



# Dillon Christian School

## Athletic Handbook 2025-2026

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*

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To comply with Dillon Christian School rules and guidelines, every parent and athlete must be made aware of the inherent risk of participating in sports activities at DCS as stated in the Warning of Inherent Risk statement below.

#### ***WARNING OF INHERENT RISK***

Participation in athletic competition includes the inherent risk of injury, which may range in severity from minor injury, to disabling injury, even to death. Although serious injuries are uncommon in structured, supervised athletic programs, it is virtually impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants can and do have the responsibility in helping reduce the chance of injury by obeying all safety rules of each sporting activity, reporting all physical problems to coaches, following proper guidelines for safe play in athletic competition, and inspecting the integrity of their own equipment. Dillon Christian School takes all necessary precautions to provide student athletes a proper and safe environment for competing athletically.

#### **PHILOSOPHY OF DILLON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

The Christian approach to athletics at Dillon Christian School (DCS) flows naturally from the school's philosophy of Christian education. The purpose and intent of our athletic program at DCS is to bring glory to God through our participation and involvement in individual and team sports activities and to develop within those who participate in athletics the character traits of Jesus Christ. We desire for our athletes to grow spiritually by teaching them to think and act like Christ in the competitive arena and to model godly character through their words, their attitudes and their deeds. Developing each student athlete spiritually, so that the Holy Spirit controls and directs his or her mind and body in every athletic endeavor, is a key objective of the DCS athletic program (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Within that philosophical framework, all of our coaches desire to train, disciple, and encourage each student athlete to perform athletically to the maximum of his or her potential in order to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Athletic competition often can serve as a microcosm of life, providing perfect learning situations for teaching God's principles. Using the many kinds of problems and different situations that occur in athletic competition, coaches attempt to build within each student athlete eternal biblical principles and values, so that he or she might conform to Christ's image and demonstrate His character. Consequently, the primary goal of the athletic program at DCS is to use athletic competition as a positive tool in the lives of our student athletes to bring glory to God through our participation and to develop within those who participate in athletics the character traits of Christ.

#### **PURPOSE**

This athletic handbook outlines for administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents important information concerning the athletic program at Dillon Christian School. It is comprehensive, yet not exhaustive. Any comments or additions should be directed to the Athletic Director.

The athletic program is an important part of the overall educational experience of students at DCS and must necessarily conform to the school's philosophy of Christian education. Athletic competition must never be allowed to damage the testimony of Christ or the philosophy and ministry of the school.

**Through the athletic program at DCS, we aim to accomplish the following objectives:**

- To develop within each student athlete the positive character qualities of Jesus Christ, conforming ourselves to His image, and openly expressing those characteristics to others through athletic competition.
- To learn to give maximum effort for the glory of God in every aspect of the athletic program.
- To glorify God in word and deed by presenting a positive witness and testimony for Jesus Christ to the lost.
- To teach the biblical principle of respect for authority. Players learn to respect their coaches; coaches, players, and fans show respect for officials; and all model and display respect and reverence for God.
- To instill within every player the principle of setting aside our individual desires and goals for the good of the team.
- To provide opportunities within athletic competition to learn self-discipline and self control, because true individual character traits are often revealed in the heat of competition.
- To encourage and provide opportunities for student athletes to produce a healthy body which is to be the “temple of the Holy Spirit.”
- To do everything, giving 100% of all mental and physical ability, and all emotional energy, in order to play with complete concentration, and then releasing the results to God.
- To live in word and deed as ambassadors for Jesus Christ, for His glory.

**SPORTS OFFERED**

Dillon Christian School offers students a variety of sports in which to participate.

These sports are usually offered during three distinct seasons; fall, winter, and spring.

Varsity, Jr Varsity, and B-Team options are dependent upon the number of players, their grade level, and their skill level.

***Fall Girls and Boys***

Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Volleyball  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Cheerleading  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Football  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity - Cross-Country

***Winter Girls and Boys***

Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Basketball  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Cheerleading

***Spring Girls and Boys***

Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Softball  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Baseball  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Soccer  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity/B-Team - Golf  
Varsity/Jr. Varsity - Track

***Year Round***

Speed and Strength Team  
Shooting Sports

Commitment is a trait that glorifies God and should be foremost in the life of a Christian. Students are encouraged to participate in sports all year long. Therefore, any student who chooses to quit their sport once the season starts, will not be allowed to practice or play any other sport until the last playing date of the season, in which they quit. Students may not play more than one sport at a time within a given season unless the coaches give permission to the student. Exceptions will be allowed when the playoff or tournaments run into the next sports practice schedule. Coaches and parents will communicate with each other regarding any special provision for the players “to do or not to do” during the additional practice. The student’s study time should be considered the most important factor in allowing this additional practice. Disagreements between coaches will be addressed by the Athletic Director and may require input from the Head of School.

With sufficient participation, sports are offered at different levels.

- For Middle School/B-Team athletic activities, the primary goal is to teach game fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship, the concept of commitment, respect for authority, and most importantly, development of the athlete spiritually.
- The Junior Varsity level attempts to refine the concepts learned in Middle School, with greater emphasis on teamwork, the concept of giving 100% effort, skill improvement, and a greater depth of spiritual growth.
- At the Varsity level, competition is more intense and requires an increased level of desire and commitment from each individual athlete. Many biblical principles, character qualities, and life lessons can be learned through competing at this level. Coaching demands at the Varsity level are more intense and to compete at this level requires complete dedication by the athlete and complete support of parents for the athlete while competing.

Dillon Christian School competes in the South Carolina Independent School Athletic Association at the Jr. Varsity and Varsity levels for volleyball, cross country, football, basketball, baseball, golf, track, softball, soccer, speed and strength, and clay shooting. DCS complies with each conference or organization’s rules and regulations according to their respective constitutions. DCS will also schedule area public high schools in both North and South Carolina when available in various sports. Due to the difference between public schools definition of Jr. Varsity, the Athletic Director and coach will constantly monitor and evaluate the size and skill level for the Jr. Varsity schedules. In some sports, public middle schools may be scheduled as more comparable opponents for the skill level of current SCISA Jr. Varsity grade definitions at DCS.

## **PARENTAL PARTICIPATION**

As part of the DCS partnership with parents, the Athletic Department requires involvement and participation by parents of student athletes in the overall function of the athletic program. Because of continual yearly budget constraints and limited Athletic Department resources, there are numerous areas and activities that need parental support and volunteer time in order to function properly. The following list includes, but is not limited to, areas where parents can support the athletic program.

**GATE VOLUNTEERS** – Securing gate volunteers is extremely important to the athletic department. All parents are encouraged to work at the gates for all our athletic activities. Parents of athletes will be responsible for collecting money at our home games. The Athletic Department will assign specific dates to work and will endeavor to avoid having parents work when their student is playing. Lists will be mailed to parents and posted on the athletic page on the school website as soon as official team rosters are finalized for each sport in a season.

**CONCESSIONS VOLUNTEERS** – Parents are also encouraged to sign up in our concession stands at our athletic events. The Athletic Department works closely with the Booster Club to fill concession positions. Once the official team rosters are finalized, lists will be mailed to parents and posted on the school's athletic page on the school website.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – In order to enhance the communication between the Athletic Department, coaches, student athletes, and parents, important information can be found in this Parent/Student Athletic Handbook. All parents of student athletes have access to a copy of the DCS Athletic Handbook by downloading this document from the DCS website [www.dillonchristianschool.org](http://www.dillonchristianschool.org). All parents and student athletes at DCS will read and sign the signature page stating they understand and are willing to abide by all policies and procedures stated in this Athletic Handbook. Any student athlete who does not turn in a completed signature page signed by their parents and themselves, will not be eligible to participate in any practice or contest until the form is received by the DCS Athletic Office. Other athletic information, such as changes in schedules, practice schedules, game times, etc., can be obtained through formal DCS communications or the school's athletic page. At the beginning of each season for each sport, game schedules will be provided that will include individual coaches' contact information.

The DCS Athletic Department depends on the support and involvement of parents in its goal to develop student athletes into the image and likeness of Christ through athletic competition. To build those desired character qualities into our student athletes, parents must agree with the school's philosophy of Christian education and the school's athletic philosophy. Parents should also be supportive of the decisions of the Athletic Director and the coaches and always use the Matthew 18 principle in any conflict or misunderstanding. Both winning and losing, in athletic competition, provides valuable biblical principals and life lessons for our students that might not ever be learned anywhere else.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** – Parents and fans should model biblical behavior while watching our student athletes in fierce athletic competition, because that modeled behavior is just as important as the behavior of the athletes on the field. Dr. Paul Kienel, founder and President Emeritus of the Association of Christian Schools International, outlined five important principles concerning good sportsmanship and positive Christian testimony which all DCS parents and fans should observe during athletic competition. These principles should guide us as Christian parents and fans of our student athletes:

- Show proper RESPECT to the players of both teams, remembering that each one is someone's son or daughter. Likewise, respect the visiting crowd, treating them as you would like to be treated in their gym or at their field.
- Show proper respect for the officials and for their POSITION OF AUTHORITY over the game.

- Remember that the other team's players, coaches, and fans are not our enemies, JUST OUR OPPONENTS in a game.
- Please DO NOT "BOO" or otherwise show a negative reaction or display negative behavior toward an official's decision or a player's performance.
- Remember that the Lord sees our actions and He knows our THOUGHTS and the INTENT OF OUR HEARTS.

## **STUDENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

Even though every coach in each individual sport may have specific rules and guidelines for that sport, the following rules are in effect for all athletes at DCS:

- Absolutely no use of drugs, alcohol, vaping, or tobacco at any time (365 days per year). Proven use constitutes expulsion from the team (1 Thessalonians 5:15, Proverbs 15:1).
- Attendance at all practices and games is mandatory. There may be instances when athletes have to schedule a doctor's appointment; an excuse letter should be provided by the doctor. When this happens, parents and students should contact the head coach to let them know the student will not be at practice. If neither of these conditions are met the absence becomes unexcused. Consequences for missed absences will be determined by the head coach.
- Any improper or questionable language will not be permitted. Disciplinary measures will be taken for the first offense and expulsion from the team for the second offense. Let your performance do your talking for you. Improper language includes: swearing, "in your face" boasting, and disrespect to officials, players, or coaches. Lead a spirit-controlled life and the Holy Spirit will control your tongue! (James 1)
- Maintain school hair and dress code at all times, plus any other dress specifications outlined by coaches. Team unity is the focus for dress and the DCS dress code will be enforced by each coach. The dress code for formal activities such as banquets and awards nights mandate that students dress in business casual attire. Jeans, t-shirts, and caps are unacceptable. Questions about attire should be directed to the Athletic Directors. Unnecessary accessories that are worn to draw attention to the individual reflect a defiance of the team concept. When we submit to one another by complying with the team dress or hair code for the accomplishment of a goal beyond ourselves, we glorify Christ, not ourselves! In all areas dealing with attire or appearance the goal is always modesty!
- Game uniform jerseys that are worn on game days to school will be subject to additional rules per the Head of School.
- Any athlete that displays gross unChrist-like attitude, including but not limited to, flagrant outbursts against any coach, fan, player, official, or teammate or expressing anger by purposefully mishandling or destroying any piece of equipment, facilities, or uniform will be subject to suspension. This DCS penalty will be assessed concurrently with any SCISA penalty that a player incurs from a SCISA official. This behavior WILL NOT be tolerated at any DCS athletic event under any circumstances. If a second occurrence of any of the above should happen, the player will be suspended from any involvement in any DCS athletic activity for the rest of that school year. If he/she is an underclassman, he/she will be placed on probation for another year. If a third incident occurs, he/she will be permanently removed from participation in athletic events until he or she graduates.

- Because we are a Christian school, people watch what we say, so we must be aware of our actions. Any display of affection between boys and girls will not be permitted. Concentration upon the game and upon our witness for Christ is of utmost importance!

## **ACADEMICS**

Even though the athletic program is an important part of the overall Dillon Christian School experience, the mission of the school remains academic education. In light of our Christian educational philosophy and the school's mission, the DCS athletic department endeavors to monitor the academic progress and to encourage the academic achievement of each student athlete. To accomplish this, there must be continuous, clear, and frequent communication between the athletic department, coaches, teachers, parents, and student athletes. In the athletic program, we teach our athletes the concept of giving 100% effort, and we expect them to give their maximum effort in all academic endeavors as well.

We continuously monitor the academic eligibility of student athletes, in order to comply with SCISA eligibility rules. To monitor student academic progress, all interim grade reports are reviewed by the athletic director. It is both the student athlete and his/her parent's responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility.

For some athletic events, athletes must be dismissed early from school and likely will miss some academic work. Early dismissal for away games or practices is never an excuse for failure to fulfill academic responsibilities. Each student athlete is responsible for contacting teachers before early dismissal regarding work or assignments that might be missed or assignments that are due that day. Student athletes must coordinate with the teacher to make up all missed work, including written assignments, quizzes, and tests. All assignments not completed will result in failure for that work and will jeopardize the athlete's academic eligibility.

Students' academic eligibility will begin at the ninth grade level. Students will be eligible for athletic participation for eight consecutive semesters beginning the **first** year they enter the ninth grade.

Academic eligibility will be determined by nine weeks grades once the school year begins. In order to participate during the second, third, and fourth nine weeks of the current year, a student must have a passing grade of 60 or better in all their classes in the previous nine weeks. For fall sports, you must have passed the previous year courses to be eligible to participate the first nine weeks.

A maximum of ONE credit may be earned/recovered during summer sessions and accepted from an approved accredited school with an established summer school program; this will be considered a fifth 9-weeks grading period.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to participate in the athletic program at Dillon Christian School, a student must enroll (or be registered for the following academic year) as a full-time student at DCS and take at least four full units of credit on the DCS campus per semester, each year. Other SCISA eligibility criteria for participation in athletics are found in the SCISA Blue Book located on the website at [www.dillonchristianschool.org](http://www.dillonchristianschool.org).

A new student transfer must have passed all classes from the previous semester for block schedules or the previous year for traditional schedules to be eligible for the first 9-weeks of school.

To participate in the DCS athletic program, a student athlete must have a signed DCS/SCISA Liability Waiver form and a completed Certificate of Athletic Eligibility on file. Additionally, student athletes must obtain a physical exam, performed and signed by a medical doctor using a Pre-Participation Physical Examination form. These signed forms for each student athlete will be kept on file in the Athletic Director's office. Packets may be picked up in the AD's office. No student will be allowed to participate in any workout, practice, scrimmage, jamboree, game, or contest unless the DCS Certificate of Eligibility is complete and on file in the Athletic office.

In order for a student athlete to participate in an athletic practice, compete in an athletic game or a contest, he/she must be present for three full class periods, at school on the day of the practice or game.

Any DCS Athlete who becomes two months behind in tuition will forego his or her privilege to play on any athletic team immediately at that time. When this occurs, the Head of School will immediately notify the parents, the student, the athletic director, and the coach. Only when tuition and fees are brought to within one month of full payment may the student be reinstated. Reinstatement will not be granted until actual payment is received by DCS. A promise to pay does not constitute sufficient warrant for reinstatement. Uniforms or equipment should not be issued to any student who is two months or more in arrears. When a student has already received a uniform or equipment and they are two months in arrears, that uniform and equipment must be returned to the Athletic Office.

### **AWARDS AND LETTERS**

During the school year, the Dillon Christian School Booster Club for Athletics and the Athletic Department will hold three sports Athletic Ceremonies (fall, winter, and spring) to recognize outstanding achievement according to the guiding principles and goals established by our athletic philosophy. Our goal is not only to recognize in each sport the obvious outward athletic abilities, talents, and achievements of the past year, but just as important, we desire to recognize those inward Christ-like qualities that have been formed and displayed in athletes during the season. Therefore, the description of the athletic awards and the giving of those awards are necessarily correlated and intertwined with the character qualities our coaches emphasize during the season.

### **FACILITIES**

The Lord has blessed Dillon Christian School with outstanding facilities including a gym, locker rooms, football, baseball and softball fields and transportation vehicles. Student athletes must learn to be good stewards of what we have (even though some things may seem old or used) and use these facilities wisely. You should always leave an area cleaner than the way you found it (especially when we play at another school)! We will not tolerate destructiveness or misuse of property at any time including balls, bats, PE equipment, etc.

All articles left in the locker room area and gym will be taken to the office for a short period of time, then, if not recovered, given to charity.

Supervision is of great importance when dealing with our student athletes. We are responsible for our athletes from the time school dismisses until the time they are picked up by their parents. Coaches are never to leave any athlete unsupervised and should be the last ones to leave the school. Coaches will be responsible for locking up and ensuring that the facilities are secured. Parents are responsible for picking up their child at a reasonable time after games and practices. For practices, the student should not be in any other area of the school building other than the designated practice area.

## **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

The coach, for each individual sport, will issue uniforms sometime before the first game. The coach will keep a record of uniform number and equipment issued. At the time of issue, please note the condition of the uniform, because it is your responsibility to keep it clean and in good shape.

Lost or damaged uniforms must be paid for in full. Check with your coach for the type of practice uniforms he or she desires you to wear. Although practice uniforms are not standardized, athletes must use modesty in practice attire.

Athletic game uniforms are very costly, so please be good stewards of the uniforms we have. They should be cleaned and washed regularly per coach's instructions. You should treat all school athletic equipment with care. If your coach gives you the responsibility for the team's equipment, see that you carry out your job responsibly. Any loss of, or damage to, school equipment or uniforms due to negligence or carelessness by a student athlete, will be repaid in full by the student who is deemed responsible.

All athletic uniforms will be distributed by your coach. Athletic uniforms must be returned at the end of the season as required, to your coach. Report cards will not be made available (mail or pickup) for any student athlete who does not return his or her uniform.

Dillon Christian School Athletics has signed a contract with BSN Sports this year. The contract specifies that all uniform sales must come from BSN, therefore, any group that would consider purchasing uniforms or equipment for DCS must meet with the Athletic Director prior to purchasing any uniforms or equipment. Our official logo is the interlocking DCS. No other logo is permitted on any uniform or equipment.

## **INJURIES AND PHYSICALS**

We are fortunate to partner with the McLeod Hospital System and their Athletic Training Department. All injuries should be reported immediately to the head coach/athletic director. A certified athletic trainer will be available for any athlete who needs assistance in treating an injury. The Athletic Trainer and Coach will keep a record on file of each student they treat. Baseline concussion testing will be administered to all new athletes at the beginning of the school year.

**CONDITIONING** - Conditioning is your responsibility prior to the start of every season. Prepare yourself, so that you can handle the physical strain that training and practice in that sport will put on your body. Begin with gradual and easy training, working up to a higher level of conditioning, so that you will be ready for the start of the season. Dillon Christian School conducts an after school program for all athletes, male and female, to help this process.

*PHYSICALS* - To participate in the SCISA athletic program, each athlete must have a signed and completed Pre-Participation Physical Examination form, performed and signed by a medical Doctor before the season begins. Each year, DCS makes arrangements with local doctors, who volunteer their time (possibly a small fee), to provide athletes an easy way to obtain a physical prior to the fall season. You may not practice, participate, or compete in any sport unless you have a current physical on file. The Pre-Participation Physical Examination form must be signed and will be kept on file in the main office.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation to and from athletic contests will be provided by DCS vehicles, if possible, unless otherwise specified by your coach. Students must ride on the school vehicle to and from the athletic contest destination. Students will be released to parents only for the return trip from a game or match. All school vehicles must remain clean! Your stewardship responsibility is to ensure that the DCS vehicles remain clean, riding to and from each athletic event. Riding home with parents does not relieve you of that responsibility.

*MUSIC* - All music played at athletic events will be pre-approved by the Head of School, AD, or Assistant AD. The music submitted will be of high moral character and will uplift Christ. No offensive or suggestive music will be allowed to be played for any purpose during any athletic event.

*DONATIONS/FUND-RAISING* - DCS encourages and relies on the donations from friends, parents, businesses, and private donors for the athletic program at the school. This funding is vital to enhance the budget for all sports programs. DCS encourages any potential donor to contact the Head of School or the DCS Booster Club for Athletics if they are interested in donating to any DCS athletic program. All fund-raising activities for any sport or team must be pre-approved by the Head of School prior to beginning the activity. This is to ensure that coaches, students, parents, and groups do not compete with other existing fund-raising activities going on at the school.

## **PARENT/COACH INVOLVEMENT**

All coaches are required to have a pre-season mandatory meeting with all parent and student athletes. During this meeting, the coach should discuss all team rules, as well as, playing time and how that will be accomplished during the season. Coaches are encouraged to find a balance so that all student athletes receive the maximum playing time available. Should a concern arise during a practice or contest, please note that parents should not approach any coach immediately after a practice or contest. The parent should request a meeting with the head coach (not an assistant coach) and make the appointment after a 24 hour waiting period. If his/her issue is not resolved to the parent's satisfaction, he/she should contact the Athletic Director. If he/she cannot resolve this issue with the head coach or the AD, then the Head of School will be contacted immediately to act as a mediator for the situation.

DCS parents and coaches, at all times and in all situations, should display Christ-like attitudes and behavior in dealing with all issues and with each other.

## **DCS COACHES CODE OF ETHICS**

A prospective coach shall be interviewed by the Head of School before he or she begins coaching. All DCS coaches will sign a statement of Christian faith, Code of Ethics and have a clear criminal background check on file in the main office. This must be communicated to the Head of School prior to coaching any DCS athlete. It is the responsibility of the DCS Athletic Director to ensure that all who work with our students have these documents on file and that they are kept current each year.

All DCS coaches will refrain from any type of vulgar, profane, or degrading language at any practice or during any athletic event. Their language and tone should always model Christ's demeanor.

The Coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or bad, on the education of the student athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The Coach shall strive to develop the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment in each team member. He or she should also make every attempt to bring a student athlete to know Christ.

The Coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with student athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and Christian conduct.

The Coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with the players. He or she shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

The Coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members.

The Coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.

The Coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by SCISA. The coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings and contact to set the correct tone for the event both before and after contests.

A Coach shall be under the authority and direction of the Head of School.

The Coach shall gain an awareness of the importance of prevention, care, and treatment of athletic injuries.

The Coach shall respect the integrity and judgment of the game official. The Coach shall be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

The Coach shall pray with his or her team at the end of every practice and before and after each sporting event. He or she should encourage the participation of the student athletes in these prayers. If there is a violation of the Coaches Code of Ethics, he or she will meet with the Head of School to discuss the matter.

The Coach shall remember that social media postings should reflect the Christ-like values and should reflect DCS in a positive manner. Pictures containing alcohol, lewd acts or lack discretion (i.e. inappropriate clothing, or photos that may be found offensive) are not appropriate. Inappropriate language, slurs, slanders or threats will not be allowed.

The Coach shall communicate to students and parents via GroupMe app or school email. The only exception would be a coach, staff, or faculty member's own children/grandchildren. No coach will communicate with a student via text or social media messaging (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.).

### **SCISA RECRUITING RULES**

The recruiting or proselytizing of student athletes from a SCISA school shall be considered a violation of the spirit and philosophy of the rules and regulations governing SCISA athletics and considered unsportsmanlike conduct.

A student should not be subjected to undue influence, or any special inducement, by any person or group in an attempt to entice a student from a SCISA school to transfer primarily for athletic purposes. Recruitment in that manner shall cause the student to be ineligible upon transfer and shall jeopardize the standing of the school in the association.

Some examples of the undue influence are:

- The student is asked by a member of the school faculty, coach, or member of a Booster Club to transfer from one SCISA school to another.
- Coaches are allowed to coach outside teams but there are restrictions with the number of our players on the outside teams.
- School personnel cannot make initial contact.
- Special privileges given to parents such as employment or financial aid.
- The school may not provide financial aid for transportation, room, board, or tuition.
- The student is given any consideration which is not afforded to other students.

### **ATHLETIC POLICIES FROM THE DCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following additional athletic policies were adopted and passed by the DCS Board of Directors on June 19, 2023:

- If a person wishes to sponsor or pay the tuition for a student, it is permissible. Arrangements for such, should be made with the school office. According to SCISA rules, a DCS Coach cannot pay for school tuition, fees, or cafeteria lunch for a student athlete that he or she coaches.
- A Financial Aid Committee has been established. This program will be open to all students, regardless of athletic intentions.
- The school colors are maroon or burgundy, gold, gray, and white. No other colors are to be utilized on athletic uniforms.
- No team sponsored practices or meetings of student athletes are allowed on Sunday or after 5:30 pm on Wednesday. Furthermore, any player wishing to be excused to go to his or her church for services will be allowed to be excused with no penalty from the coach. Athletic facility usage on Sunday afternoon must be approved by the Head of School. No contests on Sundays.
- Scheduled SCISA track meets on Wednesday are allowed.

- Only students who have been officially enrolled by the Admissions Committee (a registration fee has been received and recorded for the upcoming academic year) will be allowed to attend or participate in sports practices or team workouts.
- All new athletic coaches need to complete a Code of Ethics form and a background check form, which will be reviewed by the Head of School, and approved by the Board.

### **CLOSING**

The DCS Athletic Department would like to encourage each student athlete by wishing you the very best in all your athletic endeavors. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. It is our heart's desire to help each student athlete grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that the sports program at DCS will truly encourage you to develop and mature in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Our hope is that, through the athletic program at Dillon Christian School, you will strive to do your absolute best by using your God-given talents and abilities in athletic competition so that you will bring glory to Him!

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