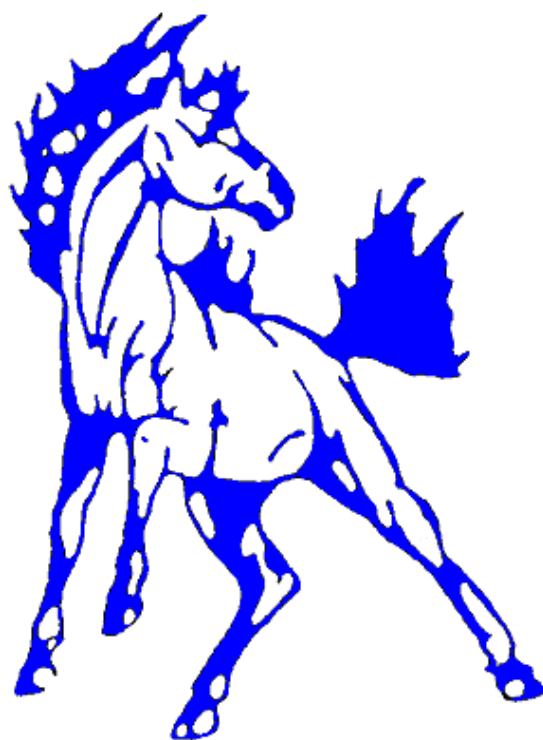


Olton ISD Athletic Department Handbook

2009-2010



Mustangs & Fillies

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MISSION STATEMENT

The primary goal of the Olton ISD Athletic Department will be to provide an environment in which all student-athletes have the opportunity to achieve academic success; in order to graduate and have the opportunity to pursue the profession of their choice.

The Olton ISD Athletic Department will field competitive teams which implement a style emphasizing intelligent play, physical toughness and sportsmanship. Ultimately the Mustangs and Fillies will compete in a manner which brings pride and recognition to Olton ISD.

Student-athletes will understand their role as ambassadors for Olton ISD. Student-athletes will represent Olton ISD, the athletic department and each team in a positive manner on campus, in the community and throughout competition.

ATTENDANCE

Student-Athletes will be required to attend all athletic class periods, practices and team functions. A student-athlete who is absent, regardless of circumstance, may be required to complete make up conditioning and may incur a loss of playing time.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Student-Athletes who find it necessary to miss an athletic class period, practice, or team function must notify a member of the coaching staff well in advance of the absence. Coaches will evaluate the explanation for an absence on an individual basis to determine whether or not the absence is excused or unexcused. A student-athlete who receives an excused absence will not be subject to disciplinary action; however, they may be required to complete make up conditioning and may incur a loss of playing time.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Any absence not communicated in advance to a member of the coaching staff will be deemed as unexcused. Coaches will evaluate the explanation for an absence on an individual basis to determine whether or not the absence is excused or unexcused. A student-athlete who receives an unexcused absence will be subject to disciplinary action and may incur a loss of playing time. In addition, student-athletes may be required to complete make up conditioning. Any student-athlete who receives multiple unexcused absences may be suspended or dismissed from a specific sport or Olton ISD Athletics.

ABSENCE DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS

It is the student-athletes responsibility to report an injury or illness to the coaching staff as soon as possible. Any absence for injury or illness not communicated in advance to a member of the coaching staff will be deemed as unexcused. Coaches will evaluate injury or illness on an individual basis to determine whether or not a student-athlete should be excused from the athletic period, practice or a team function. A student-athlete who is excused from the athletic period, practice or a team function for injury or illness will not be subject to disciplinary action; however, they may be required to complete make up conditioning and may incur a loss of playing time.

ABSENCE DUE TO ACADEMIC NEED

Student-Athletes will be expected to manage time efficiently to meet both academic and athletic needs. Student-Athletes should not ask for or expect to be given permission to miss the athletic period, practice or a team function to complete a classroom assignment. Assignments should be completed in class, before school, after school, during the tutorial period, during the Athletic Department Study Hall or as home work. A student-athlete who chooses to miss the athletic period, practice or a team function to complete a classroom assignment will not be subject to disciplinary action; however, they may be required to complete make up conditioning and may incur a loss of playing time.

TARDINESS

Student-Athletes will be required to be on time for athletic class periods, practices and team functions. Student-Athletes who are not on time will be subject to disciplinary action and may incur a loss of playing time.

CONDUCT

Student-Athletes will conduct themselves appropriately at all times, on campus or off-campus, when they represent Olton ISD. The coaching staff will be in communication with teachers regarding classroom conduct throughout the school year and will enforce the Olton ISD Code of Conduct at all times. Any student-athlete who receives a referral, d-hall or other punishment from a teacher or Principal may be subject to disciplinary action and may incur a loss of playing time. Any student-athlete who has a persistent problem with conduct may be suspended or dismissed from a specific sport or from the Athletic Department.

DRESS & GROOMING

Students-Athletes will be required to be dressed and be groomed appropriately at all times, on campus or off-campus, when they represent Olton ISD. The coaching staff will enforce the Olton ISD dress and grooming policies at all times. Student-Athletes who are not in compliance with dress and grooming policies will be subject to disciplinary action. Any student-athlete who has a persistent problem with dress and grooming policies may incur a loss of playing time and/or a suspension.

RESPECT FOR TEACHERS, COACHES AND ADULTS

Student-Athletes will be required to show the proper respect for Teachers, Coaches and Adults at all times, on campus or off-campus, when they represent Olton ISD. Student-Athletes who do not show the proper respect for Teachers, Coaches and Adults may be subject to disciplinary action and/or a loss of playing time. Any student-athlete who is persistently disrespectful may be suspended or dismissed from a specific sport or Olton ISD Athletics.

SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Student-Athletes assigned to ISS, DAEP and those who have been expelled are not eligible to participate in athletic class periods, practices or team functions. With the approval of the Principal and Athletic Director student-athletes completing time in ISS may immediately regain eligibility after the last day of ISS if the student-athlete has completed all work, displayed good conduct and demonstrated a positive attitude.

SPORT SPECIFIC RULES

Student-Athletes may be required to follow additional rules which are sport specific. The Head Coach for each sport may have rules in addition to the policies listed in the Athletic Department Handbook. Student-Athletes may be subject to disciplinary action, loss of playing time, suspension or dismissal for violations of a sport specific rule.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary Action is defined as an exercise intended to serve as a punishment. Many names are used to describe disciplinary action, such as, Jingle-Jangle's, Suicides and Poles. These exercises are intended to reinforce Athletic Department policies and the rules of individual sports, as well as, to serve as a deterrent. Coaches will evaluate the severity of an offense on an individual basis. Coaches will utilize common sense and consistency in determining what is an appropriate amount of disciplinary action.

VALUABLES

Student-athletes will be provided with a secure location to store valuable items. Olton ISD recommends student-athletes refrain from bringing items of extreme value to school. Any student-athlete planning to bring items of extreme value to school should make alternate arrangements for securing these items. Olton ISD and the Athletic Department are not responsible for any items lost, stolen or not properly secured.

EQUIPMENT

Student-Athletes are responsible for all equipment issued to them. Student-Athletes, Parents or Legal Guardians will be required to pay the replacement cost for all lost equipment and any equipment which has been damaged beyond normal wear and tear.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

In order to ensure the academic eligibility of Student-Athletes members of the coaching staff will monitor grades and be in communication with teachers throughout the school year. Student-Athletes who are in danger of failing will be required to attend Tutorials and Athletic Department Study Hall.

IN-SEASON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS

Student-Athletes will be given a ten day tryout period at the beginning of each sport. During the tryout period student-athletes may withdrawal from a sport without losing eligibility. After the tryout period a student-athlete who quits an in-season sport will be ineligible for participation in all other sports for thirty school days. Student-Athletes will be permitted to participate in the athletic class period and practices; however, they will be ineligible for participation in all Olton ISD Athletic Department functions. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration and with the approval of the Head Coaches of each sport involved and the Athletic Director a waiver may be granted permitting a student-athlete to withdrawal from an in-season sport without losing eligibility.

TRANSPORTATION

Student-Athletes are required to travel to and from all athletic activities in transportation provided by Olton ISD. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration permitting an alternate source of transportation to or from an activity. A Parent or Legal Guardian may submit a written request asking for the student-athlete to be release to the Parent, Legal Guardian or a designated adult. Each request must be submitted in advance and approved by the Athletic Director prior to any trip.

LETTERMEN

Student-Athletes must participate in at least one-half of a sport's contests and must finish the season in good standing to be eligible to receive a Varsity letter.

THEFT

Student-Athletes caught committing theft will be subject to disciplinary action and may incur a loss of playing time. Any student-athlete who commits a second offense of theft will be suspended from participation in practices and team functions for sixty school days. Any student-athlete who commits a third offense of theft will be dismissed Olton ISD Athletics.

TOBACCO

The use of tobacco products by student-athletes is prohibited at all times, on campus or off-campus, when student-athletes represent Olton ISD. Student-Athletes caught using tobacco products will be subject to disciplinary action and may incur a loss of playing time. Any student-athlete who persistently violates the tobacco policy may be suspended or dismissed from a specific sport or Olton ISD Athletics.

ALCOHOL

Student-Athletes who are involved in alcohol related offenses will be subject to disciplinary action. In addition, first time offenders will be prohibited from participation team functions for thirty school days. Student-Athletes will be permitted to participate in the athletic class period and practices; however, they will be ineligible for participation in all Olton ISD Athletic Department functions. Second time offenders will be subject to disciplinary action and will receive a sixty day suspension (school days). Any student-athlete who is involved in a third alcohol related offense will be dismissed from Olton ISD Athletics.

DRUGS

Student-Athletes who are involved in drug related offenses will be subject to disciplinary action. In addition, first time offenders will be prohibited from participation in athletic class periods, practices and team functions for sixty school days. Any student-athlete who is involved in a second drug related offense will be dismissed from Olton ISD Athletics.

STEROIDS

State law prohibits student-athletes from possessing, dispensing, delivering, or administering anabolic steroids. Anabolic steroids are for medical use only, and only a physician can prescribe use. Body building, muscle enhancement, the increase of muscle bulk or strength through the use of anabolic steroids or human growth hormone by a healthy student is not a valid medical use and is a criminal offense. Student-athletes participating in UIL athletic competition may be subject to random steroid testing. Any student-athlete who is involved in a steroid related offense will be subject to the consequences described in the "Drugs" section of the Athletic Department Handbook..

TEAM FUNCTION

Team functions are defined as those activities which are open to the public. Team functions may include, but are not limited to: games, scrimmages, banquets, team photo-shoots, Meet-the-Mustangs, Meet-the-Fillies, or any other activity where a team or individual team members are being recognized, acknowledged or honored. The athletic class period and practice time which is closed to the public is not considered a "team function".

CONFERENCES

Any student-athlete or parent requesting a conference must follow the proper procedure and chain of command. Conferences will be scheduled on a next day basis to allow all parties to “Cool Off”. During a conference concerns regarding; treatment of a student-athlete, student-athlete behavior, improvement of a student-athletes individual skill or the role of a student-athlete within a team may be discussed. Concerns regarding playing time, team strategies, or concerns regarding other student-athletes will not be discussed.

- I. The Student-Athlete must first request a conference with the specific Assistant Coach to address a conflict. This request can be made directly to the Assistant Coach.
- II. If the conflict was not resolved the Student-Athlete or Parent may then request a conference with the Head Coach. This request must be made through the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will contact all parties and make the necessary arrangements.
- III. If the conflict still cannot be resolved the Student-Athlete or Parent may then request a conference with the Athletic Director. This request can be made directly to the Athletic Director.
- IV. Finally a Student-Athlete or Parent may request a conference with the Superintendent. This request must be made through the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will contact the Superintendents Office and make the necessary arrangements. The Superintendent will not schedule a conference to discuss an Athletic Department related conflict unless the proper procedures and chain of command has been followed.

ATHLETIC PERIOD

The Athletic period is reserved for those Student-Athletes who participate in Athletics year round (Fall, Winter and Spring). Scheduling accommodations will be made for student-athletes who do not participate in sports on a year round basis. The Athletic Director in coordination with the Principals and Counselors will ensure student-athletes have the opportunity to be in the Athletic Period when their sport is in-season.

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Football	Basketball	Track
Volleyball	Power Lifting	Baseball
Cross-Country		Golf
		Tennis

PARTICIPATION

Participation in extra curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. This privilege comes with additional obligations and responsibilities which are not required of a non-athlete. Any student-athlete who consistently fails to meet the required obligations and responsibilities may be dismissed from a specific sport or the Athletic Department. As it becomes necessary the Athletic Director, in conjunction with Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches, will evaluate a student-athletes ability to meet the obligations and responsibilities required of a student-athlete. Common sense and consistency will be used to determine if a student-athlete should lose the privilege of participating in a specific sport or Olton ISD Athletics.

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL)

It is the responsibility of parents and student-athletes to be aware of UIL policies. Violations of UIL policies by any group or person associated with Olton ISD may result in penalties which can affect an individual, team or the entire athletic department. The UIL provides an online parent manual which outlines these policies. *Olton ISD strongly encourages every parent to review the UIL Parent Manual.*

**** PLEASE SEE THE WEB PAGES LISTED BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION ****

UIL Website - <http://www.uil.utexas.edu/>

Parent Manual - http://www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/manuals/pdf/parent_information.pdf

Booster Club Guidelines - http://www.uil.utexas.edu/policy/pdf/07_08booster_guide.pdf

Steroid Information - http://www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/health/steroid_information.html

Sportsmanship Manual - http://www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/manuals/pdf/sportsmanship_manual.pdf

Health & Safety Information - <http://www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/health/>

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**Olton ISD Athletic Department Policies
2009-2010
Acknowledgment Form**

POLICIES

We understand the policies stated in the 2009-2010 Olton ISD Athletic Department Handbook. We also understand a violation of Athletic Department policies may result in the student-athlete being subject to disciplinary action; loss of playing time; suspension and/or dismissal from a specific sport or from Olton ISD Athletics

PARTICIPATION

We understand participation in extra curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. We also understand the privilege to participate comes with additional obligations and responsibilities not required of a non-athlete. Furthermore, we understand failure to meet the obligations and responsibilities required may result in the student-athlete being dismissed from a specific sport or from Olton ISD Athletics

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge receiving a copy of the 2009-2010 Olton ISD Athletic Handbook. We also acknowledge the opportunity to have questions regarding Athletic Department policies clarified. Furthermore, we acknowledge the student-athlete will be held accountable for Athletic Department policies and will be subject to the consequences listed in the 2009-2010 Olton ISD Athletic Handbook.

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date