

Sa-Hali Secondary School Student Athletic Contract

Welcome to Sabres Athletics! We are pleased that you are participating as a member of our athletic program.

The success of our program is due to the cooperation demonstrated between the coaches, staff, students, parents and community of Sa-Hali. This is what teamwork is all about. The school board, with the schools in our district, together has worked to determine common goals for our athletic programs. We have taken these policies and incorporated them into our new student athlete programs. We have taken these policies and incorporated them into our new student athlete contract.

As a representative of the Sa-Hali Sabres Athletic program you are expected to abide by the following policies.

A. School Rules and Regulations:

School Rules and regulations are in effect for all school functions including practices, games, weekend tournaments as well as dances, pep rallies etc. You will find a complete list of school rules and regulations in the Sa-Hali Secondary School Student Handbook.

a. Drug and Alcohol Policy:

Use of drugs or alcohol by team members is contrary to the Athletic Policy of our school and our district. The current district policy states:

Drug and Alcohol – as per the current School District #73 Policy, there are automatic suspensions. Above and beyond that, however, the consequences for athletes are as follows:

1. Breach of the Drug & Alcohol contract by an athlete while at a non-athletic event (i.e. school dance, on school grounds before and after school) will result in immediate suspension from the present sport and season of play. The athlete may apply to play the following season of play, but will remain on 'probation'. Any further breach of contract regarding the Drug & Alcohol Policy will result in a full calendar year suspension and the potential of further discipline.
2. Breach of the Drug & Alcohol Policy by an athlete while participating in athletics (i.e. Road trip) will result in suspension from athletics for one full calendar year. If the breach takes place out of town, the violator will be sent home as soon as possible at their expense. The athlete may return to participation under 'probation' following their suspension, but only after a consultation with a school administrator, athletic director, parent and counsellor. If there is a second breach of the Drug & Alcohol Policy, an indefinite suspension may be applied.
3. Further to these consequences, it is recommended that the probationary conditions may include attendance at a substance abuse program approved by the school.

b. Student Conduct (in school):

All student athletes are expected to maintain satisfactory standing in their classes. Student athletes must exhibit appropriate behaviour at all times, in and out of class. Teachers and coaches will be in communication regularly.

c. Academic Effort:

It is important that the student athlete realizes that academics must take priority over athletics. You are expected to maintain a satisfactory effort level in your classes and have your homework and assignments completed.

d. Attendance:

Regular class attendance and punctuality is mandatory. If you are going to be absent from class, it is expected that you will not participate in athletics that day (practice or games) unless your absence is for a legitimate reason (i.e. Doctor's appointment). If you are too ill to attend class, you are too ill to attend practice or games.

B. Team Expectations:

a. Attendance and Commitment:

You are expected to attend all practices, games and tournaments. If you have a schedule conflict, you must discuss it with your coach well ahead of time. Poor attendance at practices, games or tournaments will result in disciplinary action. Withdrawal during a season of play without a legitimate excuse will result in disciplinary action. In either case, you may be held in breach of contract and this may result in suspension of play for the following season of play or from playing the sport that you quit in subsequent year.

b. Sportsmanship/Citizenship:

Sa-Hali coaches, athletes and spectators are expected to maintain the highest standards. Respect for opponents and officials are paramount principles of our program. High standards of behaviour and attitude are required dignity. When an athlete exhibits poor judgement and behaviour, it reflects poorly on dignity of the whole team and school.

c. Service:

Participating athletes who benefit from our athletic program are expected to return service to the school in the form of assisting at special events, officiating, fund-raising, scorekeeping, etc.

d. Consent and Medical Forms:

Participation in our athletic program requires that all athletes have on file a signed "Informed Parental Consent" an "Athletic Contract" form and a "Medical Form". This is to be done each school year before participating on your first team. The "Medical Form" only has to be done once in a while at Sa-Hali Secondary and this is to be filled in before a student lays on their first team. In subsequent years, the parents are responsible for making sure the coach is aware of any medical conditions the student athlete may have and to update the medical information section on the "Athletic Consent" form.

e. Fees:

All sports require participation fees to help offset the costs of running an athletic program. Each team is also responsible for the costs of any tournaments that they attend. Your coach will determine this amount.

All athletic and student council fees must be paid before a uniform will be issued to you and before your first league game.

f. Uniforms/Equipment:

Uniforms and equipment are the property of the school and must be cared for. If lost or damaged, charges will be levied. Uniforms are for games only; they are not to be worn for practice, PE class or outside.

If a student fails to comply with the policies, rules, regulations and expectations stated above, then disciplinary action will be taken. This may result in short or long term suspensions from school sports. The student may be held in breach of contract or brought before the Sa-Hali Athletic Disciplinary Committee. If a severe breach of contract has occurred, the matter may be taken to the Principal of the school or the School Board Office.

Sabres Student Athlete Code of Conduct

The actions of the student athlete are a reflection of themselves, their team, their school and their community. A student's involvement in school sports provides opportunities and experiences that are important to the development of a well-rounded student. However, student athletes must remember that their participation in school sports is a privilege, not a right.

Student athletes shall:

- Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, event organizers, officials and spectators with respect.
- Respect and accept with dignity the decisions of officials and coaches.
- Will understand and abide by the expectations of the coach regarding practice time, attitude and behaviour on and off the floor.
- Will abide by the athletic policies set out by the Athletic Department regarding dress, academic performance, behaviour on and off the floor.
- Will abide the Sa-Hali Secondary, OVSAA and BC School Sports Constitutional Policies regarding eligibility and player conduct.
- Be generous in winning and gracious in losing.
- Remember that there is no place in sports for vaping, drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- Will set a positive example throughout the school community.
- Refrain from the use of foul or profane language.
- Refrain from the use of physical force outside the rules of the game.
- Play within the game rules at all times.
- Will follow the procedure for being excused from class and realize the implications this policy has on his or her performance in class.

Letter to all Parents of Sa-Hali Athletes

We are pleased to have your son/daughter participating in athletics here at Sa-Hali Secondary School.

As a parent/guardian of a Sabres athlete, you are part of the team and we need your support in a variety of ways.

1. Completing the "Informed Parental Consent" form making sure that the athletic staff at the school are kept up to date on any changes in your child's health.
2. Help with driving student to events. Unfortunately, most of our athletes must find their own transportation to "in town" games. Bussing may be supplied one way (to their game only) depending on the sport. Bussing is supplied to out-of-town league games. At no time are students to drive themselves or any others to out-of-town commitments.
3. Come to games if at all possible. We have an Athletic Booster Club and your participation and support would be appreciated.
4. Be aware of and support our participation standards. These have proven to be the foundation of a successful program. These include: Spectator's Code of Conduct and Student Athlete Code of Conduct. Please read over the "Student Athletic Contract" with your child, fill in the appropriate information and sign it with them.
5. Students must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in the BC School Sports Handbook. If you are not sure if your son/daughter meets these requirements, see the Athletic Director for confirmation.