

DELVIEW SECONDARY



STUDENT – ATHLETE HANDBOOK

2014 Edition

SECTION I – Philosophy & Objectives

1.1 Philosophy Statement:

Athletes at Delview Secondary will be conducted in a manner that supports the improvement of health, fitness, and general welfare of all individuals taking part in the program. The athletic program will strive to encourage all student athletes to reach their full academic, educational and social potential. Delview's athletic program will also endeavour to contribute to a positive school and community atmosphere by promoting the highest ideals of fair play and mutual respect by coaches, student athletes, spectators and parents.

1.2 Objectives of Athletics Program:

- 1.2.1 To contribute to a positive school atmosphere by developing:
- A. Mutual appreciation for athletics among teachers, students, parents and coaches.
 - B. A sense of belonging at Delview in as many students as possible, by providing outlets for various aptitudes and pursuits.
 - C. Respect of teachers, students and coaches for the interschool athletic program, assuring that the activities conducted are worthy, well organized, and are not detrimental to the individual or to the school's good reputation.
 - D. An understanding that every eligible student has the right
 - E. to try out for a team, but it is a privilege and not a right to be selected to represent one's school.
 - F. In spectators, enthusiasm for their school, together with proper attitudes and conduct toward opposing spectators, respect for the officials, visiting teachers/coaches and players, approval of good play conducted by opposing players, and disapproval of unfair tactics by their own representatives.
 - G. An understanding that the prestige derived from participation in the school athletic program comes hand in hand with numerous expectations. Therefore, all participants have a responsibility to set a positive example for behaviour and cooperation in the classroom, around the school and at all school sponsored functions. Participants are ambassadors of the school while in the community.

- 1.2.2 To provide students opportunities for growth and maturity in student athletes by:
 - A. Teaching respect for others, irrespective of social position, financial status, ethnic background, religion, race or other possible differences.
 - B. Teaching social graces and courtesy
 - C. Teaching an attitude of respect for law and order by self-discipline and group by discipline, rather than by direct authority of adults.
- 1.2.3 To promote opportunities for development of emotional maturity by encouraging:
 - A. Development and control of the competitive spirit.
 - B. “Fair play” and “good sportsmanship”
 - C. Socially approved reactions to emotionally charged situations
 - D. Ethical observance of the spirit, not merely the letter of the rules.
- 1.2.4 To provide opportunities for training leadership, organization and administration. The sense of obligation to accept responsibility and contribute to the welfare of others and the interschool athletic program should be fostered.
- 1.2.5 To provide the opportunity to instil student athletes with the attitude that education is continuous, resulting from a wide variety of life experiences.

| Interschool athletics should not engage the time and energies of
students, teachers or administrators to the detriment of the
school’s curricular programs. |

SECTION II – Student Policies

2.1 Delview Secondary's Athletic Code:

The students at Delview Secondary will help contribute to a positive athletic experience for all persons involved by the following of our athletic code.

2.1.1 Athletic Code

- A. It is a privilege and not a right to take part in Delview Secondary's school activities.
- B. All coaches, athletes and managers must be prepared to make a serious commitment to the team and its members. This includes attendance at all practices, games and related functions.
- C. A positive attitude and willingness to cooperate with all coaching and teaching staff, students, opponents, officials and team-mates is expected at all times.
- D. Uniforms, equipment and facilities must be treated with respect. Proper care and return of the uniform is each athlete's responsibility. Failure to do so may result in costs for a new uniform to be charged to the student. Students will also be financially responsible for any reckless damage caused to equipment and/or facilities.
- E. During school sponsored events, use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, un-prescribed drugs and other age restricted materials, by the athletic program participant is prohibited and will result in team or school suspension. This is in accordance with the expectations outlined in the school policies.
- F. Attendance and sound academic standing in all classes is mandatory for all athletic program participants.
- G. Failure to comply with any of the above statements may result, at the coach's and/or athletic director's and/or principal's discretion, in temporary or permanent suspension from that team, and any other school teams for the duration of the year. Student athletes must be in 'good standing' with the school administration at all times in order to be eligible to play on a team.
- H. Student athletes are responsible for obtaining permission to miss classroom sessions from teachers in a manner conducive of respect for the teacher and respect of the opportunity to learn. Student athletes are personally responsible to make up missed work and to write missed exams at times which are most convenient to the teacher.

2.2 Eligibility Criteria:

Students will be eligible to compete in interschool athletics, as representatives of Delview Secondary, if they satisfy the following conditions:

2.2.1 B.C School Sports Eligibility

It is the responsibility of the teacher/coach or sponsor teacher and the Athletic Director to ensure that students meet all B.C School Sports eligibility requirements. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all the information provided to the school is accurate upon registration.

2.2.2 In School Eligibility

A. In School Attendance

The student must meet satisfactory attendance standards. If attendance is found to be unsatisfactory, the athlete may be suspended from any further involvement with the team until the matter has been resolved.

B. In Class Performance

This must be satisfactory in both effort and attitude. If either of the above areas are found to be unsatisfactory, the athlete may be suspended from any further involvement with the team until the matter has been resolved.

C. Communication of Eligibility Issues

The normal lines of communication for resolving any of the above eligibility issues will be as follows:

a. Teacher to student/parent

b. Teacher to coach/counsellor followed by communication to student.

c. Teacher to athletic director, counsellor, administrator and parent.

2.3 Seasonal Competition:

In each season of play (Fall, Winter and Spring), students will only be permitted to participate on one school team. As an athletic department, we feel that students cannot make a serious commitment (attendance at all practices and games) to a school team if they are attempting to play on more than one school team at the same time. We also feel that the student may place their academic standing at the school at risk as well.