

## Student Athletic Code

The Student Athletic Code for Bahrain Middle/ High School (B-M/HS) is provided as a means of establishing uniformity in requirements for conducting the interscholastic athletic programs. All persons involved in the program must support the regulations of DoDDS-Europe and the Mediterranean District (Department of Defense Dependents Schools DSG Manual 2740.2 "Inter-scholastic Athletic Program).

### Requirements for Participation

The Student Will:

1. Be a student in good standing for the entire week.
  - a. Student athletes will be monitored weekly to maintain academic eligibility (See attachment 1). Grade checks will be accomplished for all student athletes and managers before 1600 hours every Tuesday of each week interscholastic athletic programs are held. Teachers will report all students receiving an "F" in each class taught. Any student receiving more than one failing grade or having a GPA under 2.0 will be declared ineligible for competition from 0800 hours Wednesday until 0800 hours the following Wednesday.
  - b. Students declared ineligible for a week may participate in practices, but may not participate in pep-rallies, dress for contests or travel with the team.
  - c. Three consecutive weeks of ineligibility may result in removal from the program.
  - d. Students under school suspension are ineligible to participate in all activities, including practice during the period of suspension.
  - e. The Athletic Council has the responsibility of hearing cases of appeal for those students declared ineligible by these standards. A student's eligibility may also be reviewed by the Council and denied at any time for unacceptable behavior, as well as poor academic performance.
  - f. Students must be in attendance for the entirety of the previous school day in order to practice or compete that afternoon or evening. For team departures or competition early in the day or on Saturday, students must be in attendance for the entirety of the previous school day. The only exception is absences for approved medical or dental appointments.
2. Have a current physical examination on record in the school; a signed power of attorney for Medical and Dental Card; B-M/HS player information sheet and copy of passport on file; a signed parent and student Agreement for Student Athletic Code and Student Behavior Expectations, a valid passport, visa, and military ID card (when possible)

### B. Area of Student Responsibilities:

1. All B-M/HS student athletes, managers, and coaching staff are expected to represent themselves, their teams, and the school positively, both in and out of the sports environment. An athlete must abide by school policies and B-M/HS Athletic Standards/Training Rules. **Serious misconduct by the athlete may eliminate further participation for part or all of that sports season with forfeiture of the athletic letter and awards.** They must also keep in mind that bringing dishonor to the team impacts the overall success and public perception

of the team and Bahrain Middle/ High School. Good sportsmanship is a primary concern of all B-M/HS athletic representatives. B-M/HS is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, who encourages good sportsmanship through a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities that concern others. These ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all athletic disciplines. **All individuals from B-M/HS, regardless of their role in the activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.**

**Some examples of acceptable and expected behaviors from our athletes are:**

- Applauding the introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Sharing handshakes between participants and coaches after each contest, regardless of outcome.
- Showing genuine concern for injured players, regardless of team.
- Encouraging others to display only sportsmanlike conduct.
- NEVER to boo, heckle or outwardly criticize officials' decisions.
- Avoiding disrespectful or antagonizing yells, chants, gestures, or "trash talking".

2. Students participating in the B-M/HS Athletic Program agree they will not have in their possession and/or will not use tobacco, drugs, or alcohol during the current season of participation. Student participants found to be involved in the use of these substances will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season with forfeiture of the athletic letter and awards.

3. All student athletes must have a current physical and must attend ten practices before competing/practicing interscholastically.

4. **All team members are required to travel and return on the team bus unless written arrangements have been made with coach, parent and/or sponsor prior to the trip.**

5. No stereo or radio equipment will be allowed on away trips unless used with personal headphones and with the coach's permission.

6. B-M/HS athletes must demonstrate focus and commitment to their team by attending ALL practices. Knowledge and skill development can occur only through determination and practice. All athletes demonstrate their commitment to the team and themselves by attending ALL contests. Each student athlete's approach to participation reflects the B-M/HS belief in the "**team first, me second**" attitude. An athlete should be unselfish in his attitude and actions, encouraging the success of teammates toward the overall success of the team and school.

7. **Dismissal from one athletic team for rules infractions will eliminate an athlete from all sports for that season.**

8. Athletes may transfer between teams during a season only if prior to the first competition. Both head coaches must agree to any roster changes and the "ten practice rule" must be used.

9. New students may join during a season at the discretion of the coach, but the “ten practice rule” must be used. The coach may waive this rule for new students if they have already been participating in the sport at their previous school.

10. The school will issue team uniforms and equipment to the team coach. Each athlete must subsequently sign for individual uniforms and equipment issues. These items are the responsibility of each athlete. Loss or damage to school uniforms and equipment will be assessed and the full value of the item charged. If hand receipts are not cleared or debts paid in full within one week after the season conclusion, the athlete will be ineligible to participate in the next sport season and awards will be withheld. **Only authorized uniforms and athletic equipment may be worn for any B-M/HS competition.**

11. Practice, regulations, training rules and awards are the jurisdiction of the coaches, AD, and subject to approval by the principal. Lettering policies for each sport will be provided by the team coach and approved by the Athletic Director at the beginning of the season. Final authority for awarding any athletic recognition is a specific responsibility of each sport’s head coach.

12. It will be the responsibility of the sponsor to provide transportation and/or other associated costs for a student-athlete who does not return to Bahrain with the team bus for reasons of accident, illness, or for reasons of military/civilian restraint in the case of illegal activities.

### **C. THE RIGHTS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES**

#### **A student Athlete Has the Right**

1. To compete for a position on a team providing he/she meets all the guidelines.
2. To be properly equipped and to be provided coaching.
3. To try for a school letter award according to standards recommended by the coach.
4. To use the proper chain when addressing a problem/issue, first to the DoDDS Coach or Sponsor, then to the Athletic Director. If the problem/issue is not resolved by the Coach and the Athletic Director, it will then go to the Assistant Principal. If still not resolved the Principal will make the decision.

**Parent and Student Agreement**  
**For**  
**Student Athletic Code**  
**Student Behavior Expectations**

WE (the student and parent) have read the Student Athletic Code and Student Behavior Expectations letter and will comply with them as a condition for representing Bahrain Middle/ High School in interscholastic athletic competition. We understand the proper chain when addressing a problem/issue. We understand my son/daughter will be removed from the team if found to be involved in the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol during the current season of participation. We understand that minor rules infractions will result in restrictions and obligations being placed on the student. Serious rule infractions will result in student removal. The parents and the principal will be immediately notified and the student will be sent home at the earliest possible moment. **Since the cost of the return travel is not authorized under such circumstances, parents will be responsible for the cost of return travel of students removed.** I understand that this code of conduct applies for the entire school year if I compete for more than one sport.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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

PARENT NAME: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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