



Argyle Athletics – Student Expectations

Dear Argyle Student (Parents please read with your child),

You have been selected to participate on an athletic team at **Argyle Secondary**. Learning to cooperate in a competitive environment, improving your skill and fitness levels, and making new friends are only a few of the benefits you will enjoy. As you are representing Argyle Secondary School we expect certain standards to be upheld. Please read these expectations carefully with your parents, and address any questions you may have to your Coach, the Teacher Sponsor for your team, or to the Athletic Director.

Attendance and Commitment

Since teachers and coaches give their time voluntarily, you are expected to attend all practices and competitions. Failure to comply with the above may result in suspension or expulsion from the team, depending upon the severity of the infraction. If you know that there may be a conflict between school athletics and outside activities, you must discuss the situation with your coach as soon as possible - preferably *before* the season starts. Even if your health limits your physical participation (e.g., if you are ill or injured), there is a great deal that can be learned by being present, observing and listening. If there is a good reason why you must miss a practice or competition, it is imperative that you contact your coach in advance by the contact method designated by the coach.

If you decide to commit yourself to a team, you have an obligation to see this commitment through to the end. If you do leave the team (after the initial trial period as designated by the coach) you may not be eligible to join another team during that school year. In special circumstances you may be excused from the team, but only after your parent/guardian has discussed the situation with the Coach and the Athletic Director. Athletic fees will not be refunded to athletes who withdraw from their team, except under special circumstances.

Playing Time

Coaches will do their best to ensure a fair allocation of playing time. However, due to the nature of sport, this seldom translates to equal playing time. When registering for a team and paying the associated fees, athletes and parents must understand that no amount of playing time is guaranteed. Concerns regarding playing time should be addressed to the Coach first. If one does not feel that their concerns are adequately addressed, it is recommended that they contact the Teacher Sponsor and/or Athletic Director.

Citizenship and Academic Performance

Argyle team members are expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour and attitude as a part of the Argyle Athletic Program. Any involvement with drugs and/or alcohol will be considered a violation of school district policy and students will be subject to disciplinary action by the School and Athletic Department.

All members of Argyle Athletics are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate and responsible manner at all times. You are required to get the attached citizenship form signed by your teachers so they are aware of your intent to participate on a school team. If a teacher feels that you are not meeting the expectations set out for their class (with regards to attendance, attitude, and performance) a meeting may be called with you, the coach, your parent/guardian, the teacher, and a counselor and/or administrator to discuss your commitments. If it is determined that you are not meeting expectations in the classroom, you may be, at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Administration, suspended from your athletic team until those expectations are being met.

Attendance and Missed School Work

You must attend classes on the day of practice or competition (which includes participating in Physical Education), unless you have been given permission to leave early (i.e., an early dismissal slip) by your team's sponsor teacher. You are required to present early dismissal slips to your teacher at the beginning of the class you are missing and politely ask for permission to leave early. It is your responsibility to talk to your teacher about making up any work that you missed. If you have a quiz or test that day, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with your teacher to make it up. It is expected that you will make every attempt to communicate with your teacher *ahead of time* if you know you will be missing a quiz or test.

Uniforms

Some sports require students to borrow a uniform. Uniforms that are not returned will result in a charge for the full cost of the uniform replacement. Uniforms returned late will result in a late charge of \$50. A student will not be able to receive their report card / yearbook at the end of the year until outstanding charges owing have been paid.

Athletic Fees

A minimum athletic fee is required in order to participate in a school sport. This fee includes uniform rental (if applicable), BC School Sports membership fees, North Shore Secondary School Athletic Association membership fees, first aid supplies, tournament subsidization, equipment purchase support, banners, trophies, Athletic Banquet support, and incidentals. At the discretion of the Coach / Teacher Sponsor, additional fees may be applied in order to purchase clothing (e.g., warm-ups), cover tournament costs, etc. A detailed team budget can be requested from the Teacher Sponsor at any time.

We look forward to having you as a member of Argyle Athletics.

Sincerely,

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