# SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

# PARENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Athletics at South Delta Secondary will be conducted in a manner that supports the improvement of health, fitness and general welfare of all individuals taking part in the program. The athletic program will strive to encourage all student athletes to reach their full academic, educational and social potential. South Delta's athletic program will also endeavour to contribute to a positive school and community atmosphere by promoting the highest ideals of fair play and mutual respect by coaches, student athletes, spectators and parents.

Athletics contributes to a positive school atmosphere by developing:

* Mutual appreciation for athletics among teachers, students and coaches.
* A sense of "belonging" in as many students as possible, by providing outlets for various aptitudes and interests.
* Respect of teachers, students and coaches for the interschool athletic program, assuring that the activities conducted are worthy, well organized, and not detrimental to the individual or to the school.
* An understanding that every eligible student has the right to try out for a team, but it is a privilege and not a right to represent one's school.
* An understanding that the prestige derived from participation in the school athletic program provides numerous benefits. Therefore, all participants have a responsibility to set a positive example for behaviour and cooperation in the classroom, around the school and at all school sponsored functions.

To provide opportunities for growth and maturity by:

* Teaching respect for others, irrespective of social position, financial status, ethnic background, religion, race or other possible differences.
* Teaching social graces and courtesy, e.g. in "host-and-visitor" situations.
* Teaching an attitude of respect for law and order by self-discipline and by group discipline, rather than by direct authority of adults.

To provide opportunities for development of emotional maturity by encouraging:

* Development and control of the competitive spirit.
* “Fair play” and “good sportsmanship”.
* Socially approved reactions to emotionally charged situations, such as: winning without gloating, loosing gracefully, accepting officiating without comment, etc.
* Ethical observance of the spirit, not merely the letter, of the rules.

To provide opportunities for training in leadership, organization and administration as well as a sense of obligation to accept responsibility for and contribute to the welfare of others and the interschool athletic program should be fostered.

To provide the opportunity to instill student participants with the attitude that education is continuous, resulting from a wide variety of experiences.

# **However, interschool athletics should not engage the time and energies of students, teachers or administrators to the detriment of the curricular program.**

Spectators’ Code of Conduct

SPECTATORS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTING ACTIVITIES

**Spectators Shall:**

**Treat everyone with respect:**

* cheer in a positive manner for all competitions
* respect the decisions of officials
* not interfere with the play or competition
* be courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials

**Exercise self-control at all times:**

* respect the rules and regulations of the facility
* refrain from the use of foul or profane language
* refrain from the use of physical force of any kind

Student-Athletes’ Code of Conduct

The actions of student athletes are a reflection of themselves, their team, their school and their community. Student athletes must remember that their participation in school sport is a privilege, not a right.

**Student-Athletes Shall:**

**Treat everyone with respect:**

* treat teammates, coaches, opponents, event organizers with respect
* respect and accept with dignity the decisions of officials
* be generous in winning and graceful in losing

**Exercise self-control at all times:**

* remember that there is no place in sport for drugs and alcohol
* refrain from the use of foul or profane language
* refrain from the use of physical force of any kind

Eligibility Criteria

Students will be eligible to compete in interschool athletics as a representative of South Delta Secondary School, if they satisfy the **B.C. School Sports Eligibility requirements** posted at <http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/member-services/student-athlete-eligibility>

In Class attendance

This must be satisfactory to administrative standards. If necessary, an athlete will be given a form which must be filled out by teachers once per week during the season. Teachers will indicate whether attendance is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. If attendance is found to be unsatisfactory, the athlete may be suspended from any further involvement with the team until the matter has been resolved.

In Class Performance

This must be satisfactory in both effort and attitude. If necessary, an athlete will be given a form which must be filled out by teachers once per week during the season. Teachers will indicate whether effort and attitude is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. If either of the above areas is found to be unsatisfactory; the athlete may be suspended from any further involvement with the team until the matter has been resolved.

In-School Eligibility Issues

The normal lines of communication for resolving issues involving either in-school or in-class standing will be as follows:

* Teacher to student/parent.
* Teacher to coach/counsellor followed by communication to student - with form to be filled out each week.
* Teacher to athletic director, counsellor, administration and parent.

Athletic Fees

Athletic fees will be used to help offset some of the following costs:

* league, playoff, Fraser Valley Championships, and B.C. championships transportation costs and registration fees
* officials fees (both minor and major), equipment, medical supplies, uniforms, and awards
* Delta District league fees, Fraser Valley league fees and B.C. School Sports fees
* TOC costs for Fraser Valley and BC Provincials

Extra fees

Teams may charge fees over and above the athletic fee to offset the cost of transportation, TOC costs and accommodation.

A further fee may be charged by the coach for clothing, socks, mouth guards, etc.

Lost Uniforms

Any uniforms not returned to the coach at the conclusion of the season will result in a $150 charge being placed on the student fees of that athlete.

Insurance

Although some insurance coverage is provided through BC school sports it is strongly recommended that you consider purchasing extra insurance at [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca)