BORGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE OF ETHICS

I. CONDUCT

Participation in athletics means more than competition between two individuals or two teams representing different schools. It teaches fair play and sportsmanship, understanding and appreciation of teamwork, and the fact that quitting means failure, while hard work means success.

Athletes must always remember they are representatives of their school and community. The athletes must make a constant effort to project a positive, respectful image. Athletes should always be considerate of those around them and never allow themselves to get into embarrassing situations that may disgrace himself or herself or the athletic program.

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that this behavior be above reproach in all of the following areas:

- 1. All student/athletes will adhere to the UIL "No Pass, No Play" policy.
- 2. Be on time whenever time is involved.
- 3. Demonstrate appropriate classroom conduct toward teachers and other students.
- 4. Be sincere and loyal at all times to his/her team, school, and coach.
- 5. Be responsible for all athletic equipment entrusted to his/her use and return it to the school in the best possible condition.
- 6. Put his/her teams' success ahead of individual glory.
- 7. Create, maintain, and promote the elements of good sportsmanship.
- 8. Abide by training rules:

No possession or use of alcoholic beverages of any kind.

No possession or use of illegal drugs.

- 9. Do **not** break the law (example: theft, vandalism, etc.).
- 10. No use of tobacco products
- 11. Abide by grooming standards:
 - a) Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed.
 - b) Boys will be clean-shaven.
- 12. Athletes are not allowed to wear earrings or jewelry of any kind during athletic workouts or at athletic events.
- 13. Set an example in school, in class, at home, in the community, and in the area of competition so that others will respect him/her, and so that he/she will add something positive to the athletic program.
- 14. An athlete must notify his/her coach in advance when it is necessary to miss practice. Valid reasons will be accepted. Truancies are inexcusable.
- 15. School attendance on game day is required unless approved by coach and principal.
- 16. Any athlete who works out for a sport for 10 workouts and then quits, or is dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons, will report to physical education classes (if possible) for the remainder of that sport's season.

II. Penalties for Violations of Training Rules and Other Regulations (Reference #8 & #9 Athletic Code)

<u>First offenders</u> of rules are subject to disciplinary action, a minimum suspension of three contests (to include tournaments, double headers, dual matches as a single competition), not to exceed one year, or expulsion from team. The head coach has the authority to determine the extent of the punishment. This disciplinary action recommended may be in addition to any other disciplinary action taken as a result of policies that are applicable for all students. Parents will be consulted by the coach or Athletic Director if any action is necessary. Counseling may be recommended. Should expulsion be needed on first offense, the decision will be reviewed by the committee.

<u>Second offenders:</u> Student athletes who violate the training (#8 & #9 of Athletic Code) rules for the second time will be suspended for a minimum of six contests (to include tournaments, double headers, dual matches as a single competition), not to exceed one year, or expulsion from the team. This disciplinary action recommended may be in addition to any other disciplinary action taken as a result of policies that are applicable for all students. Parents will be consulted by the coach or Athletic Director if any action is necessary. Counseling may be recommended. Should expulsion be needed on second offense, the decision will be reviewed by the committee.

Third offenders: Dismissal from the Athletic Program, for a period of two years.

III. REVIEW COMMITTEE:

A review committee will be formed to review the expulsion and determine the length of expulsion as follows

A. Composition of Review Committee:

The Review Committee shall include the athlete's present coach, a teacher selected by the campus principal, campus head coach of that particular sport, campus principal, and District Athletic Director. The District Athletic Director will chair the committee.

B. Decision Making Factors:

Factors entering into the decision shall include, but not limited to the following criteria.

- 1. Material in personal file such as conduct reports, personal attitude, demerits, attendance records, academic record, and general reputation as a student.
- 2. Willingness to submit to athletic guidelines.
- 3. Behavior since first offense committed through the dismissal time period.
- C. Additional Action: The disciplinary action recommended may be in addition to any disciplinary action taken as a result of policies that are applicable for all students.

IV. PENALTIES FOR FAILURE OF RANDOM DRUG TESTING

The District requires drug testing of any student in grades 7-12 who chooses to participate in school sponsored extracurricular activities. A student participating in these activities shall be tested for the presence of illegal drugs and alcohol. Students shall be randomly tested throughout the school year. FNF (Local)

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS: A student who has a confirmed positive drug test shall be subject to the following consequences.

<u>First Offense:</u> The student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 21 calendar days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.

Second Offense: The student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 42 calendar days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.

During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities.

Third Offense: The student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for the remainder of the student's enrollment on that campus following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.

V. Violation of All Other Athletic Code Requirements

Violation of all other athletic code requirements is subject to punishment ranging from disciplinary action to expulsion* determined by the coach of the team.

participate in the athletic program of Borger Independent School District.		
	Signature of Parent	Date
	Signature of Student	Date