



DOUGHERTY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT ATHLETIC GUIDE



This guide is a resource for our parent community at Dougherty Valley High School.

Athletic Department Philosophy and Vision:

At DVHS we encourage our student-athletes to take on their respective sport as a part of the educational process at Dougherty Valley High School. In our inaugural year 2007-2008, 25 of 28 athletic teams earned North Coast Section Scholastic Team Honors. Athletics should be an extension of the classroom, serving as an arena for learning. At no time will the program place the total educational curriculum secondary in emphasis to athletics. Each student-athlete will develop individual and team skills to foster positive associations with athletics.

Athletic Department Mission Statement:

Dougherty Valley High School will offer athletes positive and rewarding experiences while fostering strong character development. We will strive to achieve a healthy balance between:

- quality coaching
- maintenance of and upgrades to facilities
- development of school pride
- competitive teams
- family involvement
- community support

Specific Goals of Freshman Teams:

- Introduce and develop skills and rules of the sport
- Introduce athletes to interscholastic competition
- Encourage students to maintain excellent academic standing and strive to be recognized as a North Coast Section Scholastic Team
- Introduce and develop strong sportsmanship values

Specific Goals of Junior Varsity Teams:

- Further develop the skills and knowledge of the sport
- Increase the intensity of the competition
- Prepare for varsity level competition
- Encourage students to maintain excellent academic standing and strive to be recognized as a North Coast Section Scholastic Team
- Further develop a strong sportsmanship values

Specific Goals of Varsity Teams:

- Develop skills and knowledge to the students' highest level
- Allow athletes the opportunity to excel and prepare for future competitions
- Encourage students to maintain excellent academic standing and strive to be recognized as a North Coast Section Scholastic Team
- Compete for League, Section, and State Championships
- Varsity athletes are role models exemplifying sportsmanship and leadership skills

Athletic Tryout Procedure and Policy

Students wishing to try out for a DVHS sport team must complete all the following forms and submit to the school's Financial Analyst prior to tryouts (Forms are online at www.dvhigh.net):

- Physical Form (Physical must be performed by an M.D.)
- Field Trip/Emergency Form
- Proof of Insurance
- NCS Ejection
- Code of Conduct
- Wavier of Liability
- Drug/Alcohol Policy

Students will receive a "yellow" clearance slip from the Financial Analyst that indicates all the completed forms have been received and are on file. Coaches will collect the "yellow" clearance slips on the first day of try-outs. **No student may try out with the clearance slip.**

- Each athlete will receive 3 days of tryouts on 3 separate days.
- Students involved in school sports must complete their current sport season before trying out for the next season.
- Choosing the members of athletic teams is the sole responsibility of the coaches of the team, and based on their selection criteria.

Financial Aid:

- No student will be denied participation in athletic for financial reasons.
- Student and or parent(s) needing financial aid should contact the athletic director or an administrator for the confidential hardship application.

Eligibility Requirements:

- All student athletes must maintain a 2.00 Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) in order to be eligible to participate in Interscholastic Athletics in the North Coast Section.
- A student who does not meet this academic eligibility requirement may apply for an athletic waiver. Waivers are available through the Athletic Director.
- Incoming students from middle schools are eligible for athletics if they earned a 2.00 GPA at the end of their 8th grade year.

Outside of School Competition (only play on the high school team):

- The CIF, NCS prohibits participation in any organized sport/activity with an outside agency during an athlete's participation with Dougherty Valley High School in the same sport.
- Should this occur, the student will be declared ineligible and contests will be forfeited .

Quitting a team:

- Students who quit a team after the first two weeks of the season are ineligible to participate for any other DVHS athletic team during that sport season.

Conflict Resolution

The resolution of conflicts must be performed in a timely, confidential, and professional manner.

- First Step- Private Student-Coach meeting
- Second Step- Student, Parent, Coach
- Third Step- Student, Parent, Coach And Athletic director meeting
- Fourth Step- Student, Parent, Coach, Athletic Director, Principal or Assistant Principal

Transportation Regulations:

- Anyone transporting students in a private car must have a completed and approved “Personal Automobile Use Permission” form on file with the school’s Financial Analyst. A copy of a current auto insurance policy and driver’s license must accompany the form
- Each driver must have a copy of every team members’ Field Trip Permission/Emergency Treatment form with them.
- No student may transport themselves or other students to an approved event.

Student Attendance:

- An athlete will not be allowed to practice or play in a contest if the student missed at least four (4) class periods of that day.

Medical Concerns:

- If an injury requires doctor’s care, the physician must give written permission prior to an athlete returning to participation.

Athletic Lockers:

- Athletic locker rooms are available for boys and girls teams
- The head coach of each team is responsible for opening the team locker room, supervising their team, and locking the team locker rooms when finished.

Vacation Policy:

- Athletes are discouraged from taking vacations during the athletic season
- The coach will determine the penalties for absences
- Penalties may include but are not limited to loss of play time

Team Parent Liaison:

- Team Parent Liaisons support the coaches and players. Each team will need a parent volunteer.

NCAA Clearinghouse:

- Any student interested in participating at the NCAA Division I or II level must register; This can be done online at www.ncaa.org by end of their junior year