

TRINITY ATHLETIC POLICIES

COMMUNICATION POLICY

INTRODUCTION

We are very pleased that your son/daughter has chosen to participate in the interscholastic athletic program of Trinity High School. A goal of the athletic program is to provide our athletes with the best environment in which their experiences may be as rewarding as possible. We believe that this goal may not be realized without appropriate lines of communication available to all parties involved. This Communication Guide has been developed to help coaches, parents, administrators and athletes communicate more effectively.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE COACH

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations the coach may have for your child and the team.
- Locations and times of all practices and contests
- Team requirements, for example: fees, special equipment, eligibility, attendance, off-season conditioning.
- Procedure to follow should your child become injured during participation
- Athletic code of behavior policy and any additional rules that may affect your child's participation.
- Requirements to earn a letter
- Disposition of lost or outstanding equipment at the end of the season.

COMMUNICATION THE COACH EXPECTS FROM THE PARENTS AND ATHLETES

- Concerns expressed to the coach **FIRST**
- Notification of schedule conflicts
- Special needs of the athlete; example, physical limitations

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

- The treatment of your child mentally and physically
- Ways to help your child improve
- Concerns about your child's behavior

As your child becomes involved in the various athletic programs of Trinity High School, it is our hope that he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his/her life. It is important to understand that things may not always go as you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach may be desirable (IN FACT IS ENCOURAGED) to clear up the issue and avoid misunderstanding.

AREAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH

- Playing time/Position assignment
- Team strategy/Play calling
- Matters concerning other student athletes

Many aspects of the highly emotional and dynamic setting of interscholastic athletics are often questioned. These may include decisions made by coaches, administration, officials, athletes, parents and fans. As you have seen from the previous list, certain concerns can be and should be discussed with

your child's coach. Our coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe is best for all students involved under the circumstances present.

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and parent. Such a meeting is encouraged when necessary. It is important that both parties have a clear understanding of the other person's position. Each should be willing to listen. The following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue.

- Contact the coach to set up an appointment
- If the coach cannot be reached after a reasonable period of time, call Tony SanFilippo, Athletic Director at #216-581-5746.
- IMPORTANT – Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice session.

These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution and in fact often escalate the issue.

THE NEXT STEP

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution? Although total agreement may not always be reached, most often such a meeting does afford the opportunity for productive discussion and better understanding. If the parent desires further communication, please call the Athletic Director to discuss the situation. The appropriate next step will be determined.

CONDUCT OF STUDENT ATHLETES

The student, who wishes to become a candidate for an athletic team, must be willing to accept the guidelines, rules and regulations which govern the activity in which he/she wishes to participate. The student, likewise, may expect that said guidelines, rules and regulations shall be clearly outlined at the beginning of each season by the coach so that no misunderstandings may later occur. Such guidelines shall include rules in effect such as attendance at practice sessions, requirements of earning awards, training rules and statements concerning contests and practice sessions which may occur during school vacation or holiday periods

TRAINING RULES

EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES

- The coach of a sport is expected to present to each squad member a written statement of guidelines, training rules, and regulations. The student must sign an acknowledgement that he/she understands them and the penalties that may be imposed for breaking the rules.
- Although coaches may set training rules that are unique and pertinent to their sport, the rules and the penalties for breaking these rules shall be consistent and in common with all the rules set by coaches directing interscholastic athletic programs.

GENERAL TRAINING RULES

- The student athlete shall not intentionally cause or attempt to cause substantial damage to valuable school property or steal or attempt to steal school property including, but not limited to, athletic equipment, uniforms and supplies.
- A student athlete shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to valuable private property, or steal or attempt to steal private property.
- A student athlete may never use any form of abusive or profane language or gestures toward a coach, teacher, administrator, authorized participant, opponent, official or spectator.
- All student athletes shall comply with specific training rules and regulations distributed to them by the coach or director at the beginning of the sports season.

PENALTIES

Failure to abide by the aforementioned responsibilities and requirement shall result in disciplinary action by the Assistant Principal. Each case shall be considered on an individual basis according to the circumstances.

AREAS WHERE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY

Student participants must recognize that while participating in an athletic activity, they are representing their school and community. Athletic rules and regulations, therefore, apply before, during and after a sport activity.

COMMITMENT POLICY FOR ATHLETES

Recognizing that once a student/athlete chooses to participate in a sport and becomes a part of an interscholastic team (defined as being included on the eligibility roster sent to the OHSAA and participating in the least one regular season contest or once the athlete makes the cut for those sports that limit the number of athletes on the team, including but not limited to volleyball, baseball, basketball and softball), the student/athlete has the responsibility to complete his/her commitment to their team. The following policy is directed toward any athlete who for whatever reason terminates his/her relationship as a player on a team here at Trinity High School.

- The student/athlete forfeits all rights to any post-season honors for that sport including but not limited to, letters, team trophies and nominations to any and all league or district awards.
- The student/athlete may not compete on any other interscholastic sport during the season at Trinity High School.
- Once the student/athlete terminates his/her association with the team, he/she may NOT
 - ❖ Condition with any other Trinity team
 - ❖ Use the Trinity weight room
 - ❖ Try out for another team at Trinity
 - ❖ Practice for another sport at TrinityUNTIL, the sport of which they were a part of has completed their season.
- The parents and athletes MUST meet within five (5) school days with the coach of the team, the Head Varsity Coach of that sport (if not identical) and the Athletic Director. Failure to meet within five (5) days or a time frame approved by the Athletic Director will result in the immediate ineligibility of the player until further notice.
- The student/athlete and parents forfeit all participation fees paid for that sport.
- With input from the Athletic Director, the Administrative team has the final say of forfeiting of any privileges listed above.

CHEMICAL USE

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

Trinity High School recognizes the use of chemicals as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and total development of each individual. The misuse and abuse of some adolescents affects extra-curricular participation and development of related skills. Others are affected by the misuse and abuse by family, team members or other significant persons in their lives.

The close contact in Trinity activities of advisors and coaches and other athletic department personnel provides them with a unique opportunity to observe, confront and assist your people. Trinity, therefore, supports education and awareness training in adolescent chemical use problems including the symptomatology of chemical dependency and special issues affecting the athletic activities for administrators, athletic directors, coaches, advisors, participants and their families.

RULE

During the season of practice or play, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not:

1. Use any beverage containing alcohol
2. Use or consume, have in possession, buy/sell or give away any illegal controlled substance (It is NOT a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the students' own use by his/her doctor.)

Minimum penalties and recommendations for Athletic Activities:

FIRST VIOLATION

Penalty: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose athletic eligibility for the next four (4) weeks or a minimum of four (4) contests (if the violation occurs before the season starts) of a season in which the student is a participant. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in treatment program. It is recommended that the student remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. NOTE: The use of tobacco in any form will cause the student to lose eligibility for one-half the time periods as above. Subsequent violations will have penalty of 1 and ½ times the previous penalty.

SECOND VIOLATION

Penalty: After confirmation of a second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for twelve (12) weeks consecutively or twelve (12) contests, whichever is greater. This penalty shall carry over to any other sport in which that student is a participant.

THIRD VIOLATION

Penalty: After confirmation of a third violation, the student shall no longer be allowed to participate in any athletic contests or be a member of any athletic team.

Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's years of participation on all levels of all interscholastic athletic teams.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018

I, as a student of Trinity High School, understand and support the general training rules, individual sport training rules and chemical use program of the Trinity High School Athletic Department for the 2017-2018 school year.

DATE

PLEASE PRINT STUDENT/ATHLETE'S NAME

STUDENT/ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

As parent(s) or legal guardian of the student/athlete above, understand and support the general training rules, individual sport training rules and the chemical use program of the Trinity High School Athletic Department for the 2017-2018 school year.

DATE

PLEASE PRINT PARENT'S NAME

PARENT'S SIGNATURE