricular activities and athletics, participants are provided with opportunities to develop their abilities. Students/Athletes will not only develop their talents/athletic abilities, but also develop relationships and a sense of healthy competition. The extracurricular activities/athletic programs hope to build a caring community within and outside of D.V.M.S..

Goals :

- Provide Guidance to students/athletes as they develop their talents and abilities.
- Prepare students/athletes for the next level of competition.
- To provide a purposeful use of talent, abilities, and time.
- To build and maintain a caring community where students show pride and ownership of D.V.M.S..

Extracurricular activities/Athletic Eligibility, Expectations:

Participating in the extracurricular activities/athletic program at D.V.M.S. is a privilege. In order to participate in the extracurricular activities/athletic program, students/athletes must meet and maintain certain expectations and criteria. If students/athletes fail to meet any of the expectations listed below, they will be placed on probation or dismissed from participation by an extracurricular activity/athletic director.

Forms: Athletes must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian to participate before the first practice of the season. Athletes are also required to have a physical examination by a Doctor, before they begin their first season of participation each year. Students who do not have a completed physical examination, permission slip signed will not be eligible for participation until all requirements are completed.

Academics: Students/athletes must not have any D's or F's. The athletic directors or committee leader will be checking grades to ensure that our students/athletes are students first. If a student is found to have unsatisfactory grades, he/she will be put on probation and have one week to bring their grade up to at least a C. If the grade has not improved the student will not be able to participate in the extracurricular activity/sport (games and practice) and must attend tutoring. They will then have one more week to bring their grades up to at least a C or they will be removed from the extracurricular activity/sport.

Discipline: Students participating in extracurricular activities/sports are expected to be an example for the student body and represent D.V.M.S. while competing. We expect all athletes to have a respectful and sportsmanlike attitude in the classroom and in athletics. If a student/athlete receives a behavior infraction, they forfeit their right to participate in that day's activities. If a student/athlete gets a second behavior infraction within the same semester/season they lose their right to participate in their next meeting, game and practice and could lead to being dismissed for

the rest of the season. If a student/athlete receives a third behavior infraction within the same season the student/athlete will be dismissed from the committee/team for the rest of the season.

The behavior and conduct expectations of athletes at games and practices are equivalent to the behavior and conduct that are expected of students during the school day at D.V.M.S.. If an athlete does not comply with the rules set before them in the D.V.M.S. student handbook, parents and athletic directors will be notified. Consequences for the student's actions will be determined by administration, and may result in their dismissal from a sport.

Teachers are asked to notify the committee leader/athletic director or coach if there is a persistent issue with a student/athlete in the classroom. It will be up to the committee leader/athletic director, administration, and coaches as to how to best deal with any given issue that is brought to their attention. If a student/athlete's behavior is severe enough, it may impact participation, playing time, practice time, or even involvement with the committee/team.

Games and Practices: all athletes are expected to attend every practice and every game, unless otherwise notified by a coach. If an athlete arrives late, leaves early, or misses a practice or game, they will forfeit playing time during games. If an athlete has an injury, they are still expected to attend practices and games to pick up skills and learn through observation. They are still part of the team.

Food at practice is not allowed. Students can eat before coming to practice.

Athletes must wear the proper athletic attire for practice. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in practice if they are not in athletic shorts/pants and proper shirt (i.e. regular school uniforms are not permitted at practice). Athletes must also wear the proper uniform for games. If an athlete does not have their proper attire at a game, they will not be allowed to participate on the court or playing field.

If an athlete knows that they will not be able to attend a practice or a game, they need to notify their coach in advance with a note from a parent/guardian. If an athlete is sick and cannot make it to practice or game, a doctor's note must be presented to the coach, or notified by a parent/guardian. If the illness makes it impossible to make it to practice or games for more than three days, coaches need to be presented with a valid excuse. If the student-athlete is being disruptive, the coach or athletic director will have the student-athlete call his or her parent/guardian to come pick them up early.

Uniforms and Equipment: any and all uniforms and equipment issued to athletes must be cared for during the season and returned by the day after the last game of the season. Athletes will be held financially responsible if uniforms are returned damaged (other than the expected wear and tear of the sport that they are used for). If uniforms are not returned, athletes forfeit their privilege to participate in the next season until uniforms are returned or paid for in the office.

Attendance: Attendance during the school day is also required to participate in committees and practice or in games. If a student is absent from school for more than four class periods, they are not allowed to participate in any after school activity.

Cell Phone Usage: Students/athletes will not be allowed to use any electronic device during committees, practices and games. Athletes will only be allowed to use their cell phone after practice in order to call for a ride.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

Parents/guardians are the best influencers on their children. The attitude that you exhibit at home will be manifested in your child at school and during their committee/athletic participation. We ask that you positively encourage your child as much as possible in all that they do.

Transportation:

Parents/guardians are responsible for the transportation from practices and to and from games.

Parents/guardians are responsible for the transportation of students after committees. Committees are from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Students must be picked up on time. If a student is not picked up by 4:10pm three times they will not be permitted to participate in the committee.

Physical Examination: Parents need to set up an appointment with their child's physical examination to ensure that all athletes are physically capable of participating in a sport. Athletes are required to have a physical examination before they begin their first season of participation each year. Students who do not have a completed physical examination by the first practice of the season will not be eligible for participation until their exam is completed.

Practices: practices are meant only for athletes. Siblings and friends are not allowed to attend or watch practices. The coaches are only responsible for the athletes that are participating on their team. As stated before parents/ Guardians are responsible for the transportation to and from practices not the coach. And are asked to be prompt and on time to and from practices.

Games: Parents are responsible for the transportation of their child to and from all games. If you are unable to transport your child to or from a game, you will have to find alternative transportation for your child. Coaches are not responsible for the transportation of athletes to and from games.

Communication: Any and all communication needs to start with the coach. Contact your child's coach when your child will miss a scheduled practice and/or game or if your child has an injury. If an issue or problem arises, please contact the coach to set up an appointment to speak about said issue. If the issue or problem is not resolved, contact an athletic director to set up an appointment to discuss the problem. Please contact administration if there is an issue that remains to be resolved after a meeting with the coach and an athletic director.

Volunteering: throughout all sports' seasons, the athletic program will need the assistance of parent volunteers. These volunteer positions will be addressed by the athletic directors. Volunteers must

complete the volunteer form.

Coach Responsibilities:

First and foremost, coaches must be a positive example to their athletes, parents, opponents, and officials. They must lead by example and by dealing with others in all circumstances with a sportsmanlike demeanor. Coaches are representatives of D.V.M.S. and our mission.

Games and practices: Coaches are to teach skills, strategy, concepts, attitude, and game rules to their athletes. They are responsible for their athletes safety at all times while the athletes are under their supervision. Coaches are vetted through a background check with our human resource personnel.

When coaching a 6th grade or 7th/8th grade team, coaches are to develop skills for a higher level of competition. While it is always fun and exciting to win, the main concern for the 6th grade teams is to develop skills and knowledge of the sport. The coach will do their best to involve all eligible players in all skills and knowledge of the sport. The coach will do their best to involve all eligible players in all practices and games.

For 7th/8th grade teams, coaches are to develop skills for a higher level of competition. Our 7th/8th grade teams are more competitive and require more thought and strategy on both the athletes' and coaches part. For the eligible athletes, playing time during games is up to the coaches' discretion.

If athletes are not picked up on time from practice or games, coaches are required to contact Parents/Guardians. If an athlete is not picked up on time coaches will wait until a parent/guardian or approved ride arrives. We want to make sure all athletes are safe at all times. If an athlete is not picked up on time three times they will not be able to participate in sports.

Games and practices may be canceled if there is an excessive heat warning or bad weather in Yuma County at the discretion of the athletic directors.

Communication: Coaches are responsible for communicating with the athletic directors and parents about rules, expectations, issues that arise with athletes, and for any other concerns related to their sport.

During games, coaches are the first line of communication with officials and representatives of other teams. They are to instill this ideology in their athletes: it is neither the athletes' place nor responsibility to address officials or representatives from the opposing teams during games about calls or directives given. If the officials or representatives of other teams become intolerant or belligerent towards a D.V.M.S. coach, the coach is to report this to an athletic director as soon as possible.

Award Ceremonies:

There will be an award Ceremony towards the end of the school year, to recognize the accomplishments of student athletes. Athletic directors and coaches will work together to schedule and organize this event.

Athletic League Affiliation:

Yuma Independent Schools Association

Affiliated Schools:

Amerischools Academy: 2098 S 3rd Ave Yuma AZ, 85364

Amerischools Academy North: 1220 S4th Ave Yuma AZ, 85364

Harvest Preparatory Academy: 350 E 18th St. Yuma AZ, 85364

Immaculate Conception School: 501S Avenue B Yuma AZ, 85364

Gowan Science Academy: 1020S Avenue C Yuma AZ, 85365

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School: 700 W 18th St. Yuma AZ, 85364

San Pasqual: 656-688 Baseline Rd Winterhaven, CA, 92283

Southwestern Christian school: 3261 S Ave6 E Yuma AZ, 85365

Final Thoughts:

D.V.M.S. expects all participants in the athletic program to be an example of proper sportsmanlike conduct and to be Positive examples to others. Here is a list of expectations for all participants (athletes, coaches, fans, and parents).

- **Consider all opponents as friends and guests and treat them with courtesy.**
- **Accept all decisions made by an official.**
- **Never hiss or boo at a player or official.**
- **Never utter abusive or irritating remarks from the sidelines.**

- Applaud teammates who make good plays or reflect good sportsmanship
- Seek to play fairly and according to the rules of the game.
- Respect the game for its own sake and not for what it can do for you.
- Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- Win without boasting and lose without excuses.
- Celebrate the opportunity to participate and be active.

Be a DRAGON on FIRE!!