



Taft Lady Raider FC
2009-2010

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Northside Independent School District

Athletic Code of Conduct

NISD ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Northside provides a comprehensive athletic program for the benefit of NISD students. The underlying belief exists that participation in a competitive athletic program can provide students an opportunity to learn responsibility, dedication, leadership, hard work, respect for rules, respect for authority and many other positive qualities. Regulations are established to promote these qualities and to help build and maintain a strong athletic program. **It is recognized that some of the expectations for athletes exceed the expectations for the general student body.** Athletes are expected to follow the district policies and all athletic procedures set by the district and the school. Violations of the rules will result in corrective and/or disciplinary action. The facts and circumstances will be taken into consideration when determining consequences for rule violations.

It is the desire of Northside district and campus athletic staff to educate and counsel our young athletes on the serious harmful effects of substance abuse and the potential consequences inflicted upon themselves, their families, and their respective teammates should they choose to breach the Athletic Code of Conduct. It is also the intent of the Athletic Code of Conduct to provide a clearly defined course for our student athletes to follow and instill a belief that a one time infraction need not result in a permanent pattern in life.

The use, possession or distribution of illegal substances or an athlete's involvement in theft on the campus will be addressed accordingly. The athlete will be provided a hearing and investigation. The hearing process will be established by the principal and athletic coordinator on his/her campus. Any athlete found to be in violation of any of the aforementioned infractions will face disciplinary action.

Once guilt has been determined, the General Guidelines for Student Discipline as outlined in NISD Board Policy (FO(Local)) will be used when possible and applied to all cases concerning the campus athletic code of conduct. The following penalties will be administered throughout the district when infractions occur.

TOBACCO

- No athlete shall, while on or off school premises, use, possess, distribute or be under the influence of tobacco.
- A first offense will result in a two week suspension from game competition. If there is not two weeks remaining in that particular sport season, the balance will be fulfilled in the subsequent sport season. A contract will be required.*
- A second offense will result in dismissal from the athletic program for the remainder of the school year in which the infraction occurred. Another contract will be required.
- A third offense will result in dismissal of the athlete from high school athletics.

ALCOHOL

- No athlete shall, while on or off campus, sell, give, deliver, use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol.
- The first offense will result in a four week suspension from game competition. If there are not four weeks remaining in that particular sport season, the balance will be fulfilled in the subsequent sport season. A contract will be required.*
- The second offense will result in dismissal from athletics for the remainder of the school year. Another contract will be required.
- A third offense will result in dismissal from high school athletics.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

- No athlete shall, while one of off campus, sell, give, deliver, use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal substances.

- A first offense will result in a six week suspension from game competition. If there are not six weeks remaining in that particular sport season, the balance will be fulfilled in the subsequent sport season. A contract will be required.*
- A second offense will result in dismissal from high school athletics.

THEFT (on campus)

- Any athlete guilty of theft on campus will face the following consequences:
- A first offense will result in a 3-6 week suspension from game competition determined by the value and circumstances involved in the theft. If there are not 3-6 weeks left in that particular sport season, the balance will be fulfilled in the subsequent sport season. A contract will be required.*
- A second offense will result in dismissal from athletics for the remainder of the school year. Another contract will be required.
- A third offense will result in dismissal from high school athletics .

Other

Behaviors that are identified by the Texas Education Code, Section 37.007, may also result in suspension or dismissal from the athletic program. These behaviors are identified in the Student-Parent Handbook and are listed as Category Offenses I, II, III and IV of the Code of Student Conduct and will apply to athletes while on or off the campus. Athletes must remain aware that being a part of an extracurricular activity is considered an honor and a privilege and not a right. Therefore, it requires observance of all discipline policies whether or not an athlete is at school or school-related activities.

The discipline consequences for violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct may include suspension or dismissal from the athletic program. Such actions, if any, shall be taken by head coaches only after consultation with the campus athletics coordinator and school administration. Behavioral contract may also be used following various infractions. Consequences for some rule violations may be addressed by coaches through discipline within the student's athletic program (short term suspensions, reduced playing time, role or position reassignment, contracts, etc.) Additional disciplinary consequences can also be imposed by the appropriate school officials for conduct or behavior that violates the District's Code of Student Conduct.

Note:

- If the offense occurs during the summer, the suspension will begin with the first week of game competition.
- If the offense occurs during the season, the suspension will begin with the next game competition.
- If the offense occurs at the end of the season, the remaining suspension games will carry over to the next season, starting with the first contest of the next season.

CONTRACTS

Upon verification of a first offense of the Athletic Code of Conduct, the athlete will be required to attend a conference in which he/she will be presented a contract between the athlete, parent(s) or guardian(s), campus administrator, and his/her coach and athletic coordinator. The contract will reflect an understanding of the expectations of his/her particular campus and consequences for future rule violations. The contract must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) prior to his/her reinstatement onto the team for competition.

**Behavior Contract under the Northside
Athletic Code of Conduct**

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Being a part of the Northside Athletics Program is considered an honor and a privilege and not a right. Students are required to abide by the Athletic Code of Conduct whether or not the student is at school or a school related activity.

Northside athletes are expected to comply with the disciplinary consequences for any failure to comply with the Athletic Code of Conduct. The consequences for violation of the standards of conduct set out in the Athletic Code of Conduct are in addition to any disciplinary consequences imposed by the appropriate school officials for behavior that violates the District’s disciplinary rules set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

This contract confirms that a conference has been held between the athlete, his/her parent(s) or guardian(s), his/her coach, a campus administrator and the athletic coordinator.

The following consequences of the athlete’s violation of the Northside ISD Athletic Code of Conduct will be:

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The following consequences will result should a future violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct occur:

This document must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent or guardian before an athlete is reinstated onto any team for competition .

Athlete	Parent or Guardian
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Date	Date
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Rules, Expectations, & Policies

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Rules & Expectations:

- Each player is expected to be dressed and on time for daily workouts. Each player is expected to be on the field no later than **4** minutes after the tardy bell rings. There will be extra physical training for players that are tardy.
- Each player is expected to wear appropriate practice clothing each day, regardless of weather conditions. All clothing should be **white, red, or gray**. No black clothing should be worn. Standard practice uniforms will be ordered as soon as possible, and once they are in, each player will be expected to wear the team practice uniform each and every day.
- If a player is absent they should contact one of the coaches on the day they are out **BEFORE** the athletic period. If a player is too sick to dress out and participate, they should see one of the coaches immediately when the athletic period begins. Players that miss workouts are expected to make them up. The only exception is for an athlete missing practice due to injury sustained in soccer. Players are then expected to work with the training staff during the athletic period.
- Each player is expected to take of school equipment, including clothing/gear issued to them, lockers, balls, etc. Fines will be levied for damaged/lost equipment.
- Each player is expected to attend all meetings, practices, and games. These are **NOT** optional. Failure to attend team functions can result in dismissal from the team. If circumstances do not permit you to attend a function, contact Coach Davis or Coach Holthe immediately.
- Each player is expected to conduct themselves properly during the school day. Players with excessive disciplinary issues will be removed from the program.
- Each player is expected to pass each of their academic classes. Players that are consistently ineligible due to academics will be removed from the program.

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Rules, Expectations, & Policies continued....

Policies:

- The Lady Raider Soccer program consists of two teams, a Varsity team, and a Junior Varsity team. The teams will have a maximum number of players, and depending on the maximum, it may be necessary to reduce the numbers of the players in the program.
- Enrollment in the athletic period **DOES NOT** guarantee a spot on one of the teams. **The enrollment in the athletic program may be reduced during the first 2 weeks of school after a proper evaluation of the athletes can be made.** The final makeup of the two teams will be determined in December, after open tryouts are conducted. Any student scheduled out of the soccer athletics class is welcome to return to the open tryout on November 30, 2009. Announcements about tryouts will be made on ladyraidersoccer.com and the school announcements.
- Varsity games are usually held Tuesdays or Wednesday and Friday or Saturday. Junior Varsity games are generally played Tuesday or Wednesday and Saturday morning. If there is an ongoing conflict that might prevent a player from attending games and/or practices on a regular basis, please bring it to the coach's attention as soon as possible.
- Students will be issued uniforms, bags, warm-ups, and other equipment. All school issued equipment must be returned at the end of the season. Any equipment that is lost or damaged must be paid for.
- All students must have a physical examination and insurance information on file with the Athletic Trainers office **BEFORE** they can participate in any athletic event, including practices. The necessary paperwork can be acquired in the Athletic Trainer's office or on our team website at ladyraidersoccer.com (under the Forms & Downloads section).
- Practices will be held over the Christmas Break and Spring Break, and games for both Varsity and Junior Varsity are scheduled for Spring Break. All players are expected to be in attendance at those practices and games! Please see the Pledge letter for more specific details on this issue.

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Rules, Expectations, & Policies continued....

Policies continued...

- No one may sit in the cafeteria during the Athletic Period. If a player is sick or injured, she is to dress out, come to the field, and ask permission to see the trainer. No one is allowed to attend another class or go to the office without permission from the coaches.
- We have instituted a “Three Strikes Policy” for the 2009-2010 school year. Three violations of our policies will result in dismissal from the soccer program for the 2009-2010 school year.
- If a student-athlete is truant from the soccer class, it will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

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“Three Strikes” Policy

In order for our program to run more smoothly, and to give the people who truly want to be a part of our program every opportunity to do so, we have decided to implement a “Three Strikes” policy for the 2009-2010 school year.

Violations of the policies of the Taft Lady Raider Soccer program will earn an athlete a “strike”. Any player that accrues three strikes will be dismissed from the program. Strikes will not be issued for minor, petty things, but will be issued for what we consider to be major violations. Some examples include:

- *An unexcused absence from the athletic period
- *Not bringing proper workout clothes / Not dressing out without just cause
- *Absences from after-school practices without prior approval from your coach
- *Being anywhere but out on the field or in the training room (with permission from your coach) during 8th period.
- *Missing a game without prior approval from your coach

This is not an exhaustive list, but is meant to show some examples of what athletes might receive a strike for.

When an athlete receives two strikes, we will make every effort to notify the parents about the player’s current standing.

This policy is not meant as punishment – after all, if you are doing what you are supposed to be doing on a daily basis, you will have nothing to worry about. Instead, it is meant to weed out those people who are not serious about being a good teammate and a quality representative of Taft Lady Raider Soccer.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott Davis
Head Coach, Taft Lady Raider Soccer
William Howard Taft High School

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Tentative Calendar

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2009-2010 Tentative Calendar

August 25, 2009

First day of training for players with all paperwork turned in.

September 8, 2009

Deadline to reduce class size (if necessary).

November 30, 2009

Outside of school day practices begin. Tryouts for candidates not in soccer class begins.

December 18, 2009

Last day of practices before Christmas Break.

December 28, 29, 30, 31, 2009 & January 1, 2010

**Varsity practice days. Times TBA.
Junior Varsity practice days are December 30, 31, and January 1.**

January 2, 2010

Varsity & Junior Varsity scrimmage tournaments. Times TBA.

January 4, 2009

School resumes. Normal practice schedule resumes.

January 8 & 9, 2010

Varsity Tournament, TBA

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After completely reading this packet, please download, print, sign, and return to Coach Davis the signature page from <http://taftfc.davisuniverse.com/sigpage.pdf>.

The signature page is also available on the Taft Lady Raider FC website (<http://www.ladyraidersoccer.com>) under the “Forms & Downloads” section.