

Dolores Huerta Preparatory High



Parent/Guardian & Student

Athletic Handbook

2022-2023

Dear Scorpion Families,

On behalf of the Dolores Huerta Preparatory High Athletic department, I would like to welcome all DHPH students to participate in our interscholastic sports programs. The athletic opportunities offered at DHPH will provide learning opportunities for our students to grow as leaders of great character and prepare them for the future.

As Scorpions, we value integrity, fairness, and respect in our athletic program; and value each as key principles of good sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an important piece of interscholastic athletic programs as it can and will determine the overall success of our sports teams. We expect all involved in our athletic programs to adhere to and promote sportsmanship.

This handbook outlines the guidelines we expect, student-athletes, team managers, parents, spectators, and coaches to follow. There are details to the expectations of our athletic program such as academic eligibility, code of conduct, and other key topics that will support the success of our athletic program. Attached to this handbook are required documents for participation. A list of the required forms will be outlined for you.

Thank you for your dedication as a DHPH Scorpion. We are looking forward to this year and anticipate great successes! Go Scorpions!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Cottrell
Athletic Director

CHPA Athletic Department Mission

- Our mission is to create and foster a rigorous athletic program which complements a challenging academic program by teaching student athletes to enhance their physical, social, moral, and educational development of the whole person while being committed to excellence.

Goals

- Develop leadership, confidence, self-discipline, self-motivation, and a sense of commitment through individual and team achievements.
- Compete at a competitive level in activities through, planning, goal setting and teamwork.
- Ongoing development of coaches.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Engage in organized activities that generate unity, positive school spirit; and develop pride among students, faculty, and community.

DHPH Scorpion Athletic Program Overview

- Mascot: Scorpion “Sting”
- Colors: Royal Blue & Gold
- Leagues: Black Forest & Tri-Peaks
- CHSAA Classification: 2A, 8-Man Football, Softball-3A

SPORTS BY SEASON		
FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Softball	Girls Basketball	Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer	Wrestling	Track & Field
Girls Volleyball	Cheerleading	Cheerleading
Cheerleading		ESport (Tentative)

Participation Guidelines

In order to participate students must submit the following on the DHPH Digital Platform prior to the first official day of practice for the sport season:

- Current Physical (Physical should not expire before the end of the sport season)
 - CHSAA Physical History Form
 - CHSAA Physical Evaluation Form
- CHSAA Parent Permit for Athletic Participation
- CHSAA Bylaws Parent & Student Information
- CHSAA Warning to Students & Parents for Athletic Participation
- DHPH Athletic Handbook Contract (signed by student athlete and Parent/guardian)
- DHPH/Pueblo School District 60 Athletic Event Driving Permission Form & Private Transportation Waiver
- Emergency Information Form
- DHPH Sport Participation Fee

Eligibility Requirements

- High School (Grades 9-12) interscholastic athletic eligibility requirements are monitored by Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA). In compliance with CHSAA, the following are the DPHH Student-Athlete Academic Requirements:
 - Semester Eligibility Requirements:
 - Student athletes must be enrolled in at least 2.5 credit hours to participate in athletics
 - Semester grades will be based on grade percentage. Anything below 65% is an F (No Credit earned). Students must pass 2.5 Carnegie units of credit in order to have athletic eligibility status after semester grades are finalized.
 - Weekly Eligibility Requirements:
 - Grade checks for “failing” grades are based grades falling below 65%
 - Report is generated on Tuesday mornings of each week.
 - Students receiving an F in two (2) or more classes are automatically ineligible to participate in their athletic activities for the week. (Tuesday-Monday)
 - Students receiving an F in one (1) class are on probation for the week. (Tuesday-Monday)
 - Students receiving an F in one (1) class for a second week in a row **(ANY CLASS)** are then placed on the ineligible list for their athletic activities for the week. (Tuesday-Monday)
 - Once the eligibility report is generated, student CANNOT work with their teachers to get their grades changed in order to be eligible to participate in athletic activities for the week.
 - Students must have their grades up and be eligible by the time the eligibility report is generated on Tuesday morning of each week.
 - The eligibility report is shared with the Principal, teachers, and the coaches of the respective teams.
 - If the student-athlete is ineligible for an extended period of time, (4 weeks), that student-athlete may be subject for dismissal from the team.

Athletic Fees

- All athletes are required to pay the following fee for participation:
 - Football - \$55.00
 - Boys & Girls Soccer - \$50.00
 - Softball - \$50.00
 - Volleyball - \$50.00
 - Boys & Girls Basketball \$50.00
 - Wrestling - \$50.00
 - Baseball - \$50.00
 - Track & Field - \$50.00
 - ESports (Season Pending) - \$50.00
 - Cheerleading – Cost covering required uniform + Required Fundraising

Sport Physical

- It is required by CHSAA and DPHH that all student athletes participating in interscholastic athletic programs shall have physicals prior to participation in practices and games. Physicals must be secured annually. Physicals are good for 365 days from the date of exam. (Physical can be scheduled with the CHPA Wellness Center)
- Physicals must be obtained by a licensed practitioner.
- Physicals must indicate the participant is cleared to participate in athletics.

DPHH Athletics Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship Expectations

DPHH highly values the safety and well-being of the Chavez Huerta Community. That is why it is a priority within our programs that all athletic participants and stakeholders follow the Code of Conduct outlined in the Chavez Huerta

K12 Preparatory Academy Student Handbook as well as adhering to the following Athletics Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship Expectations:

- **For the good of the game please:**

- Applaud superior play by both teams
- Do not address remarks to referees, opposing players or opposing fans. This does not apply where remarks convey genuine encouragement.
- Avoid remarks toward players when they make mistakes. If you are aware of the error, rest assured, that player is even more aware.
- Give consistent support to coaches, managers, and athletes whether winning or losing. Coaches are giving hundreds of hours of time and most are committed to their own continued improvement as a coach. In winning they deserve congratulations, in losing your encouragement.
- Avoid comments and gestures that express disagreements with referees call. Prolonged remarks or abusive disagreement with the referee's calls may result in an offense chargeable to your team's coach or manager. **Never** use foul language or obscene gestures.
- Please, cooperate immediately with any referees or coaches request.

As a member of CHSAA, DPH Coaches, Student-Athletes, and Spectators are expected to adhere to the CHSAA issued Code of Conduct:

- **COACH:**

- Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards. Practicing good citizenship is practicing good SPORTING BEHAVIOR!
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow--please refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators; no gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what he or she is doing or talking about; no throwing of any object in disgust. Shake hands with the officials and the opposing coaches before and after the contest in full view of the public.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote athletics and the student/athlete. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of all people at the event.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public and in meeting/talking with the media. Please confine your remarks to game statistics and to the performance of your team.
- Instruct participants and spectators in proper SPORTING BEHAVIOR responsibilities and demand that they make SPORTING BEHAVIOR the No. 1 priority.
- Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper SPORTING BEHAVIOR and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by SPORTING BEHAVIOR standards.
- Be no party to the use of profanity or obscene language, or improper actions

- **STUDENT-ATHLETE:**

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing the school and the community.
- Live up to the standards of SPORTING BEHAVIOR established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, fellow students and elementary students. This will assist both them and you in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better than you can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of your sport?

- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner that you would like to be greeted following either victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote you and your sport. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of the officials and all people at the event.
- **PARENTS/SPECTATORS:**
 - Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
 - Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and they may make mistakes. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
 - A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
 - Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
 - Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
 - Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student/athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
 - Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
 - Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e., tailgating.)
 - Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
 - Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the rule of good SPORTING BEHAVIOR to that end.
 - Be a positive role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.

In compliance with CHSAA's initiative to promote the positive nature of high school athletics and school activity events, DHPH will follow the following procedure to any event participant not following the code of conduct:

- During a sporting event at any school, spectators/fans not following our Code of Conduct may be "carded" by an Administrator or Event Manager. A yellow card is a warning on the behavior that is taking place. A red card is final and signals removal from the event and facility. Each card read as follows:
 - Yellow Card - "Honor the Game" - Please rethink your actions. Your current behavior is contrary to the high level of sportsmanship expected of fans and participants at all events. If issued a second card it will result in removal from this event and facility.



- Red Card - "Honor the Game" Removal from School Grounds - By receiving a second behavior card due to your current behavior you are asked to leave the facility and this event hosted by Dolores Huerta Preparatory High. Refusal to leave this facility and event may result in security and/or local authorities assisting in the request.

Participation Rules and Expectations

1. EXPECTATION OF ATHLETES. Athletes are consistent in attendance, loyal to the school, coach, team, and willing to improve the program by (fundraising, community service, etc.) Athletes are goal oriented, motivated, and a team player. Athletes have respect for the program, coach, teammates, opponents, officials, crowd, the sport, and for themselves.
2. EXPECTATION OF PARENTS. Parents are to be active and involved, be willing to support the program emotionally, financially, and academically. Parents support program and policies governing the program to create outstanding student athletes. Parents will continue involvement with sportsmanship, the school and its policies.
3. BE ON TIME. Practice times are set by coaches. Each student-athlete is expected to be ready to practice at the specified time.
4. BE PREPARED. Each DHPH Athlete is given a uniform to wear for practice and games. The student-athlete is expected to wear their proper equipment that the coaching staff checks out to them. The student-athlete is responsible for their shoes and mouthpieces. Any lost, stolen, or damaged equipment will result in a fine for the full amount of the equipment both during and at the end of the season. Coaches and players will only be allowed on the field; family members will not be allowed. All practices will be closed to the public.
5. ELIGIBILITY. As a student-athlete at DHPH, your #1 priority will be succeeding in the classroom. If the student-athlete is having a problem in a class, we encourage the student-athlete to make arrangements with their teacher to get extra help before and after school with school tutors. The student-athlete will also need a note from the teacher excusing them for being late. (Refer to Eligibility Requirement section for all eligibility details.)
6. ABSENCES. Attending all practices and games are expected. Chronic absences from team activities may result in a meeting with the Coach, Athletic Director, Parent(s)/Guardian and athlete placed on Athlete Improvement Contract. Any player who is injured during the season and cannot practice is expected to attend practice each day until he is cleared to participate. Injured players are still very much a part of the team and are still expected to follow the athletic department expectations.
7. ATHLETIC FEES. A flat fee of \$50.00 per sport \$55 for football. This must be paid in order to participate. There are NO refunds.
8. STUDENT CONDUCT. At ECMS we are establishing a strong and rich tradition as being the best high schools. We expect our student-athletes to be model citizens on the field as well as in the classroom. We strive to have a first class program and let our actions speak louder than words. Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco of any kind will not be tolerated and anyone caught will be suspended and or dismissed from the team if deemed necessary by Coach, Athletic Director, Principal and Executive Director. Profanity will not be tolerated! Any other discipline problems will be addressed by the head coach, athletic director, and principal on a case by case basis. DHPH is establishing a tremendous reputation in the city, state, and country. Remember it is a great honor to be a Scorpion!
9. COMMUNICATION CHAIN OF COMMAND. 1. Players, 2. Coaches 4. Athletic Director 5. Principal 6. Executive Director. It is very important that you understand the chain of command. Resolve conflict with teammates and coaches as quickly as possible and while following the "24-hour Rule". Keep the avenues of communication open. An official complaint shall be any documented complaint by email. Complaints must be filed within 3 days of the incident, to the coach of the level involved and to the head coach. Appointments for communication are highly encouraged to allow for all parties involved to make the appropriate accommodations to meet in a timely manner.

Disciplinary Action

- Any student suspended from school for violation of rules and regulations shall be ineligible to participate with their team in any way including practices, meetings, scrimmages, and contests until reinstated in school. Subsequently, the student shall be held accountable for the following consequences based upon the individual's violation (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) In addition, any student who violates any of the following expectations shall be suspended from participation under the terms laid out in this handbook. Violations shall include but not limited to:
 - Ticket or arrest for misdemeanor or felony. This shall not include ticket for minor traffic offences
 - Sale, possession, use, or consumption of any controlled substance including alcohol, marijuana, unauthorized drugs, and any other unauthorized substance.
 - Vandalism of property that would reflect dishonor upon CHPA
 - Assaulting any person or intentionally or grossly negligently causing physical injury to another person.
 - Use of tobacco in any form.
 - Theft in any form, including shoplifting, even if charges are not filed.
 - Harassment of any form to include bullying of any kind, or hazing.
 - Behaving in any manner that is disruptive or harmful to health, safety and welfare of other students, staff, or other community members.
 - Being summoned to court for violation of applicable truancy statute shall not result in suspension unless contempt orders are issued by the truancy court, at which time the student shall immediately be suspended from the student activity season until contempt truancy issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the court.
- Benching:** Failure to adhere to the Athletic Handbook policies may result in an immediate benching. If an athlete is benched the athlete is still required to attend practices and games unless excused by the coach.
- Suspension:** An athlete may be suspended from games/practices because of non-compliance of the Athletic Handbook.

Sport	Total Contests	1 st Violation (20% Suspended)	2 nd Violation (30% Suspended)	3 rd Violation
Baseball	23	5 Contest	7 Contests	Dismissal
Softball	23	5 Contest	7 Contests	Dismissal
Football	9	2	3	Dismissal
Basketball	19	4	5	Dismissal
Soccer	15	3	5	Dismissal
Volleyball	23	5 Contest	7 Contests	Dismissal
Wrestling	20	4	6	Dismissal
Track & Field	12	3	4	Dismissal
Cheer	--	15 Calendar Days	22 Calendar Days	Dismissal
ESports	10	2	3	Dismissal

- Dismissal:** An athlete may be dismissed from the Team for the above or the following reasons:
 - Excessive and detrimental behavior on the Team.
 - Conduct or attitude that is likely to bring the Team or team reputation in a negative influence (drugs, alcohol, tobacco of any sort including E-Cigarettes). Or any other detrimental behavior deemed inappropriate by the coach, athletic director, principal, or executive director.
 - Being ineligible for four or more weeks, two suspensions, Failure to adhere to athletic behavior contract, and insubordination.
- Fundraisers:**
 - Fundraisers that are held will be allocated to the team raising the funds. All athletes on the squad will be required to participate.

Communication Standards

- **Communication you should expect from the coach**
 - Philosophy of the coach
 - Coach's expectations of team members
 - Locations and times of practices and games
 - Team rules and guidelines
 - Disciplinary actions
- **Communication coaches expect from parents**
 - Notification in advance of any schedule conflict
 - Concerns expressed directly to the coach
 - Appropriate Concerns to discuss with coaches
 - The treatment of your son/daughter mentally and physically
 - Ways for parents to help student-athlete improvement
 - Questions concerning your student-athlete's behavior, progress, and academics.
 - Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches
 - Playing time
 - Team Strategy, practice routines or any other team operations determined by the coaches.
 - Other student-athletes or coaches on the team.
- **Procedures for Concerns**
 - Call to set an appointment
 - Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for parents, players, and coaches. Meetings of this nature does not promote resolution. **It is expected for all issues to be given a 24 hour cooling down period.**
 - Appointments may be arranged to include Coaches and Athletic Director.

