

Athletic Handbook

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Let the Coaches coach.

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Let the Spectators be positive.



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ATHLETIC PROGRAM

PHILOSOPHY

Dorchester Academy strives to develop young people in mind, body and spirit. In that regard, the Dorchester Academy Athletic Program is an integral part of the Academy's mission. Similar to all other areas of the Academy, the athletic program is designed to promote a commitment to excellence. The Academy believes that competitive team sports represent an important opportunity for young people to experience the values of long-range goal-setting, long-range planning, sacrificial collaboration, commitment to others, and valuing the importance of each person's contribution. The School does not believe in "winning at all costs" but rather achieving excellence as a team through hard work, determination, fair play, sportsmanship, and accepting the role each is asked to play.

OPPORTUNITIES

Dorchester Academy competes in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). The Academy offers a competitive interscholastic athletic program. The following sports may be offered during the 2011-2012 school year:

Fall Season:

Varsity Football

Junior High Football

Flag Football

Varsity/Junior Varsity Volleyball

Varsity Cheerleading

Junior High Cheerleading

Raiderettes (4th-6th)

Jr. Poms (2nd-3rd)

Wee Poms (K4-1st)

Winter Season:

Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball

B-Team Basketball (if numbers allow)

C-Team Basketball (if numbers allow)

Spring Season:

Varsity/Junior Varsity Baseball

Varsity/Junior Varsity Softball

B-Team Baseball and Softball (if numbers allow)

**Soccer (younger grades) (when numbers allow) Possibly Fall or Spring Season

All students are encouraged to participate in the athletic program and all efforts will be made to ensure that a student can participate. In cases where teams are limited in size, the Athletic Department is committed to selecting an appropriate team in a fair and impartial manner. In the case where a student is not chosen for the team of their choice, the Athletic Department will work with the student to help identify other areas of athletic interest and potential participation.

PROGRAM GOALS

In all sports offered at the Academy, the three levels of competition, B-Team, Junior Varsity, and Varsity, are part of the same program. The B-Team and Junior Varsity/Junior High interscholastic teams are designed to help students learn the various sports, determine their level of commitment to team based athletics and prepare them for varsity competition. Although all efforts will be made to secure playing time for every student, student athletes are expected to do their part in earning playing time through attendance, attitude, and work habits. Other specifics regarding the goals of our program include:

- B- Team-The purpose of the program is to develop skills, sportsmanship, and behaviors that are part of being on a team. The coaches are instructed to make every effort to get each child in every game or to develop a rotation of players for different games that will ensure quality playing time in as many games as possible.
- Junior Varsity \ Junior High- Team and individual skills are reinforced in preparing student athletes for the more competitive varsity schedule. Playing time is determined by the coach with a goal of providing most students with quality playing time in as many games as possible.
- Varsity – The varsity teams play a competitive schedule. Our commitment to excellence requires that we field the best team available from among our student athletes. Varsity selection is based on skill and maturity of the student athlete. Each student athlete's skill level is reevaluated at the beginning of the season for team membership. Scheduling and playing time considerations are based on what best prepares the team to pursue season long excellence. Student athletes wishing to play two different sports during the same season may do so only with the approval of the athletic director and the respective head coaches and must make a firm commitment at the beginning of the season to one of the teams in case of a conflict. In many cases, it may not be possible for a student athlete to participate on two teams during the same season.

DORCHESTER ACADEMY COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Encourage students to do their best.
- Work with parents and children to inspire participation in sports.
- Teach skills to all children on team.
- Keep practice attendance.
- Model sportsmanlike conduct on and off the field through actions and speech.
- Oversee the cleanliness of the field, locker rooms, buses, or other areas used by the team.
- Provide supervision to students to maintain the safety of our students on and off the field.
- Ensure that picking/bullying/ hazing are not tolerated from team members on the field or in the locker rooms.
- Be responsible for all children on the team until parents pick them up from practice/game, or stay until all students have left the facilities.
- Cut off lights, lock up, and secure buildings after use.
- Make sure all practice and game information is provided to the parents and school for the website.
- Let the Athletic Director or Headmaster know of issues or problems which may occur.
- Collect, check, and turn in all completed physical forms to Athletic Director.
- Uphold all athletes to all rules and SCISA Code of Conduct.
- Abide by the SCISA Code of Conduct.
- Follow bus safety and cleanliness procedures, when bus is used:
 - Ensure bus emergency exits are not blocked at any time with athletic bags, coolers, etc. This is a violation of federal law and the driver can be fined for not following proper procedures.
 - Check buses after each use. Require students to dispose of all trash and pick up all belongings before exiting the bus.
 - Require teams to wash and clean buses at the end of the sport season.

WARNING OF INHERENT RISK/DANGERS OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Participation in athletics includes the risk of injury which may range in severity from minor to disabling to even death. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised programs, it is impossible to eliminate the risk. Participants have a responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems, follow guidelines for safe play and inspect his/her own equipment and report any problems. The Academy provides a Catastrophic Injury Policy. All injuries must be reported to the Coach, who will then notify the Athletic Director and Headmaster.

ELIGIBILITY

The policy of Dorchester Academy is that students must be enrolled and under contract with the Academy in order to be eligible to compete in the athletic program. School sanctioned activities include, but are not limited to, all try-outs for athletic teams, summer team camps (or camps otherwise recommended by the school), conditioning, formal practice sessions, and games. The Athletic Director and respective head coach will establish the maximum number of students allowed on a team and will develop criteria for team selection.

DORCHESTER ACADEMY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Dorchester Academy firmly believes in Academics before Athletics and therefore now has a NO PASS, NO PLAY Eligibility Policy in place. Students that do not pass all subjects taken will not be allowed to participate in any sport until the next grading period. This policy will not come into effect until the first grading quarter of 2011. Eligibility will be determined at the end of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd quarters, and Yearly averages for the following year's eligibility.

SCISA – ELIGIBILITY RULES: STUDENT

Article VI: *The primary purpose of school is education. The participation in athletics is a privilege for those students who are academically eligible. An ineligible player is not allowed to participate against another school in any competition whether practice sessions, scrimmages, jamborees, or scheduled games (SCISA or out-of-league games). An academically ineligible player may not take part in practice sessions.*

SCISA ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

SECTION I: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS A PREREQUISITE TO PARTICIPATION.

A. A student in grades 9-12 must take and pass at least four (4), one unit CORE Courses or any five (5) one unit courses, each grading period (6/9/12 week) or semester to be eligible. Students below the 9th grade must pass four (4) subjects each grading period/semester. A senior who has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation must pass four (4), one-credit courses each marking period/semester. Note: A student must have earned 4 core units or any 5 units of credit to be declared eligible at the start of a school year. Also, courses taken during the school year by the "Home School" method are not eligible for athletic eligibility determination. "Virtual school" course will be considered on a case by case basis and must receive prior approval.

B. Any student who did not receive credit for at least one-half of all courses taken the previous school year cannot be declared eligible until after the successful completion of the 1st semester. A maximum of two credits earned during summer sessions may be accepted from an accredited school with an established summer school program.

C. A student may use college credit courses for eligibility purposes provided the student has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation. A maximum of One (1) Correspondence Course per school year may be used for eligibility purposes.

D. A One Credit Course is a course taken for 36 weeks, one period each day for a minimum of 45 minutes. A course taken each day as above for 18 weeks would be a half credit which when combined with another half credit course would be the equivalent of a one credit course. A course taken for 36 weeks but only three, 45 minute periods each week would not be a one credit course. Note: A One Credit Course taken for 18 weeks, shall meet for one period each day for a minimum of 90 minutes. Dual Credit Courses are treated as one half of a Carnegie unit.

E. Core Courses: Those courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science and Foreign Language that are recommended by the Commission on Higher Education and are common to SCISA schools.

F. Eligibility is to be declared on the fourth (4th) school day after the end of the marking period. A student shall become eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the fourth school day after the end of the marking period. Example 1: The marking period ends on Friday. Student X becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on Thursday. Example 2: The marking period ends on a Monday and Tuesday is a holiday for students. Student Y becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the following Monday.

SCISA AGE REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

SECTION II:

A. A student is **INELIGIBLE** to participate in athletics if his/her 19th birthday is before July 1, 2010.

B. **Junior Varsity:** In order to participate in junior varsity athletics, a student must not have reached his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday before July 1, 2011.

C. **B-Team:** In order to participate in B-Team athletics, a student must not have reached his/her fifteenth (15th) birthday before July 1, 2011. Exception: B-Team Football. A student must not have reached his/ her fourteenth (14th) birthday before July 1, 2011.

Note: The Athletic Committee shall not grant a waiver of the age requirements.

SCISA GRADE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATIONS

SECTION III:

A. **Varsity Teams:** Eligible students in grades **8-12** may participate on varsity teams in baseball, basketball, softball, football and soccer. Eligible students in grades **6-12** may participate on varsity teams in tennis, golf, cross country, swimming, track, cheer and volleyball.

Note: To address player safety, coaches and parents must carefully evaluate the skill level and physical competitiveness of students below the 9th grade before permitting participation on any varsity teams.

B. Junior Varsity Teams: *Eligible students in grades 5-10 may participate on junior varsity teams in all sports except football.*

C. Junior Varsity Football: *Eligible students in grades 6-9 may participate in junior varsity football.*

Note: To address player safety, coaches and parents must carefully evaluate the skill level and physical competitiveness of students below the 9th grade before permitting participation on any junior varsity team.

D. B-Teams: *Eligible students in grades 5- 8 may participate on B-Teams in all sports except football.*

E. B-Team Football: *Eligible students in grades 5-7 may participate in B-Team football.*

Note: To address player safety, coaches and parents must carefully evaluate the skill level and physical competitiveness of students below the 7th grade before permitting participation on any B-Team.

**Please contact the Athletic Director for more information on grade level and age restrictions.

STUDENT ATHLETE BEHAVIOR

Student athletes are expected to be responsible for their behavior both on and off campus and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the high expectations for all Dorchester Academy students. Student athletes should demonstrate honesty, self-discipline, and integrity and serve as role models for other students, particularly for younger students. Student athletes must be respectful of the judgment and decisions of coaches and officials. Student athletes must also respect teammates and opponents. The Headmaster, Athletic Director, and/or head coach will handle any disagreements with coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, or fans. Profanity will not be tolerated at any time during the season. Coaches are expected to refrain from the use of profanity and should deal very firmly with any offense by the student athlete.

SCISA CODE OF CONDUCT PHILOSOPHY

SECTION I: The South Carolina Independent School Association believes that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the total educational program. High standards of behavior, scholarship, and citizenship are important to a sound athletic program. Students volunteering to participate in athletics must assume the responsibilities of this privilege and are required to meet these expectations. Moreover, adults shall be models of good sportsmanship and will lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. Athletes, coaches, officials, and fans shall at all times conduct themselves in a reasonable and sportsmanlike manner. Each person will be responsible for his/her words and actions at all SCISA athletic events and will conform his/her behavior in adherence to the Code of Conduct.

SCISA SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS

SECTION II:

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in any SCISA athletic event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct.

- 1. I will treat any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, or ability.*
- 2. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 3. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at any athletic event. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in an athletic event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.*
- 4. I will not use tobacco (including smokeless types) while at any athletic event.*
- 5. I will not engage in the use of profanity.*
- 6. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 7. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee .*
- 8. I will not argue with officials or go through the motions indicating dislike or disdain for a decision.*
- 9. I will not make any degrading remarks about any official, coach, athlete, or school. I will not make any degrading remark or criticism of any official, coach, athlete, or school to the media.*
- 10. I will not detain or attempt to stop an official following the contest to request a ruling or explanation of actions taken by the official. I will not follow or —chase an official after a contest is over.*
- 11. I will not leave the bleachers or stands and enter the playing area to protest, object, criticize, or question a call.*
- 12. I understand that conduct that leads to my removal from an athletic event may be considered a serious violation of the code of conduct.*
- 13. I understand that as a coach or as a school administrator, that the removal of a team before the completion of the game may be considered a serious violation of the code of conduct.*

14. I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a SCISA athletic event that I will be subject to disciplinary action by SCISA.

SCISA CONSEQUENCES

SECTION III: *Any one or more of the following penalties may be imposed upon any school, coach, spectator or athlete upon a violation of Code of Conduct or Constitution of this association.*

WARNING *A warning is an official notice that an inexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanlike action is a matter of record and any such act must not happen again.*

PROBATION *Probation is a more severe type of penalty and is for a specified time period. A team on probation shall not play in any play-off, championship, conference tournaments, or invitationals.*

SUSPENSION *Suspension is a severe penalty which may be imposed for any specified time period during which a team, individual, or coach is not allowed to participate. The suspension may be for one or multiple activities.*

FINE *Fines may be levied for each infraction or violation. A fine may be levied in addition to one of the above penalties. All fines must be paid within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the notification.*

Dorchester Academy reserves the right to levy a fine to an athlete or coach if the Code of Conduct is violated. Athletes may be subject to suspension from play during current and/or future games.

SCISA REPORTING

SECTION IV: *Violations of the Code of Conduct may be reported by:*

- 1. School officials filing a written Incident Report or by submitting a written report detailing the violation;*
- 2. Officials filing an incident report or disqualification notice;*
- 3. SCISA Officials or representatives.*

SCISA APPEALS

SECTION V: *An athlete, coach, spectator or school always has the right of due process. A notice to appeal an athletic decision must be made in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the ruling. An appeal must be in the form of a complete written brief containing all pertinent information. The brief must be filed with the SCISA Athletic Office.*

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

SCISA DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION V: *It is responsibility of each school's administration to be an active agent at every athletic event enforcing the SCISA Code of Conduct. In the absence of the Head of School or Athletic Director, each school is **Required** to provide a **DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE** at all athletic events, both home and away. The Designated Representative will represent the school's administration and will assist with the enforcement of the Code of Conduct. The Designated Representative:*

- *Must know the SCISA policies governing that specific sport. A copy of the Blue Book section which addresses that sport may be helpful with issues such as: Are noise makers allowed?, Where cheerleaders may perform?, Problems with students or student groups...*
- *Cannot be one of the coaches involved in the contest. The Designated Representative should not have other responsibilities that may have him/her unavailable when requested for by the officials. Will meet the officials at least (5) minutes before the start of the contest. They will notify the officials where they will be seated. Each school's Designated Representative should exchange cell numbers or agree to meet if an issue develops.*
- *Will assist the officials without hesitation when requested.*
- *Will be announced and introduced prior to the start of game (If the PA announces line-ups...).*

GENERAL TEAM POLICIES

START DATES

The Sports Information Sheet marks the first day that a coach may begin required practice sessions for his or her team. A student athlete involved with a team whose season is still in progress may not practice with the next season's team until the current season has ended unless special arrangements are made with the head coach of the team whose season is in progress. If a student athlete is dismissed from a team or voluntarily leaves a team before the end of a season, that student athlete may not compete or practice with another team during that season, nor can that student athlete practice with next season's team before the current season has ended. The Athletic Director may consider exceptions to this policy.

PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

Student athletes are expected to attend all practices and games unless an illness, death in the family or another significant event prevents their attendance. In order for a student athlete to be able to participate in a practice or a game, the student athlete must be in school for at least **3 periods of his/her regular class schedule excluding lunch, on the day of the event.** The Headmaster and the Athletic Director must approve exceptions to this policy. It is the responsibility of the student athlete to organize his or her time and priorities so that commitments to both academics and athletics are fulfilled. It is also the responsibility of the student athlete to notify classroom teachers of absences from class at least one day prior to the absence when the absence is caused by an athletic contest. The student athlete is responsible for make-up work resulting from such an absence. The student athlete must turn in all work prior to leaving early for an athletic contest. All student athletes are expected to be at school on time the day following an athletic contest. A concerted effort is made to schedule games so that a minimum of class time is missed. Any team member who is injured but able to attend school is expected to continue to attend all practices and games unless personally excused by the head coach. Physical limitations do not preclude an athlete from being able to assist the team in some way. Coaches are required to keep practice attendance records throughout the season. If a student athlete must miss a practice session or a game, the Coach must be notified at least a day in advance. If a student misses a practice or a game and no advance notice is given, the coach will call the parents of the student athlete to make them aware of the absence. If excessive absences occur, a student athlete may be dismissed from the team. Parents will be made fully aware of their child's absenteeism record before the child's position on the team is in jeopardy.

EVENTS HELD OFF CAMPUS

If a team uses school transportation to get to an athletic contest, students must travel to and from on the school provided transportation unless the Coach allows students to return with their parents. Parents must sign and return the transportation form to the Coach before the game if their child is riding home with them.

PRACTICE/GAME SCHEDULE AND STUDENT PICK UP

A schedule for all games and practices will be given to all athletes. Coaches will stay after practices and games until all athletes have been picked up or leave campus. Athletes should be picked up within 10 minutes from the end of practices/games.

DRESS

An athlete's appearance is expected to be neat and clean at all times during the season and when appropriate should be in compliance with the Dorchester Academy dress code. When students are traveling to an away contest either in or out of town, they are expected to follow the team's policy on dress as set by the varsity coach of each program and the Athletic Director. (Pajama pants are not appropriate at any time during the season.)

SCISA GUIDELINES FOR GAME OFFICIALS AND GAME MANAGEMENT TO USE REGARDING LIGHTNING

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information to those responsible for making decisions about suspending and restarting games based on the presence of lightning. If at all possible, staff should monitor local weather conditions before and during events.

- 1. If the facility/school has an on-site lightning detection system, those warnings must be heeded.*
- 2. In absence of an on-site detection/warning system, use the following criteria for suspension of play and resumption of play:
 - A. When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.*
 - B. The 30-minute Rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.*
 - C. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.**
- 3. Schools should develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.*

***The Head Coach will determine if practice will need to be halted due to weather.

AWARDS PROGRAMS

Two Sports Awards Programs will be held. One will be held in the Fall for the Fall Sports and another in Spring for all other sports. These programs will be for the Junior Varsity and Varsity level. Other sports will give out awards at the end of the season at the last game.

SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS

- J. Gavin Appleby Award---Best Female Athlete (must be a Senior, must play volleyball, basketball, and softball.)
- Alfred Wamer Award---Best Male Athlete (must be a Senior, must play football, basketball, and baseball.)
- Wyman Mole Award---Adversity
- Josh Canaday---Leadership, Sportsmanship, Performance, (play football and baseball)
- Academic Athlete Award---(Trainers and cheerleaders are also eligible as they also letter.)
- Robbie Byron Award---Sportsmanship Award *
- Charlie Murray Award---Football Award *

**Awards will be given out at the Fall Awards Program. All other awards will be given out at the Spring Awards Program.

BOOSTER CLUB

Dorchester Academy encourages all parents of athletes as well as parents of all students to participate in the Booster Club. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 6:00 in the Conference Room.

Mission: The mission of the Booster Club is to promote camaraderie through sports in the school and community.

Purpose: The Booster Club will work closely with the Athletic Committee, Athletic Director, and Headmaster in

- supporting all sports through the scheduling and operation of the concession stands,
- making recommendations for additional athletic repairs and improvements, as well as
- conducting special projects in order to provide additional financial support for all sports.

CONCESSION STAND RESPONSIBILITIES

Dorchester Academy uses funds from the concession stand to field its teams. It is the responsibility of the Dorchester Academy athlete's parents to support the school. It is imperative that all athletes' parents work the assigned date in the concessions stand. If for some reason a parent cannot work the assigned date, he\she should find another parent to trade with. It takes everyone to make our Athletic Program a SUCCESS!! Schedules are given to the athletes and posted online.

DORCHESTER ACADEMY ATHLETIC EXPECTATIONS FORM

All Dorchester Academy Athletes are required to sign and return the SCISA Code of Conduct .

Please read over each item carefully before signing.

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I have read the entire Dorchester Academy Athletic Handbook including the SCISA Code of Conduct and will abide by it at all times.

_____ Date _____