



Village Tech Athletic Handbook

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Athletic Director

Athletic Staff

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TBA - (Baseball)
Charnita Hinton / Ben Nicholas - (Track)
Marge Sims - (Cheerleaders)
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Oriana Wilson - Dancing Pearletts
Katherine Wickersham - Robotics
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To the Parent

This handbook is presented to you because your son or daughter has indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics, and you have expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. Your family interest in this important part of our school program is gratifying. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences, which assists students in personal adjustments.

Athletics, along with the educational development of boys and girls, and a properly controlled well-organized sports program can meet students' needs for self-expression, social, mental, and physical growth. It is our intent to conduct a program that is educationally sound and will enhance each student's personal growth.

A student who elects to participate in athletics is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline. We are striving for excellence and do not want our athletes to compromise with mediocrity.

It is our goal at Village Tech Athletic Department to make rules that govern the spirit of competition for the school. These rules need a broad basis of community support, which is achieved only through communication to the parent. It is our hope to accomplish this objective through an athletic publication for students and parents.

To the Athlete

A great athletic tradition is not built overnight, it takes the hard work of many people over a period of years. As a member of an interscholastic team of Village Tech, you have inherited a wonderful responsibility to build and maintain a great tradition.

When you wear a Village Tech uniform, we assume that you not only understand the tradition that we are establishing, but also willing to assume the responsibilities that with them, however, the contributions you make should be a satisfying accomplishment to you and your family.

Behavior Expectations of the Student-Athlete Overall Acceptable Behavior

- Accept all decisions of officials. The officials are doing their best to promote you and support you. Treat them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgement.
- Shake hands with participants and coaches at the end of each contest, regardless of outcome.
- Show concern for an injured player.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated.
- Dedicate yourself to continually improve your skill through camps, summer leagues, and after school conditioning.

Overall Unacceptable Behavior

- Disrespectful to teammates, opponents, or yell derogatory remarks.
- Use of profanity
- Criticizing officials.

Parents

- Encourage your child to fulfill their responsibilities as a team member and maintain grades and school attendance.
- Support your child and the team by making your best effort to attend games.
- Please consider joining the Activity Team. They provide support to all sports and other extracurricular activities.

Illegal Substance

Athletes will be suspended indefinitely from athletics if found guilty of smoking tobacco, marijuana, drinking, or using steroids. If an athlete is caught selling or distributing drugs will also be suspended indefinitely from athletics. Athletes should be aware that these regulations are in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day.

Roles:

Athletic Director

The Athletic Director is responsible for coordinating the athletic budget, scheduling games and practice schedules with the head coach of each sport, approving officials, conflict resolution, and overseeing all aspects of Athletics. The Athletic Director will also advise the Administration, staff, teams, coaches, and parents of any changes and communicate the needs of the Athletic Department to the administration.

Coaches

The coaches is responsible for creating a fun, safe, and challenging environment in which his/her student-athletes will receive a high level of instruction and competition. The coach is also responsible for confirming game and turning in a roster prior to the season, distributing and collecting uniforms and equipment, completing game, injury and/or injury report, and communicating with parents. The coach must also ensure that the student-athletes are exhibiting good behavior on and off the court as well as making sure that student-athletes grades are being checked.

The coach is expected to be a positive representative of Village Tech and the Athletic Department. This includes ensuring that the coach conducts themselves in a manner that will bring respect to our teams and schools. Coaches are expected to make decisions based on what is best for the team. Their expectations must be clear and available to student-athlete for positive mentorship on and off the field. The coach must maintain high personal standards, motivate players, and promote sportsmanship at all times.

Student-Athlete

The student-athlete is expected to be a positive addition to the Village Tech Athletic Program. If the athlete must discuss an issue with the coach, he/she must communicate in a respectful manner to try and find a solution. If a situation cannot be reached, the Athletic Director may/will assist. Student-Athlete are expected to be respectful and exhibit good behavior in class, practice, in games, and in the community. If a student-athlete fails to conduct themselves in a manner to bring respect to our team and school they are subject to game suspension, ineligibility, or dismissal from the team.

Athletic Opportunities

High School

Volleyball
Basketball
Cheerleader
Soccer
Dance (Pearls)
Baseball
Track
Chess

Middle School

Football
Volleyball
Basketball
Soccer
Cheerleader
Dance (Pearletts)
Track
Robotics
NASA
Chess

Conference Affiliations:

Village Tech athletic teams compete in Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League (TCSAAL).

This league is the 2nd largest league next to UIL in the state of texas. It serves over 250 Texas Public Charter Schools. www.texascharter.org

Eligibility

Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Students can earn the privilege through hard work, dedication, desire, and self-discipline.

Academic Eligibility

Students-Athletes are expected to maintain passing grades in all classes. When a student receives a grade below “70” in one class, that student will be placed on academic probation for a period of three weeks. Student-athletes who are placed on academic probation may practice with the team but may not play in games. At the end of the probationary period if the student-athlete receives a grade of “70” or higher, then they are eligible to participate. If the student-athlete maintains a failing grade, he/she may be declared ineligible for competition by the Athletic Director and may not practice or travel with the team during the period of ineligibility. If the student-athlete does not improve the failing grade after the three week probationary week, then the athlete may be removed from the team.

Conduct Eligibility

Student-athletes are expected to maintain satisfactory conduct in all classes. Any athlete who does not maintain satisfactory conduct in a class will be subject to a behavioral probation that will follow the same three week guidelines as the academic probation.

Attendance

Attendance at all games and practices sessions is mandatory for all team members. If a student-athlete will not be attending practices, or an athlete contest, the coach must be notified at least one day prior to the event being missed. Any student-athlete who has more than three absences (unexcused) may result in limited playing time or removal from team. If a student-athlete is absent from school or arrives after 10:00 am, he/she may not be able to practice or play in the game that day. Any student-athlete who leaves an athletic event without permission of the Head Coach will be subject to suspension from the team.

Illness & Injury

All injuries should be reported to the coach and/or athletic director at the time they occur so further injury can be avoided. Tell the coach and/or the athletic director that you are injured before leaving the court, field, or track no matter how small the injury.

Uniforms

Student-athletes are responsible for all items issued to them. Any lost, damage or stolen items must be paid for by the student-athlete.

Dropping/Dismissal from a Sport

There will be times when some student-athletes will make leave a sport before, during, or after a season. Whatever the reason, they must follow the steps below:

1. The athlete must talk to the coach to see if a solution can be reached.
2. If the athlete leaves a sport, they must check turn in all equipment, failure to do so, the student or parent must pay for the equipment.
3. A athlete will not be permitted to participate in the next sport if they leave the previous sport. ex: , if the athlete quits basketball to join track,they will not be permitted to participate in track.

Practice/Game Cancellation

In the event that the coach must cancel a practice, it is the responsibility of the coach/or Athletic Director to notify the team and practice.

Athletic Website

All athletic information will be posted on the Village Tech website at www.villagetechschoools.org click on calendar. This information includes: sport games, schedule, and tryouts. Click athletics: athletic forms, such as physicals and waivers are found.