2026-2027 Chico ISD Athletic Handbook

Board Approved

Athlete's Code of Conduct

Being a Chico athlete is a student's choice and thereby a privilege, one that along with being a great honor, carries with it responsibilities. The following are expected of a Chico athlete:

We believe all Chico athletes should be diligent in preparation, relentless in effort, disciplined by nature, respectful in actions, self-controlled with words, humble in spirit, and aggressive in pursuit of excellence, without regard to score, opponent, time or referee. Great things happen as athletes display these characteristics. Teams are successful, players are motivated, fans are supportive and enthusiastic, parents are proud, perspective athletes want to participate and very often character is enhanced in all involved.

As a Chico athlete, our young men and ladies have an image to reflect. This is image should incorporate: leadership, character, responsibility, competitive spirit and integrity. Students are not required to take part in extracurricular activities, therefore, it is imperative that all students taking part in athletics understand the following responsibility and rules and that Coaches of the athletic program and the Athletic Director have the right to remove that privilege.

Training Rules

Athletic policies apply to student athletes year-round. Breaking the training rules involve the following: receiving a ticket by the police, being visibly seen by a school employee or social media.

<u>Category I</u>

A. Felony Charges/Criminal Offenses

- Texas High School Coaches Association: Code of Ethics, Article IX, Management of a Felony Crime

- It will be considered a breach of the code of ethics to willingly allow a student/athlete who is charged with and under indictment for a felony crime to participate in an athletic contest. This action should not be considered a presumption of guilt, but rather it affords the accused athlete the time and opportunity to clear his/her name. The student/athlete may be allowed to remain on his/her athletic team as a suspended member, but should not be allowed to represent his/her community in an athletic contest while under suspension.

- Any athlete that is charged with a serious criminal offense is suspended from athletic contest and before or after school practices until their guilt or innocence is determined.

B. Use/Possession of Drugs/Alcohol/Illegal Substances

- Any athlete that is caught breaking the rules will be subject to the following consequences.
  Cumulative Consequences for Category I Offenses

- **First Offense** - Athlete is placed in probationary status for the remainder of the academic year, eligible to practice unless placed in DAEP, ineligible to participate in athletic contests for 10 calendar days. The athlete must complete 25 miles of running before participating in any athletic contest.

- **Second Offense** - athlete is ineligible to participate in athletic contests for 30 calendar days. The athlete will not be allowed to participate in before or after school practices during the suspension. The athlete must complete 50 miles of running before participating in any athletic contest.

- **Third Offense** - athlete is ineligible to participate in athletic contests for 60 calendar days. The athlete will not be allowed to participate in before or after school practices during the suspension.

- Any offense after the third offense shall result in permanent removal from the athletic program.

Category II

A. Use/Possession of Tobacco Products

- **First Offense** - Athlete is placed on a probationary status for the remainder of the academic year and is eligible to practice. The athlete must complete 5 miles of running before they are allowed to participate in any athletic contest.

- **Second Offense** - Athlete is eligible to practice. The athlete must complete 10 miles of running before they are allowed to participate in any athletic contest.

- **Third Offense** - Athlete is not eligible to practice before or after school. The athlete must complete 15 miles of running before they are allowed to participate in any athletic contest.

- **Fourth Offense** - Will result in a category I Consequence.

B. Quitting

- An athlete may not quit an athletic team after the sports first contest without consequences except under approval of the athletic coordinator or athletic directors approval.

- Athletes will be suspended during the first two contests of the next sport.

- All lettering opportunities and special awards will be forfeited for the sport that the student athlete quit.

C. During the Contest

- The athlete must refrain from the use of profanity/trash talk or resorting to illegal tactics.

- Temper fits, flagrant violations of rules, ect. will not be tolerated.

- Respect for Coaches and Officials is an absolute must.

- Insubordinate behavior towards coaches will not be tolerated.

Any behavior contrary to the above-mentioned or any act which is not conducive to good sportsmanship will result in temporal and possible permanent removal from the contest or the sport and or the athletic program.

The head coach or athletic director will discipline any athlete on a per violation basis, taking into consideration past offenses. Any athlete that is in violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct may be disciplined or removed from the athletic program at the Athletic Director's discretion.

Athlete Responsibilities

Practice Regulations

- Practices are essential for proper conditioning, improvement of techniques and teamwork skills. Athletes are required to attend scheduled practices.

- Notify the coach as soon as you know, prior to missing a practice or contest.

- Violation of practices regulations will result in consequences at the discretion of the head coach.

Travel

- Be on time.

- Dress appropriately as directed by the coach.

- Be mannerly in all places and represent Chico ISD well.

- All students traveling with the team to a contest will be required to travel home with the team unless approved by the coach prior to the trip, unless in case of emergency.

School Equipment

- Athletes are responsible for proper care of all the equipment they are issued for their respective sports.

Award Program

- Student athletes must be in good standing with the athletic department in order to receive any awards.

Expectations

- Athletes can expect:
    - A well organized and productive program.
    - Develop a positive environment that encourages athletic achievement.
    - Hold each athlete and team accountable for actions on and off the playing field through proper supervision.
    - Lead by example through actions and words on and off the field.
    - Correct mistakes in a positive manner that encourages development.
    - Support other athletes, coaches and programs with sincere enthusiasm and loyalty to the school.

- Coaches expectations of parents:
    - Communicate with concerns directly to the coach.
    - Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.
    - Notification of any injury or illness promptly.

- Topics that are left to Coaches' discretion:
    - Playing time
    - Play calling
    - Team strategy

- Parent-Coach Meetings
    - Please contact the Coach and request a meeting.
    - You will always need to meet with the Coach before meeting with the Athletic Director.
    - If the issue is not resolved, please contact the athletic director. If the issue is not resolved please contact the campus principal. If the issue is not resolved at that point please contact the Superintendent's office. Before a meeting is set, the question of chain of command will be asked.

- Please do not confront a Coach after a contest or where students and athletes are present. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions.

Letter Jacket Award Policy

- To be considered for a letter jacket the athlete must:
  - Finish the season in good standing with the head coach.
  - Be recommended by the head coach.
  - Been on the varsity roster for the entire season or contributed with playing time in at least 50% of the regular season contest or keep stats/Film/Student Trainer.
  - Participants may be eligible for a letter jacket in their first season of competition if they meet the requirements above.

I have received a copy of the Chico ISD Student-Parent Athletic Handbook and acknowledge that I am responsible for understanding the contents of the code of conduct.

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Student-Athlete's Printed Name **Date**

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Student-Athlete's Signature

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Parent Signature **Date**