



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SOSUA

STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

Last revised during the 2023-2024 academic school year.

Dear Athlete and Parent:

At ISS, we are committed to creating an Athletic Program that allows our students to compete and represent our school. We are part of an ACCA's School league which guarantees a tournament for MS and HS every season. We will also be participating in many tournaments and friendly games throughout the year.

- To prepare for these tournaments, we must practice and practices are held at ISS twice a week per team. At times the Athletic Director and/or coach will inform of additional practices via Bloomz.
- To belong to a competitive sports team, all fees must have been paid prior to the season officially commencing in mid-September.
- To participate in any sport season, you must be eligible* to play and sign the required registration documents.

**Please see the eligibility section of this contract*

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about anything covered in this packet, please feel free to contact me through e-mail ac@issosua.com

ISS ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

The International School of Sosua provides a variety of experiences that enhance the development of positive student habits and attitudes that will prepare them for today's world. We believe that a properly managed sports program helps meet a student's needs for self-expression, social interaction, mental alertness and physical growth. Participating in a sports team is a vital part of a student's educational experience. Students will not only learn skills, but will also have lessons on winning and losing, teamwork, discipline, time management, fair play, dignity and pride.

Participating in a sports team is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, the team, the community, the country and ultimately themselves. Such experiences contribute to the motivation of the student athlete and to help each other become a better person and citizen.

By supporting policies that govern the athletic program, the student athletes, parents, and coaches can help maintain positive opportunities and experiences which improve the overall sense of community.

ADMINISTRATION OF ATHLETICS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DIRECTOR
SECONDARY PRINCIPAL
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
COACHES

SCHOOL RULES AND INFORMATION

Any full time ISS student who fulfills academic requirements and provides proper enrollment is eligible to join a school team. The Registration Form, Medical Release Form, and proof of health insurance must be completed and returned to ISS for participation to continue beyond the stated deadline.

Participants in the ISS athletic program must remember that they represent the International School of Sosua in all competitions both on the school campus and at other venues.

The use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs by student athletes will not be tolerated and is prohibited. As outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook, drug or alcohol use of any kind on campus or at a school sponsored events will result in the child's case being immediately sent to the board for consideration for possible expulsion.

Each participant must have a completed medical release form and proof of insurance on file in the Office prior to beginning practices.

The minimum academic requirement for ISS students' participation in ISS sports is to have a 70% average in all classes.

Participants in the ISS athletic program must abide by ISS dress code guidelines for their sport for practice and competition, as outlined by coaches at the beginning of each season.

ISS students must attend school to participate in athletic activities. To be eligible for participation in a game, match or travel off campus for school sponsored athletic/sports events, a student must be in school for at least 75% of the day of that game, match or travel.

ISS ATHLETIC PROGRAM POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The Student-Athlete's parent must initial each sentence to state understanding of the athletic program policies and guidelines.

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____ ISS students must attend school at least 75% of the day after a home game or away game. Not attending school will make the player ineligible to play half of the next game.

____ ISS student-athletes missing any class time due to school-sponsored travel are responsible for all missed work.

____ Any athlete failing to complete a season in good standing will not be eligible for recognition; this includes participation certificate, team, and department awards.

_____ Coaches will set the practice schedule prior to the beginning of each season. An athlete must always consult with or inform the coach before missing practice. Athletes are expected to attend all practices from start to finish.

_____ Coaches have the final authority to establish the players that will represent the team in any exhibition, friendly, or competitive games.

_____ At the beginning of the season an ISS uniform will be lent to the student-athlete. Equipment issued to athletes shall be worn only during appropriate team events. Loss or destruction of any equipment or uniforms is the athlete's financial obligation and the athlete will be responsible for the cost of replacing the uniform.

_____ Athletes are responsible for reporting all injuries to their coach immediately.

_____ All athletes representing ISS on sports competition trips must follow the travel dress code. Chaperones may require students to change into appropriate clothes.

_____ Athletes shall demonstrate fair play at all times by respecting coaches, opponents, officials and spectators. If athletes are not demonstrating good sportsmanship in a practice or competition, they will receive:

First Offense: A verbal warning

Second Offense: Exempt from one play period of a game

Third Offense: Conference with a parent and probation from athletics at the discretion of the Administration of Athletics.

_____ No student-athletes are allowed to drive other students to away games or tournaments, or to ride in a vehicle to/from competitions with a driver under the age of 19 without written consent from all parents.

_____ A parent-signed Field Trip Permission form must be on file with the Coach before an athlete will be able to travel to any off-campus competitions.

At all times, all student-athletes on the team must adhere to all ISS rules and policies, full consequences for breaking these rules are at school administration's discretion.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICES

1. Any full time ISS student in grades 6 – 12 who fulfills academic requirements is eligible to try out for a school team. The athletic form (Athlete Contract and emergency information) must be completed and returned to ISS for participation to continue beyond the announced deadline. Special circumstances could see a truly gifted athlete ascend to a higher team level than these age requirements allow based on Coach, Parent, Athlete, Athletic Director agreement.

2. *An athlete must always consult with or inform the coach before missing practice.* Athletes are expected to attend all practices.

If you are late 3 times, that is equal to 1 absence. 3 unexcused absences means a student-athlete may be benched or removed from team.

3. Athletes missing any class time due to school sponsored travel are responsible for all missed work.

ISS Athlete Contract

I understand and agree to adhere to the International School of Sosua Guidelines for the athletic seasons (September until June). I will fulfill my obligation to the team by committing to the following agreements.

I understand that failure to meet one or more of the following agreements can and may lead to consequences or dismissal from the team.

- I commit my time and effort to my team for the entire duration of the season.
- I will be on time and prepared for every practice and game, with the proper equipment, footwear, and clothing. If I can't be on time I will personally notify my coach before practice.
- I will not miss any practices or games unless I'm ill or have an emergency.
- I am expected to notify coaches with 24 hours of advance-notice if I plan on missing a game or practice due to other obligations. I realize that by choosing to miss a practice or game, it may lead to less playing time or my dismissal from the team. The only exception to this agreement is serious illness or emergency.
- I understand that as a student-athlete I am responsible for attending all practices, games and athletic functions while maintaining my academic obligations.
- I will attend all my classes the day of and the day after a game or tournament.
- As a student-athlete I understand that playing sports for International School of Sosua is a privilege, not a right.
- I understand that I am part of a team and my role on the team is determined by my coach. I understand that any form of insubordination will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from the team.
- I shall demonstrate sportsmanship at all times, respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, officials and spectators.
- I have read and understand the policies and expectations of the ISS Athletic Handbook and will adhere to these guidelines.

"By signing this contract I understand and agree to follow the ISS Student-Athlete Handbook and all its policies herein, and to adhere to this Athlete Contract. (Players and Parents)"

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date