

# TO BE ELIGIBLE TO REPRESENT FIVAY HIGH SCHOOL IN ATHLETIC CONTESTS

## Prior to the first practice session, all students must have:

1. A current physical examination. **This physical must be dated after May 1. (Pre-participation Physical Evaluation) Must be on EL2 FHSAA form**
2. A signed and **notarized** parent permission form for the current year. **(Athletic Participation Form)**
3. **Consent and Release of Liability Certificate EL3**
4. **Code of Ethics Agreement**
5. The County required participation fee of \$60.00 (non refundable) for the first sport, due within 3 days of making a team. A fee of \$40.00 is required for each additional sport played (maximum for family \$160.00) (individual maximum is \$100) **\*\*Subject to change\*\***
6. **Affidavit of Compliance with Policy on Athletic Recruiting GA4. This form is to be used by any student who has transferred to FHS.**
7. An original birth certificate must be presented to the coach for verification. (This need only be presented to the coach one time while student remains at FHS).
8. A student living out of the Fivay High School attendance zone must also have:  
A) Completed and approved Pasco County Special Attendance Request form on file in the registrar's office.
9. The parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign form verifying that they received information concerning FHS policy, procedures and insurance. This form is mandatory in order for an athlete to participate in the FHS athletic program.
10. **Home Education**-all forms must be completed and filed prior to the first day of practice. Please refer to **Article 11.1.3 and 11.1.4 of the FHSAA Bylaws and Policy 14 (C)** in the Administrative Guidelines, Policies and Procedures section in the FHSAA Handbook.  
The Home Education program must be registered with the county.
11. **Foreign Exchange Student**-all forms must be completed and filed prior to the first day of practice. The amount of paperwork that is required for a foreign exchange student is extensive and will require additional time to complete.  
**\*\*\*FHSAA Paperwork Requirements are subject to change\*\*\***

## ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY

A period of seven (7) calendar days beyond the last day of the system marking period is provided to determine academic eligibility during the current school year.

1. 9th Graders must be regularly promoted.
2. All athletes after 1st semester as a 9th grader must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain eligible.
3. **The Athletic Director will also conduct a 9-week grade check. Athletes must have 9 GPA points (1.5) and no more than 2 F's. Any Athlete with fewer than 9 quality points or having 3Fs will become ineligible until the next grade report (progress reports). Any athlete with fewer than 12 Quality Points must be put on weekly progress reports.**
4. Any athlete not meeting FHSAA 2.0 CUM is also ineligible for practice.

**If student/athlete obtains 10 unexcused absences in a semester they will not be eligible for the remainder of the semester and the next 9-week period. Attendance is checked monthly. Any student ruled ineligible during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be ineligible for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the following school year. It is imperative that school procedure is followed for excusing absences.**

## **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Students can never make up for class instruction missed when absent from classes. Thus, it is imperative that students be in school whenever physically able. The FHSAA has no policy regarding the number of classes a student must attend on any day to practice or participate in an athletic contest. The Head Coach or an Assistant prior to practice will check attendance on eSembler each day. **The FHS Athletic Department policy states that you must be in class unless there is a prearranged absence approved by the Athletic Director.** If an athlete breaks the policy and it is not discovered until a later date, the athlete will be suspended from the next contest. Coaches may dictate in their policies any additional standards that they feel are necessary. **Any emergency situations will be handled on an individual basis by contacting the Athletic Director at (727) 246-4000 or lmquade@pasco.k12.fl.us.**

## **SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL**

Pasco County School board policy dictates that any student assigned Out-of-School may not practice or participate in an athletic contest while suspended. This suspension will also apply during any appeal process. **Any student athlete assigned to ISS is ineligible to practice that day and will be suspended for the next scheduled contest.** Suspensions involving multiple days will be dealt with on an individual basis and may result in additional game suspensions or dismissal.

## **PRACTICES**

The coach will schedule practices. It is imperative that all team members be at practice when scheduled and be on time. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, it **is your responsibility to notify your coach the day that you will not be at practice. If you are not in school, phone the school and ask for your coach or leave a message with the school operator.** Consequences for missed practices will vary for each sport and will be outlined by the individual coach in his/her team policies.

## **COMMITMENT**

An athlete must understand that playing a sport is very demanding on his time for practice and games. Many of these occur during holidays, on Saturday, etc. The coach and team expect you to be there. An Athlete missing any contest during holidays for club/travel type teams will be considered unexcused and subject to the coaches policy regarding unexcused absences. Any other absences must be pre-arranged and approved by the Head Coach. **Any athlete, who quits a team or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, will be ineligible for another sport until the current season is over.**

## **STEALING**

Stealing by any of our athletes will not be tolerated and will be grounds for **immediate dismissal from team** and may affect future athletic participation.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

A student who, prior to, during or following an interscholastic athletic contest, commits an act of a malicious and hateful nature toward a contest official or an opponent, shall be guilty of gross unsportsmanlike conduct and be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of six weeks. Such malicious acts shall include, but not be limited to, cursing, striking or threatening a contest official during a contest or at any other time because of resentment over occurrences or decisions during a contest; physical contact with an opponent that is beyond the normal scope of competition and which appears to be with the intent of inflicting bodily harm on the opponent; spitting on a contest official or opponent/ directing gender, racial or ethnic slurs toward a contest official or opponent; or other such acts which may be deemed as unacceptable conduct either by the principal of the member school the student attends or this Association. The Commissioner, the Sectional Appeals Committee or the Board of Directors on appeal, may restore the eligibility of such a student prior to the expiration of the six weeks when in his/their opinion the student has been properly disciplined by the authorities of the school which he/she attends and the student signs a written statement of his/her intention to comply with the provisions of Articles 8.1.1 and 11.11.1 of these Bylaws in the future.

Fivay High School may lengthen the suspension if deemed necessary.

\*Note - FHSAA By-Law 9.7.4

The FHSAA has mandated that the home school is responsible for the control of spectators during athletic contests. If in the event that a spectator or spectators create a distraction, they will be removed from the facility and face possible suspension from future athletic events.

In the event that a student is assigned in-school suspension during a particular sport season, the student will be suspended for a minimum of one contest.

**\*\*\* Student athletes who receive a fine from the FHSAA for unsportsmanlike conduct, must pay the fine prior to playing in any further contests or participating in another sport.**

**We at FHS insist that all our supporters and athletes exhibit sportsmanship and respect for our opponents, their fans, and the officials who are working our contests.**

#### **UNIFORMS AND OTHER ISSUED EQUIPMENT**

Students are responsible for the proper care of all equipment issued to them. It is their responsibility to properly care for these items and return them at the end of the season in proper condition. Any of these items not returned must be paid for at the current replacement price (It is standard manufacturer's policy that, when replacing fewer than six uniforms, the cost of each equates to roughly 200% of original cost). Any awards, letters or honors will also be withheld until the student has cleared all debts or uniform responsibilities.

**WHEN WASHING UNIFORMS, AT NO TIME SHOULD BLEACH BE USED! Dry on Low Heat!**

#### **TRAVEL**

In most cases, travel to and from athletic contests will be provided on buses. There will, however, be times that private vehicles will be used for this purpose. In either case, athletes will be expected to travel to and from these events with the team. If parents wish to bring their child home instead, permission to do so must be obtained from the coach and this permission will be at his/her discretion. At no time will athletes be permitted to return with anyone other than their parents.

#### **NCAA REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES**

The NCAA has requirements for Athletic Scholarships and should be of interest to all parents. It is suggested that you familiarize yourself with these requirements and keep them in mind throughout your high school days, especially when scheduling classes from year to year. The guidance department has a complete copy of these and is more than pleased to help the students with any questions regarding this matter. All NCAA member schools strictly adhere to these requirements.

#### **LETTERS AND AWARDS**

The following are athletic Department policies outlining what must be done to earn a letter in varsity or junior varsity sports at Fivay High School. Coaches have been instructed to set standards for their individual sport that must be met in order to earn a letter. These standards have been established to make this letter more meaningful.

1. A STUDENT MUST BE ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE AND IN GOOD STANDING AT THE END OF THE SEASON TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY AWARD(S).
2. EACH HEAD COACH WILL ESTABLISH SET STANDARDS FOR THEIR SPORT THAT EACH ATHLETE MUST MEET TO EARN A LETTER. A COPY OF THESE APPROVED STANDARDS MUST BE GIVEN TO EACH ATHLETE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON.
3. STUDENTS MEETING THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA FOR A LETTER WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:
  - A) FIRST TIME LETTERING (VARSITY) LETTER
  - B) FIRST TIME LETTERING IN THAT SPORT: PIN
  - C) SECOND TIME OR AFTER IN THAT SPORT: BAR

#### **DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS**

The manufacture, distribution, dispensation possession or use of controlled substances; including alcohol, is prohibited on District School Board property or at any sanctioned activity. This offense is a Level III violation of the Student Code of Conduct and may result in the expulsion of the student from Fivay High School. All FHSAA and DSBPC policies will be enforced.

\*FHSAA POLICY ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

#### **USE OF PROFANITY**

The use of profanity, obscene gestures, or abusive language is a Level III (serious breach of conduct) offense of the Student Code of Conduct. **At anytime a student shows disrespect toward school officials, contestants, spectators, game officials, teammates or their coaches, the student will be suspended for a minimum of one contest.**

## **Inappropriate electronic communications**

Student athletes that partake in sending or posting derogatory, harassing, or threatening statements regarding teammates or coaches may face discipline interventions depending on the severity of the communication. Consequences may include, warning, suspension, or dismissal from the team.

## **STUDENT ATHLETE OR STUDENT INVOLVED IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BEING ARRESTED AND CHARGED**

See DSBPC student code of conduct

## **OFF SEASON GUIDELINES**

The FHS Athletic Department policy regarding off-season programs is:

- 1) Off-season programs during the regular school year will be limited to those agencies recognized by the FHSAA or approved by the school administration
- 2) Summer programs will be limited to those agencies recognized by the FHSAA or approved by the school administration
- 3) An open gym in the summer must follow the guidelines set forth by the FHSAA and school administration
- 4) FHSAA - Policy on summer participation will be strictly enforced.

**\*\*Off-Season programs are voluntary and participation is not a requirement\*\***

## **Parent/Athlete/Coach- Communication Guide**

### **Our Philosophy**

- **Athletic achievement requires a commitment from all athletes, parents, coaches, and administrators. For us to be successful, effective communication must occur.**
- **The FHS athletic director and administration believe strongly in being accessible to the parents and supportive of the coaching staff.**
- **We will continuously strive to improve communication with our students and parents. To be successful, everyone must understand the goals and direction of our programs.**

### **Parent Expectations**

1. It is reasonable to expect your child's coach to inform you:

- Times and locations of practice and contests
- His or her coaching philosophy
- Expectations he/she has for all athletes on the squad
- Requirements of the team, i.e. fees, equipment, conditioning, lettering requirements, fundraising, etc...
- Of any injury occurring at practice or a contest
- Whenever any disciplinary action will result in your son/daughter being suspended from a practice or contest.

2. Typical concerns of parents that are **appropriate** to discuss with the coach:

- Any mental or physical strain on your child that is affecting their behavior at home or in the classroom.
- How you can contribute to your child's skill improvement
- Health concerns regarding your child
- Schedule conflicts

3. Items that are **inappropriate** to discuss with a coach

- Team strategy and play calling
- Other student athletes

**If you have a concern regarding a coach, please follow the procedure below.**

- 1. Make an appointment with the coach. Never approach the coach after a game or practice unless the coach requests this.**
- 2. At the meeting, please professionally discuss the situation.**
- 3. Determine the next step in resolving the issue.**

**What if the meeting with the coach does not resolve the problem?**

- Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation**

**This Fivay High School Handbook does not cover all situations that may occur in our Athletic Program; however, we have tried to include as many as possible in writing so the athletes and parents understand our expectations. We will strive to do all we can to make sure our student/athletes represent this school and community with dignity and integrity.**

**Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Any student/athlete who violates a team rule or commits a serious breach of the student code of conduct may be dismissed from the team immediately. The final decision rests with the Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal.**

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**FHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**  
**Angela Stone, Principal**  
**Linda McQuade, Athletic Director**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Fivay High School requires that all athletes have this form signed by a parent/guardian. This form is mandatory in order to participate in the FHS athletic program.

This is to confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ has received information concerning FHS policy, procedures and insurance.

We understand that the school insurance plan is a secondary coverage and that all accidental athletic injuries must go through our primary carrier first.

All involved with FHS athletic program fully understand that the student/athlete will be expected to follow FHS guidelines and display the utmost respect for teachers, coaches, administration, officials and opponents. Athletes that violate these standards will lose the privilege of representing FHS athletic program.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the sport(s) in which the athlete may participate:

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Fivay High School**  
**Parent/Student Athletic Code of Ethics Agreement**

As a member of the Fivay High School Athletic Program, I understand that it is my responsibility to abide by all state, district and school regulations that govern interscholastic athletic activities.

The Fivay High School Athletic Department shall practice and promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethics in all interscholastic activities. The Principal and/or Athletic Director shall have full authority to suspend eligibility of any student for violation of state or school policies. Any spectator that demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct may be removed from that contest and may lose the privilege of attending future activities at Fivay High School.

I know that athletic participation is a privilege and I agree to follow the rules of my school, district and the FHSAA and to abide by their decisions.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_