

## **Mission Statement**

The King athletic coaching staff is committed to guiding athletes toward personal bests by providing each individual with an opportunity to participate on a team-centered program. Research has shown that athletes at the middle school level help to foster team building skills, problem solving skills, self-discipline, responsibility, and self-confidence. Through the development of these skills it is believed that our student athletes will become confident contributing members to our school community.

### **Expectations for Student Athletes:**

All athletes are expected to:

- Strive for a minimum of a 2.0 GPA
- Demonstrate the King Core Values of Kindness, Integrity, Never Give Up, Generosity
- Attend all practices and games on time (practices begin immediately after school Tue - Thur and end approximately at 4:30. You may confirm with your coach).
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship towards fellow teammates, coaches, and officials
- Demonstrate an honest effort
- Treat others with respect and dignity

Athletes who fail to comply with these expectations may face disciplinary actions including but not limited to dismissal from the team.

### **Expectations for Parents:**

Parents are expected to:

- Encourage and support their child's athletic endeavors
- Recognize the importance of athletics in their child's life
- Encourage their child to speak with the coach directly with any concerns. (If the concern is not resolved the parent is encouraged to reach out to the coaching staff).

- Parents should contact the coach if their child is going to miss practice through district email or TeamApp (the coach will give each parent that team's Team App registration information).
- Support and respect the coaching staff

### **Try-Outs**

The number of athletes permitted on some teams may be limited due to allowable roster sizes. For these teams a try-out will be conducted. All athletes will be afforded an opportunity to showcase their talents and earn a spot on the roster for interscholastic competition. Those not making the interscholastic team roster will participate in our novice program which emphasizes skill development.

### **Uniforms**

All uniforms issued to athletes are the property of the school and must be properly cared for by the student. All uniforms must be returned clean, at the conclusion of the season. Lost or damaged uniforms will become the financial obligation of the athlete.

Any spirit wear purchased by the athlete is the property of the athlete and does not need to be turned into the school.

### **Attendance**

Each day the athletes will check in for attendance. Any athlete not in attendance must contact the coach for an excused absence. Any athlete with 3 or more unexcused absences may be removed from the team.

### **Injuries/Illness**

Any athlete who is injured will not be allowed to participate until the athlete has either a doctor's clearance (if under a doctor's care) or is injury free. Athletes will not participate injured or ill.

At any time an athlete may see his/her personal physician or therapist at his or her own expense.

In the event of an injury during practice, coaches are certified to administer minor first aid. In the event of a major injury, the coach will call 911 immediately.

### **Medications**

The school nurse will arrange for the coach to pick up medications that are kept at school and need to be with the athlete during competitions..

### **Transportation**

Parents are to arrange transportation to and from practices for their child. Upon the conclusion of practice, all athletes are to wait in the front of the MPR for pick-up or walk/ride bike home if they have permission to do so. Adult supervision is no longer available 15 minutes after practice.

### **Away Competition Transportation**

If a parent is driving other athletes besides their own child to an away competition, they are to fill out the district **Personal Vehicle Use Form**. You may get this form from the coach or pick one up in the front office.

If a team is taking a bus to a competition, your child must have the **Parent Permission for Field Trip** form completed. The coach will send this form home to the parent with their child.