



Harpool Middle School Athletic Information 2017-2018

Preparation has begun for the 2017-2018 school year. We, as a coaching staff are excited about your child making the decision to be a part of the Longhorn Athletic Program. Below is a brief description of expectations for our athletes. Please read and review this packet of information, sign and return the last page. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact myself or any of our coaching staff at 940-369-1763 or feel free to set up an appointment. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Kenny Howell
Athletic Coordinator

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Participation in Athletics:

- A. Every athlete is expected to suit out every day.
- B. Skipping workouts will result in possible dismissal from the team.
- C. Athletes are responsible for getting to all academic classes and athletics on time every day.
- D. Athletes that are passing according to UIL standards are required to participate in athletic competition.
- E. Jewelry and/or body piercings may not be worn in the locker room or on any athletic event. (games, practice, etc.)
- E. The dress code will be enforced in the locker room.
- F. Athletes will wear only their assigned equipment and will be responsible for their issued equipment on a daily basis.
- G. *Playing time is at the coach's discretion.*
- H. Athletes will be responsible for purchasing their own workout clothes.
- I. Any equipment that has been lost, will result in payment for the lost equipment.

Practice Times:

7th grade practice starts at 7:00am (Times will be adjusted according to light outside)

8th grade practice begins 8th period and ends at 5:15-5:30 pm. (Times will be adjusted)

Practices will begin and end on time. Please make necessary arrangements to ensure that your child is dropped off or picked up on time. Each athlete is expected to be picked up within **15 minutes after practice or games.**

Practices are mandatory. If your child has a doctor's appointment, please try to schedule the appointment around practice and games.

**** It is vital to notify a coach if you know you will miss a practice. ****

If an athlete is sick, but well enough to attend school, he should dress out and participate in practice as much as possible.

Injuries:

- A. All injuries should be evaluated by your family doctor, by our school nurse or high school trainer.
- B. Parent notes are only good for two days, after this, we need a doctor's note.
- C. If you cannot participate in practice, you are still required to attend to study your position.

Field House Behavior:

A. Locker Rooms:

- 1. Absolutely no horseplay.
- 2. All equipment will be in its proper place every day.
- 3. Any trash, books or clothes left on the dressing room floor will result in extra conditioning.
- 4. Repetitive horseplay will result in expulsion from Athletics.

B. Weight Room:

- 1. All weights will be racked at the end of each day.
- 2. Absolutely no horseplay.
- 3. Non athletes or students not lifting are not permitted in the weight room without a coach's permission.

Behavior Outside of Athletics:

- 1. We expect our athletes to conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. Players are representing the team in and out of athletics, including the classroom as well as in public in general. Behavior problems in the classroom will be addressed by the coaches and dealt with accordingly.

Grades:

- 1. In accordance with the University Interscholastic League, all athletes must be passing in order to participate in and travel to games. Each coach will keep up with his player's academic progress as well. Players will be expected to show progress reports and report cards to coaches.

Quit Policy:

Once a sport has started, a player will have 1 week to decide if they want to quit or stay with the sport for the entire season. After this, if they quit, the highest grade an athlete can make is a 70% for the 6th weeks and will be expected to come talk face to face with a coach about their decision. We are trying to teach our athletes to take responsibility for their decisions. We do not encourage any of our players to quit, no matter what the circumstance. We believe in building character and to finish what you start.

Reward Trip:

Is tentative at this point:

- 1) Must participate, complete and compete in at least 2 sports.
- 2) Must maintain eligibility all year.
- 3) Cannot be placed in ISS 3 days.
- 4) Cannot be suspended from school.

Parent Expectations:

We want to partner with you to help your son become the best player possible. We would be happy to talk to you at any time about the following three things, with your son in attendance: how your son can improve, behavior or personal issues with your athlete, and their grades. Three things that will never be discussed with a parent: playing time, game decisions, and other players on the team. Also coaches and parents will NOT take part in any kind of conference before, during or after a game. If you would like to talk to a coach about any concerns or questions you may have, please contact them during their conference or call to set up a time to have a meeting. We the coaches would love to sit and discuss any concerns or questions you have, but not before, during or after a game. We are working together to raise young men we can all be proud of and make a positive difference in their lives.

Acknowledgement of Rules

I understand that athletics is a privilege to be a part of, so I will follow all procedures stated in the rules mentioned above.

I hereby give my consent for the above student to participate in athletics and agree that he/she will abide by all rules mentioned above.

Click link below to fill out contact information and acknowledgement of rules and regulations:

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