

SLINGER BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER & PARENT EXPECTATIONS HANDBOOK



The following are the standards and expectations that go with being a member and supporter of the boys basketball program at Slinger High School. This handbook provides expectations for players, parents, and coaches during the season. These expectations will act as guidelines for our championship level program.

PLAYER ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Academics are a student athlete's first priority. The development of work habits and skills within the classroom and in competition are what defines a “student athlete.”

Participation in athletics is a privilege and must be earned through meeting the expectations of the athletic code.

Players are expected to receive no “F grades” on a semester report card as outlined in the athletic code.

Players are expected to represent the basketball program in a positive manner in the classroom.

PLAYER BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Being a member of the basketball program is a privilege that is earned through demonstrating effort, displaying talent, and being a person of high character and good standing.

Everybody on the team has a role. Every team member will not receive playing time, but every team member is important to the success of the team in a variety of ways.

Individual goals and accolades are great, but our program puts the team first and understands sacrifice is essential for success.

Leadership is an expected quality of all members of the basketball program. Players will hold themselves and their teammates to a high standard on and off the court.

The gym, locker room, bus, and visiting facilities are kept clean. As leaders our players will leave facilities cleaner than how we found them.

Nutrition is fuel for the body. We encourage our athletes to prescribe healthy eating habits during the season. Proper sleep is also important to success with a busy academic and athletic schedule.

Players should refrain from any game (competitive) action in any other sport than basketball during the basketball season.

PLAYER COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

Player's are encouraged to use their voice in advocating and communicating for themselves and their team. Open lines of communication among coaches, parents, and players is important and necessary.

Scheduling a face to face meeting with your coach is encouraged and a positive step in successful communication.

Our expectation is that parents support their son through their experience in the Slinger Boys Basketball program. We expect positive support for your son, the coaches, and the team. Let's be willing to sacrifice for the betterment of the team. Let's be in this together as FAMILY!

PARENT COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

Parent's are encouraged to contact the coach and discuss all situations. An email to set up a phone conversation or face to face meeting is encouraged. Email conversation beyond sharing day to day information is discouraged. We recognize communicating over the phone or in-person is likely to result in more successful outcomes.

Please abide by the 24 hour rule and allow 24 hours to pass before approaching a coach about any issues or questions.

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PLAYER PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

Arriving on time is an expectation for our players. Players should arrive in enough time to be dressed and ready for practice. We encourage our players to get on the floor prior to the start of practice to get warmed up.

Players will wear practice jerseys to practice that are assigned by the basketball program. Any gear that is property of the program should be returned in good condition.

Players will abide by the “color rule” by wearing neutral color and school colors to all practices.

Practices are closed to anyone who is not a player or coach. Our practice time and space is our classroom to learn and improve. If parents want to attend they may, but it shouldn't be regular in nature or be a distraction to the team.

Practices are typically Monday through Saturday for the varsity and Monday through Friday for sub varsity levels.

Practices are mandatory and it is expected that players attend all practices on the calendar provided before the season.

A player who does not attend practice for an unexcused reason would be ineligible to play in the following game. A player who does not attend practice for an excused reason would be eligible to play in the following game.

PLAYER GAME DAY / TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

Varsity players will have a shootaround prior to each game usually right after school.

Players will wear team uniforms and abide by color rules.

Freshman and JV players will sit behind the varsity bench after their away games are completed. Players will be dressed in their travel apparel and support the varsity team.

PARENT GAME DAY EXPECTATIONS

Admission to the game is a privilege to observe and support high school athletics. We want to be a first class program both on and off the court. This includes the actions of our players, coaches, and parents.

Respect the decisions made by coaches, opponents, officials, and other fans.

Be a positive fan! Enjoy this experience with your son, the team, and the Slinger boys basketball program! Let's be in this together as a FAMILY!