

Holtville High School Interscholastic Athletics Parent/Guardian Communication and Conduct Contract

Holtville High School's extracurricular programs exist to support and further the academic mission of Holtville High School. We encourage all students to find an extracurricular area in which to participate, as we believe our extracurricular activities greatly enhance a student's high school experience and teach valuable life skills. We also value parent support for each of our programs and realize that it takes many parents working diligently to help us ensure that our athletic programs operate as effectively and efficiently as possible. Coaches residing over each sport have been evaluated and assigned the tasks by the school administration, and are always expected to work in the best interest of each student and his/her team. We ask that all parents involved do the same by familiarizing themselves with and abiding by the procedures that follow in order to provide the best possible experience and atmosphere for our student-athletes, as well as continue the rich tradition of excellence at Holtville High School.

- 1) All sports programs will operate under the rules and procedures of the Alabama High School Athletic Association. It is expected that parents/guardians know and understand these rules and comply with said rules in order to ensure and maintain their child's eligibility.
- 2) Each individual sport will employ a discipline contract that will hold athletes accountable for living and acting in ways that properly represent the team's and Holtville High School's rules and core values. It is the parent's responsibility to read, comprehend, and sign said contract before their child can participate with the team. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility.
- 3) Attendance policies outlined in team discipline contracts are non-negotiable. ALL participating student-athletes are expected to participate in all practices, training sessions, and events unless they have been excused by the coach or administration prior to the date. Sports that are in season during school holidays will maintain competition schedules and student athletes are required to attend.
- 4) Parents are responsible for the transportation of their child home from HHS for all practices and events. In the case of events that take place away from HHS, it is acceptable for a player to ride home with his/her parents in a personal vehicle if given permission by the coach. The parent should speak with the coach directly, however, prior to taking the child home. Any other arrangements need to be communicated to coach and administration and concurrently approved. It is unfair to both the child and the coach to be left waiting when arrangements have not been made.
- 5) Basic communication with coaches should be done via school email or school phone, during school hours. Coaches should not be communicated with via cell phone through calls nor texts nor social media, unless it is an emergency and one of those are the ONLY available means. Individual coaches may elect to make exceptions to this if they provide parents with other means of communication.
- 6) Meetings with coaches should be scheduled through the school secretary. If the meeting is in response to an incident of concern, the meeting should only take place after a period of 24 hours has passed and allowed all parties to reflect upon the issue. Impromptu meetings following any event or practice are not permitted. Refusal by parent/guardian to abide by this

communication policy may result in the parent not being granted a meeting and could involve receiving a 1 year ban from all Holtville High School activities.

- 7) Meetings that are scheduled will follow chain of command protocol. 1st meeting will be with team's coach with athletic director present, if necessary. If 1st meeting does not reach a resolution, a 2nd meeting may be scheduled that will include a school administrator. Any necessary meeting beyond the 2nd meeting may be conducted with school administration and county administration, if necessary. Refusal to follow correct chain of command protocol may result in the meeting request being denied. It is expected that all parties in meetings conduct themselves professionally. Team strategy and the conduct or performance of other student athletes will not be discussed in meetings with coaches.
- 8) Parents and spectators alike are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship and integrity at all events. Harassment of officials/referees/umpires, coaches, or student athletes will not be tolerated. Anyone who perpetrates such acts will be immediately removed from the premises by school administration and subsequently banned from all Holtville High School events for one calendar year. Any ejection of a parent or fan by an AHSAA official will result in discipline in accordance with state association policy, which could result in a permanent ban from all AHSAA events. Parents who incur fines due to such ejections will be responsible for paying the fine within 3 days. Failure to do so will result in the fine being added to the student's school fees.
- 9) Parents and fans are expected to positively promote the ideals and values of Holtville High School and its teams. Negative or inflammatory comments made publicly or projected on social media may result in a suspension from attending Holtville High School athletic events.
- 10) This contract must be signed and returned to the HHS Athletic Director prior to the student-athlete participating in an athletic contest.

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian Name) have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in this contract in accordance with Holtville High School.

Signature

Date

Name of Student-Athlete _____

