

2020-2021

Pearland Junior High South

Boys' Basketball/Athletic Policies and Procedures

Below you will find policies and procedures for the boys' athletic program for the entire school year. Student athletes must follow all policies and procedures at all times. Any violations will result in consequences ranging from extra physical conditioning to dismissal from the team or athletic program.

PARTICIPATION

It is the goal of this basketball program to offer the opportunity of participation to every student who has the ability and desire to do so. However, no student is obligated to take part in basketball nor is participating in basketball required. It is to be stressed that participating in the PJH South Basketball Program is a privilege, not a right. Since it is a privilege, the coaches, in accordance with the Pearland ISD policy and due process procedures has the authority to suspend or revoke the privilege when the rules and standards of this athletic program are not followed.

ATTENDANCE **PRACTICES**

All student-athletes are expected to attend all practices. Your coach will determine practice times and days well in advance. Most 7th grade basketball practices are before school starting at 7:00 am and 8th grade basketball practices are after school until 5:30 pm. Practices are important for the development of the program. If you are going to miss practice for medical reasons (i.e. doctor or dentist appointments) please notify your coach ahead of time. Please try to schedule appointments around practices. An unexcused absence is when a student-athlete goes to school but decides to not attend practice (skipping). Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. The following are the consequences for unexcused absences:

Unexcused Absences

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| 1 st unexcused absence = | Sit out the entire game. Student-athlete will not dress out for the game. |
| 2 nd unexcused absence = | Dismissal from the team for the rest of the season. The student-athlete may be placed on Athletic probation or removed from the program. |

Please pick up your child on time. If a child is consistently picked up late, the child may be removed from the program.

GAMES

All basketball games will be held on Wednesdays. The B-team's games will begin at 4:30 pm and the A-team games will follow (normally around 5:30 or so). Games are extremely important, and it takes everyone on the team to be successful in a game. Games are a TEAM effort; therefore, your attendance at games is mandatory. With the exception of tournament games, all players are expected to be at both A and B team games until both teams have completed their games. Transportation will be provided to and from games.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Proper behavior is expected from all student-athletes. Misbehavior will not be tolerated in the program. Student-athletes are expected to be role models for other students. Behavior on and off the court will be closely monitored.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Technology has created a ton of new issues for student-athletes. All we ask out of our student-athletes is to treat these things with caution. Remember that you are not only a reflection of your parents, but also a reflection of your coaches and your school. Do not trash talk or post things that your parents or coaches would not want you to post. Motivation can take you far. Please refrain from posting highlights/games online until the conclusion of the season. We don't want to give our opponents any advantages.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment issued to a student-athlete becomes that student-athlete's responsibility. Student-athletes must check their equipment daily looking for defects of any kind. If anything needs to be replaced or repaired, the student-athlete needs to see a coach immediately.

If a student-athlete loses equipment they must pay for the lost equipment. Below are the prices:

Practice Jersey- \$20.00

Game Bags- \$40.00

Game Uniform- \$100

DRESS CODE

Yearly, there is a problem with student-athletes and dress code. We are a team and when a student-athlete is in ISS or D-hall because they cannot follow a simple dress code, it does not help the team. Do not wear clothes that are too baggy and or pants that will sag. Players that cannot follow the dress code may be put in D-Hall or ISS. We will wear our shooter shirts on game days before games, during the games (on the bench), and after the games. During athletics and practices, we are expected to wear school color socks and shoes. School colors are red, black, grey, and white.

It is very frustrating to prepare a team for a game, only to have a player get in trouble for dress code!!!

EARRINGS

We follow the PISD policy on earrings. We do however, ask the student-athletes not to get new earrings during the school year. Student-athletes must remove all jewelry, including taking out their earrings when they enter the athletic wing/facility all year. If a student-athlete gets a new earring, we will still expect him to remove it during the athletic time.

D-HALLS

If a student is assigned a D-hall for ANY reason the following may occur:

Any D- hall - Do rights (extra running, squat jumps, push ups, etc...)

D-hall on a game day - Sit out the game and Do rights.

Excessive D-halls may result in removal from the team and athletic class!

THEFT

We are one team and we will not tolerate any theft in the locker room or school building. Any student-athlete caught stealing may be removed from the team and the athletic class.

ISS/ ALA/ SUSPENSION

If a student is assigned ISS he is not allowed to participate in after-school activities during his ISS time. If a student finishes his ISS assignment on a game day he will **not** play in the game that day. Any student-athlete assigned ISS a second time will be removed from the team and may be removed from the athletic class.

Any student-athlete suspended may be removed from the team and the athletic class.

Any student-athlete assigned ALA will be removed from the team and may be removed from the athletic class.

CONDUCT/GRADES

Good conduct in the classroom is as important as good conduct on the field. The boy's athletic program expects our student-athletes to be role models. Unsatisfactory or poor behavior will not be accepted. Consequences for these behaviors are:

- Do rights
- Game suspensions
- Removal from team
- Removal from athletic class

We follow the NO PASS NO PLAY (House Bill 72) rule, which means athletes must pass ALL classes. If a student-athlete fails just one class, he is ineligible for at least three weeks. IF a student-athlete consistently fail nine week terms, they will be placed on probation and/or removed from the athletic program to concentrate on their academics. All tutoring is expected to be done in the mornings, not during practice.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Practices are very important. Several skills and conditioning will be covered everyday. In order to get the most out of practice, your coach needs for you to be focused at all times. In order to help you focus your coach has set up a few guidelines to follow.

1. **BE PREPARED.**
Being prepared for practice means that you are on time, have all necessary equipment, check to make sure all necessary equipment needed for practice that day is out and ready and you have yourself mentally prepared.
2. **HUSTLE.**
Student-athletes do not often walk and lounge around. You need to hustle for loose balls, hustle to your next position, and hustle to your coach if he needs to speak with you.
3. **PAY ATTENTION.**
If your coach is speaking or something is happening on the field, you need to focus your attention on it 100% of the time. This means that any talking/distractions should be kept to a minimum.
4. **EFFORT.**
100% effort should be given at all times. Anything less will not be accepted.
5. **RESPECT.**
Student-athletes should respect coaches and others through their words and actions at all times. Just like your kindergarten teacher told you, if you can't say something nice then don't say anything at all. We expect our student-athletes to say, "Yes sir, no sir, yes ma'am, no ma'am, please, thank you, you're welcome, excuse me, etc."

If the athlete does not follow the practice guidelines the following consequences MAY occur as deemed necessary by the coach.

"DO RIGHTS" PHYSICAL CONDITIONING...including but not limited to:

Extra running, crunches, push-ups, squat jumps, running, wall-sits, etc.

***Severe or repeated offenses MAY result in dismissal from the team!**

COVID-19 REGULATIONS/PROTOCOLS

All learners, whether in person or virtual, are expected to be at practice. 8th grade virtual learners are allowed to come to school at the conclusion of 6th period. Since you will be in 7th period athletics, you can arrive by 3:30. Practice will start at 3:30 and conclude at 5:30. 7th grade virtual learners will be released around 9:00 to make it home in time to get in 2nd period. When coming to school for practice, you may come directly to the locker room via the back door. Please be dressed, as much as you can, before coming to practice. You do not need to check in at the office.

All student-athletes are required to wear a facemask when not drinking water. That means they will need to wear a mask while on the sidelines as well as while in the field of play.

All student-athletes will be required to bring their own water jug for practices and games. The jug should be big enough to hold enough water to last the entire practice/game.

Any equipment used will be disinfected prior, during, and after use.

Self-screening should be done everyday prior to attending practices and games. Use the Pearland ISD Self-screening tool to answer and decide whether you and/or your child should attend a function. You will NOT need to turn in a paper, but you should verify daily that your child is clear. If you answer yes to any question on the Self-Screening Tool, do not come to practice or the game. Be sure to contact your child's coach via remind or email and inform us of the absence and reasoning.

If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, then you will need to email Coach Pardo (PISD Athletic Director- pardob@pearlandisd.org), Coach Wells (PISD Asst. Athletic Director- wellse@pearlandisd.org), Ms. Beck (PISD Health Services Coordinator- beckc@pearlandisd.org), Ms. Smithley (PJHS Trainer- smithleyb@pearlandisd.org), Mr. Frerking (PJHS Principal- frerkingj@pearlandisd.org) and myself (whittakerj@pearlandisd.org). The email should inform us of the situation and giving us a timeline of events.

RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE HEAD COACH. (Keep other pages)

I have read, understand, and agree to follow Pearland Junior High South Boys Athletic Policies and Procedures. By signing, I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Pearland Junior High South Boys Athletic Program.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

X _____
Student Signature **Date**

Print student's name