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STARGATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL
ATHLETE'S HANDBOOK
2018-2019

Adams 12 Five Star School District

COACHES

The health, safety and well being of student-athletes are primary concerns for a coach. The coach controls the actions of his/her athletes both in competition and out of competition when they are representing Stargate School. The coach emphasizes the necessity of being a team, even in individual sports. No one person is responsible for winning nor is one person responsible for losing. The coach should do the best job he or she is capable of doing and treat all student-athletes with respect and fairness. The coach keeps an open line of communication between him/herself and the student-athletes, Athletic Director, school administration and parents. Coaches are encouraged to attend coaching clinics to continue to improve him/herself and his/her programs. The coach should keep the athletic director informed as to any problems, dismissals, honors, etc. that happen in his/her program. The coach will follow policies, procedures, and school rules. It is a coach's responsibility to keep current on all guidelines. The coach will show professionalism and sportsmanship at all times and should instruct student-athletes to display the same.

BUILDING SUPERVISION

All head and assistant coaches must remain on the school property after all practices, games, etc., until all players have received a ride home. At no time may a coach leave the premises unless s/he has made arrangements with the other coaches or the Athletic Director. The staff is responsible for the safety of the students while on campus. Please be sure to make proper and timely arrangements with your parents for rides home.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS AT STARGATE

The athletic program at Stargate School is to be an educational experience. Participants are to be taught how to work hard and experience the satisfaction that goes with giving their best in whatever they do.

The athletic department at Stargate School will emphasize the importance of discipline, class, professionalism, sportsmanship and effort. A team concept will be taught and practiced. A sense of community will be fostered throughout this process allowing students to respect and support one another.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS OFFERED AT STARGATE SCHOOL:

The following athletic programs are offered at Stargate:

Boys

Soccer (Aug-Oct)

Basketball (Oct-Dec)

Baseball (Mar-May)

Cross Country (Aug-Oct.)

Girls

Volleyball (Aug-Oct)

Basketball (Jan-Mar)

Soccer (Mar-May)

Cross Country (Aug-Oct.)

FEES:

ALL FEES ARE REQUIRED TO BE PAID ONLINE AT PAYFORIT.NET BY THE DUE DATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS.

The fees for the 2018-2019 Middle School athletics are as follows:

TEAMS:

It has always been our goal to allow all of our middle school students who are interested in playing any of our offered sports the opportunity to do so without the stress of possibly being cut from a team. Many of the schools that we play in our middle school league hold tryouts where they cut players in an effort to keep numbers low and competition high. We feel this does not align with our mission and goals at the middle school level.

Because we often do not know how many students will register for a sport until the season begins, we have decided to hold off charging fees for a sport until all teams have been established. We will set a deadline for when fees are due; they will be assigned to your Payforit account, and if they are not paid by the due date, your Student will be unable to participate. It is important that you register your student prior to the first practice.

The coaches will hold tryouts and create an A and B team based on skill level and experience. Students who do not make the A or B team will have the opportunity to join our Developmental Team. This team will get together once a week (Wednesday) to practice basic skills and play an inter squad game. It is our hope to find some lower level teams in our area to play an official game against as well. This team will be charged only \$30 to participate instead of the full \$60. The developmental team has the option to purchase a jersey if they would like, but they are not required to.

ATTENDANCE & PRACTICE POLICIES:

Each student must practice a minimum of five (5) days before he or she can compete in a Middle School Athletic Conference sanctioned event.

Students must attend school a minimum of three (3) classes the day of a practice or scheduled contest in order to participate that day. In case of extenuating circumstances, the Athletic Director may allow the student to participate if warranted.

Practices the day before a game are mandatory. Failure to attend practice will result in loss of playing time.

If a student is suspended from school, s/he may not practice, participate or attend any school-sponsored activity during that suspension.

The head coach of each sport will establish practice attendance requirements and consequences to be distributed *in writing* to all players and families prior to the start of that season.

TRANSPORTATION:

Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from all games. Parents and students can organize their own carpool to games. Stargate is not responsible for athlete transportation.

ELIGIBILITY:

A student becomes a member of their school team when they report to practice.

Each Thursday at Stargate, the Athletic Director will pull a report from Infinite Campus and complete the eligibility report for Friday. Any student-athlete who is failing one (1) or more classes will be declared ineligible from competition for one week (Sunday to Sunday). This report will be given to coaches by the end of the day on Thursday. Coaches will inform the student-athletes of their ineligibility. Students who fail to improve their grades will remain ineligible indefinitely and may face dismissal from the team.

EQUIPMENT AND JERSEY

All members of a sports team must have a jersey. Jersey will be available for purchase when registering for a sport. The Jersey is a one time cost of \$40. This jersey is the player's to keep and use for all Stargate Middle School sports.

DRESS CODE FOR PLAYERS

Student-athletes may not wear any portion of their uniform to school during a *non-game day*. NO EXCEPTIONS. Coaches may establish a game day dress code for his or her team with approval from the school administration.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS:

Parent/Fan attendance, win or lose, is very positive and encouraging for student-athletes. Therefore, attendance is encouraged by parents/fans. Schedules for each season are available prior to the start of the season. Check the school website calendar for game information.

School athletic programs are designed for student learning, skills enhancement and competition. A positive parent/fan attitude towards sportsmanship greatly enhances the student athlete's learning experience. The authority to control spectator behavior as defined in the athletic by-laws of the Colorado High School Activities Association is the responsibility of the school officials in charge of the athletic contest.

