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Student-Athlete/Parent Handbook 2025- 2026

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STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: The Governing Board of the PUSD prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any student based on the student's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Complaints alleging noncompliance with the District's policy of non-discrimination should be directed to Tom Taylor, Deputy Superintendent, at the Paradise Unified School District Office - 6696 Clark Road, Paradise. (530) 872-6400. A copy of the District's non-discrimination policy is available from the District Office.

STUDENT ATHLETE AND PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM
2025-2026

Please first review the material in this handbook.

**SIGN and RETURN this acknowledgment to the
Athletic Director, Jerry Cleek**

Bobcat Pride!

We have read the Paradise High School 2025-26 Student Athlete/Parent Handbook, and agree to comply with all school policies and procedures.

Student Name (Please print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign this page and return this form to the Athletic Director before your first contest.

Thank you.



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SPORTS OFFERED AT PARADISE HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cross Country● Football● Swimming● Girl's Volleyball● Girls' Tennis● Cheerleading	Winter Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Boy's and Girl's Basketball● Boy's and Girl's Wrestling● Boy's and Girl's Soccer● Ski/Snowboard Team● Cheerleading	Spring Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Baseball● Boy's and Girl's Golf● Softball● Boy's Tennis● Track and Field
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The PUSD Athletic Programs are administered by the by-laws of CIF Northern Section, the League, and the policies and procedures of the Paradise Unified School District and the school. Every effort is made by the Athletic Department to be fair and consistent to all of our student-athletes, and at the same time be compliant with the rules of all the bodies governing our behavior.

PHILOSOPHY

The major objective of the Paradise High School athletic program is to provide students with lifelong lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, ethical behavior, perseverance, commitment, loyalty, self-discipline, pride, cooperation, responsibility, and leadership skills. We follow the pursuit of victory with honor; we hold sportsmanship to the highest of honors.

Leadership of teams should be of the highest quality, so as to exemplify to the participants the desired type of individual to be developed from the Athletic Program. Measurement of the success of the leadership should not be in terms of the tangible evidence of victories and defeats, but in the intangible personality development factors that are an outgrowth of the major objectives of the Athletic Program.

The Athletic Program will always be in conformity with the general objectives of the school, and the athletic administration will be in line with the general policies of the institution. At no time shall the program place the total educational curriculum secondary in emphasis; the program shall function as a part of the whole curriculum and constantly strive for the development of a well-rounded individual, capable of taking his/her place in modern society.

MISSION STATEMENT OF PUSD

The mission of Paradise High School is to work as a learning community to ensure that all students demonstrate high levels of academic achievement. Our school culture is focused on the shared commitment to be safe, respectful and responsible. We will work to empower and motivate all students to reach their learning potential and to realize their personal visions for the future.

VALUE OF ATHLETICS

Research indicates that students involved in co-curricular activities have a greater chance of being successful during adulthood. Many of the positive character traits required as a participant in athletics are exactly those that will promote a successful life beyond high school.

Interscholastic Athletics Promote Teaching and Learning:

- Higher Graduation Rates
- Better Attendance
- Lower Discipline Rates
- Increased Motivation to Achieve
- Improves Self-Esteem
- Encourages Teamwork
- Teaches Sportsmanship
- Increases Self-Discipline
- Builds School Spirit
- Creates a Sense of Community Around Common Goals
- Instills a Sense of Pride
- Increases Family and Community Involvement

INTRODUCTION

The time during which you represent your high school in an interscholastic competition under the governance of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and Paradise High School (PUSD) maybe four of the most enjoyable years in your life. As you compete, you will have local and state rules and regulations you must follow so that your interscholastic participation and competition can be a profitable educational experience. Competition in high school athletics is a privilege, and privileges may be revoked if the athlete fails to comply with rules.

The Principal of PUSD serves as the Athletic Administrator and is responsible for certifying the eligibility of all students representing the school in interscholastic athletics. They and the Athletic Director have complete copies of all CIF, Section, and PUSD eligibility rules.

The coach of an athletic program reports to the Athletic Director and is primarily responsible for the compliance by their teams to the rules, regulations and policies governing athletics at PUSD. The Athletic Director will administer these rules and regulations as they relate to the inter-coach relationships.

Information contained in this handbook highlights the important features of the CIF bylaws regarding athletic eligibility and includes PUSD athletic guidelines. You may lose your eligibility to represent PUSD in interscholastic athletics if you violate these bylaws/guidelines. It is extremely important that you review the material contained in this handout with your parents/guardians so that you thoroughly understand the implications to you as an athlete at Paradise High School. If you need assistance with respect to eligibility or any other questions regarding this handbook, contact your coach or the Athletic Director.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE

1. Every student wishing to participate in a sport at Paradise High School must have on file with his/her coach an Athletic Clearance. The student and his/her parents or guardians must complete all the questions and have the required signatures before turning in to the coach, Athletic Director, or online. This clearance includes the following documents:
 - a. Physical
 - b. Medical Clearance (If needed)
 - c. Heat Illness (Attached)
 - d. Concussion informed consent (Attached)
 - e. Sudden Cardiac Arrest informed consent (Attached)
 - f. built into this handbook
 - g. Guidelines for Fan Participation (Attached)
 - h. Agreement to Student-Athlete Handbook
 - i. COVID-19 Acknowledgement (Attached)
2. Student-athletes must have a yearly physical from a qualified physician who will complete the physical examination portion of the Athletic Clearance. In order to be accepted for athletics, the physical must be completed prior to the start of participating in camps, practices, tryouts and competition.
3. Athletic Clearance Forms can be provided by head coaches and are also available in the Main Office at PUSD. Student's parents must complete the 'Participation Physical Evaluation – History Form' before the physical.
4. The completed form should be given to the coach and the coach will provide completed forms to the Athletic Director prior to the first contest with a copy of their roster.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY-PUSD

Paradise Unified School District's policy is that a student must be academically eligible to compete in any athletic contest during that season of sport. To be academically eligible, a student-athlete must meet the following **CIF/PUSD requirements**:

- The student must be enrolled at the school for which they wish to participate in athletics.
 - The student must be currently enrolled in at least 20 semester credits.
 - The student must pass at least 20-semester credits of work at the completion of the previous semester.
 - The student must be maintaining a minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board.
 - The student has maintained during the previous semester a minimum unweighted 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled classes.
- The student must maintain a 2.0 GPA, no more than one F grade, be no more than 20 credits deficient and on track to graduate from Paradise High School.

Academic eligibility for participation in athletic activities shall be determined at the end of each semester: M3 and M6.

ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY-PUSD

- Any athlete not meeting the above academic eligibility requirements for 2 semesters in a row becomes ineligible and is not allowed to compete in CIF and PUSD athletic competition until they meet the CIF and PUSD standards in the next semester.

PENALTIES FOR COMPETITION BY INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

Athletes who compete for their school in CIF and PUSD contests while ineligible due to violations of CIF or CIFCS rules will cause the following mandatory penalty:

1. Team Sports--Forfeiture of contest(s) plus any profit share.
2. Individual Sports--Forfeiture of points and awards earned by the ineligible athlete(s).

ACADEMIC PROBATION-PUSD

If a student does not meet the CIF and PUSD academic eligibility requirements in the previous semester but DID meet them in the semester before, the student can be placed on Academic Probation and remain eligible to participate in athletics under the following conditions:

1. **Academic Probation Limit:** Student-athletes may be on academic probation up to two times during their four years of high school.
2. **Participation During Probation:** During the probationary period, the student can still participate in athletic contests but must complete the three steps listed on Page 5. The student will have until the next grading period (progress report) to achieve academic eligibility.
3. **Consequences of Not Meeting Academic Standards:** If the student fails to reach academic eligibility during the probationary period, they will be placed on non-participatory status for both athletic practice and competition until they meet or exceed the CIF and PUSD academic standards at the next grading period (progress report).
4. **Ineligibility:** Athletes who are deemed ineligible shall not compete for their respective teams.

It's important for the student to take advantage of the probation period to improve their academic standing and meet the eligibility requirements to continue participating in athletics.

All eligibility evaluation requirements will be effective no later than the 3rd school day following the day grades are formally posted. All students must be declared eligible and/or ineligible on the same date. The Athletic Director will notify coaches of the eligibility status of all of their student-athletes.

Paradise's academic probation consists of three steps of intervention to ensure that the student-athlete is held to the highest standard and given the opportunity with guidance to understand their role as a student-athlete. These steps are to help the student-athlete have a clear understanding of CIF and PUSD standards, graduation requirements, time management, and come to an agreement with the Athletic Review Board on a proper educational plan to ensure the success of the student-athlete moving forward.

Step 1: The Athletic Review Board will hold a meeting with the student-athlete, coach, parent/guardian the following week to look at the best possible scenario during the probationary period to achieve academic success. A contract will be completed and signed outlining the requirements. Teachers should be given reasonable opportunities to attend or give input.

Step 2: The student-athlete is responsible for submitting a completed Friday Report to their coach for the next 6 weeks to ensure they are on track for the rest of their probationary period.

Step 3: At the next semestert) , the Athletic Review Board will look at the progress of the student-athlete and either

- exit them from the program if they are no longer in need of assistance or
- exit them from the team, season, or year if they have not become academically eligible.

Once on academic probation, Paradise Unified School District Policy allows the Athletic Review Board (athletic director, administrator, coach, teacher(s) of low performing class, and/or counselor if needed) to determine whether or not to:

- allow a student-athlete to practice with a team while attempting to gain academic eligibility.
- allow a student to join a team mid-season after becoming academically eligible.

To have students prioritize their academic responsibilities while balancing their extracurricular activities, teachers can elect to not release a student-athlete from class on a regular school day if the student-athlete is not passing the class.

Grades for any grading period cannot be changed to make an athlete eligible unless the reason for the change is teacher error.

INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

To be eligible, any student entering from the 8th grade into a CIF 4-year high school must have achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous semester. Here are the key points regarding eligibility for incoming 9th graders:

1. **Eligibility Criteria:** Incoming 9th graders must have a minimum unweighted 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale from the previous semester 8th-grade courses.
2. **Academic Probation for Incoming 9th Graders:**
 - If an incoming 9th grader is academically ineligible (below the 2.0 GPA threshold), they can participate on Academic Probation until the end of the first progress report period (6 weeks).
 - During this probationary period, they are allowed to participate in athletic activities but must work towards meeting the academic requirements.
3. **Evaluation at Progress Report:**
 - If the student meets CIF and PUSD academic requirements at the end of the first progress report period, they will continue to participate.
 - If the student does not meet the academic requirements, they will be placed on non-participatory status, meaning they cannot participate in athletic practice or competitions.
4. **Subsequent Probationary Periods:**
 - If they fail to reach academic eligibility during the probationary period, they will remain on non-participatory status until they meet or exceed the CIF and PUSD standards at the next grading period (progress report).
5. **Ineligibility:** Athletes deemed ineligible shall not compete for their respective teams.

This policy is designed to give incoming 9th graders a chance to adjust to high school academics while still participating in athletics, provided they work towards meeting the necessary academic standards.

CIF BLUE BOOK FOR ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, TRANSFERS, AND HARDSHIPS

<https://cifss.org/blue-book/>

AGE LIMITATIONS

No student whose nineteenth (19) birthday is attained before June 15 of the prior school year shall participate or practice on any CIF and PUSD team. A student whose 19th birthday is on June 14 or before is ineligible.

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SEMESTER RULE

A student who enters the 9th grade of any school following the student's completion of 8th grade may be eligible for athletic competition during a maximum time that is not to exceed eight consecutive semesters. Eligibility is only available during the student's first 8 consecutive semesters of enrollment in high school (9-12)

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school credits shall be counted toward making up for academic grade deficiencies incurred in the semester immediately preceding. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete's academic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

An annual physical examination, or a statement by a medical practitioner, certifying that the student is physically fit to participate in athletics is required before a student may try out, practice, or participate in interscholastic athletic competition.

UNDUE INFLUENCE - RECRUITMENT OF ATHLETES

The use of undue influence by any person or persons to secure or retain a student or to secure or retain one or both parents/guardians of a student as residents may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics for a period of one year and shall jeopardize the standing of the high school in the CIF.

COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an "outside" team in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport.

USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Students and coaches are prohibited from using any form of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, or illegal drugs at the playing site of an interscholastic contest. The penalty is disqualification from that contest. In addition, local school rules may apply.

STUDENT AWARD LIMITATIONS

A high school student may not receive from any source an athletic award for CIF high school competition of more than two hundred and fifty(\$250) in value. For league, Section and State Championships, the total value of the athletic awards may be Five hundred dollars (\$500).

When a student participates in other than CIF competition in a CIF approved sport, at any time during the calendar year, the student is governed by the awards rules of the amateur governing body for that sport.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

Student participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times. During participation in all CIF competitions, a student who is ejected or disqualified from participating in the remainder of a contest may be ineligible for the team's next contest. In addition, per CIF, any student who physically assaults a game or event official shall be banned from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's interscholastic eligibility.

ATTENDANCE POLICY-PUSD

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE-TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

1. The student is to attend all classes regularly and on time and to make every effort to complete all class assignments on time and to the best of his/her ability.
2. The student must attend all classes on a given day to attend, watch or participate in a team practice or participate in an interscholastic contest unless he/she has verification of a medical appointment, DMV appointment, court, funeral or other unforeseen special circumstance as determined by the Athletic Director or Principal.
3. Students who miss class(es), without a verification of their absence, as stated in number 2 above, may not suit up, be a part of any team activity on game day, be on the sideline or bench during the contest, or travel to away events. This includes missing class(es) for discipline.
4. A student is temporarily ineligible to practice or participate in any way on a team while suspended from any class. Students' suspension will be determined by California Education Code 48900.
5. Students will dress out for PE class on game days, failure to do so may result in missing the contest.
6. If a student has 5 unserved lunch interventions they will not be eligible for any athletic event until ALL are served. Students can serve 1 lunch intervention a day. If a lunch intervention is served 1 more additional outside school hours can be served for a maximum of 2 a day.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - PELA/IS PROGRAM

1. The student is to follow the policies agreed to by the PELA master agreement, attend scheduled appointments, and make every effort to complete all class assignments on time to the best of his/her ability.
2. Attendance is based on work production in the PELA/IS program. Average daily attendance is submitted to the state monthly. For student-athletes, average daily attendance will be checked biweekly.
3. Student-athletes must show a satisfactory completion rate (green or orange) to continue to be eligible. Completion will be checked every Tuesday. If an athlete has an incomplete (red) they are ineligible for practice until the next check on Thursday. Students are ineligible until the completion rate is satisfactory (green or orange)
4. A student is temporarily ineligible to practice or participate in any way on a team while suspended from any class. Students' suspension will be determined by California Education Code 48900.
5. If a student has 5 unserved lunch detentions they will not be eligible for any athletic event until ALL are served.

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE

1. Students who participate in athletics commit to a team and are expected to maintain good attendance.
2. Students are expected to attend all practices and contests unless they are absent from school due to illness or are excused by their coach. Students must communicate directly with the coach when they cannot attend a practice.
3. Unexcused absences from practice or failure to maintain good attendance may be cause for removal from a team.
4. Coaches may adopt individual rules for practice and contest attendance.

CARE OF ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

The district provides a great deal of money to maintain and purchase proper equipment. Equipment is to be handled properly for financial reasons and also to teach students responsibility.

1. All equipment will be inventoried, numbered, and checked out by coaches.
2. Students are expected to turn in the same piece(s) of equipment checked out to them. It is the student's responsibility to check the equipment numbers checked out, to make sure they match the numbers recorded.
3. Equipment should be returned in the same condition as it was received. Equipment and uniforms should be cleaned and washed before being returned. Students are expected to make arrangements to have torn or ripped clothing repaired prior to turning it in.
4. Broken equipment must be returned before a replacement can be issued.
5. Students are responsible for the security of their equipment and uniforms. Students will be financially responsible for replacing any lost or stolen equipment or uniforms. In some cases, particularly with game uniforms, the replacement fee may be higher than the

original purchase price because special processing and printing may be required to duplicate the uniform.

6. All lost or stolen equipment and uniforms may be reported to the police department. Any student found wearing equipment reported as stolen may be charged with possession of stolen property.
7. No awards (letters, trophies, diplomas etc.) will be issued until all equipment is returned and/or paid for.
8. Students must return or pay for all equipment before they can practice or participate in another sport. In unusual circumstances when a significant amount of money is owed, arrangements for repayment may be made with the coach and the athletic director.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

All athletes are to abide by the school rules concerning the earning and wearing of the school "Block P" athletic award and the Block Letter Jacket.

1. The earning of the "Block P" applies to athletes, managers, and cheerleaders only.
2. Athletes must complete the entire season with the team, including all playoff or section championship contests, in order to receive any school award for that sport.
3. Individual sports symbols will be awarded every year an athlete participates on a JV/varsity team.
4. A special award will be presented to all seniors who have played three sports for four years.

TRANSPORTATION/ROAD TRIPS

The district provides transportation for most away contests. Students are normally expected to go and return on the district-provided transportation. The following guidelines will be followed:

1. Students who miss a bus may not participate in the contest unless for some acceptable reason (such as a doctor's appointment) a student cannot leave on the regularly scheduled bus, the student may contact his/her coach, the Athletic Administrator, or the Athletic Director before the date of the contest to see if other transportation arrangements can be made if traveling with parent or guardian only.
2. At the coach's discretion, students may be signed off the bus by their parents only. The coach will maintain documentation.
3. All athletes will dress appropriately for bus trips. Coaches will establish requirements for proper attire.
4. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature, responsible manner, profanity and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.
5. All athletes will remain under the supervision of their coach while attending an away contest.
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RULES RELATING TO TOBACCO/VAPE ON AND OFF CAMPUS

Students and coaches should understand that the coaches at Paradise High School, and the administration of the district, believe that the use of tobacco is not acceptable for high school

athletes for health and safety reasons. A student-athlete found to be using tobacco products may face the following consequences:

1. Referral to Tobacco Class
2. The second offense of any student who smokes, chews, vapes or possesses tobacco in any form will be ineligible to represent the school in any interscholastic contest for fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the infraction. The student may continue to practice with a team, but may not wear a school uniform or otherwise represent a team at any interscholastic contest.
3. Additional consequences may be imposed by the coach, Athletic Director, Athletic Administration, and Principal.

RULES RELATING TO ALCOHOL ON AND OFF CAMPUS

ALCOHOL'S EFFECT ON ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

According to the Center for Drug-Free Communities, "based upon research with Olympic, professional, and amateur athletes, we know that":

- Drinking to intoxication can negate up to 14 days of training effect.
- Training hormones are diminished for up to 96 hours, equal to 4 days following alcohol consumption.
- Drinking alcohol after competition hinders recovery.
- Residual effect of alcohol from elite athlete lab tests shows a negative effect on heart rate, lactic acid/muscle performance, and respiratory/ventilation levels.
- Muscle protein synthesis (repair of muscle fibers) is diminished, predominantly in your fast twitch muscle fibers.
- Reaction time can be affected even 12 hours after consumption.
- Players that drink are twice as likely to become injured.
- Getting caught or arrested for under-aged drinking ruins collegiate opportunities and careers.

CONSEQUENCES

1. An athlete who is under the influence, or in the possession, of alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substance, will be suspended from the team for thirty (30) calendar days. If the student participates in an approved substance abuse counseling program they will be permitted to continue to practice, with coach approval, but will not be allowed to travel with the team or play in games.
2. A second offense involving alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substance, will cause the student to be ineligible for one calendar year from the date of the infraction. The student may not practice or participate with a team during the period of ineligibility.
3. A third offense involving alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substance, will result in the student being banned from participating in any district-sponsored athletics for the remainder of his/her high school years.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

This includes both on-campus and off-campus arrests.

1. Any minor student adjudicated guilty or admit guilt for a misdemeanor will be suspended for fourteen (14) calendar days, unless charges are dropped before the end of the 14 day suspension.
2. Any minor student adjudicated guilty or admit guilt for a felony is ineligible for one calendar year (365 days) unless charges are dropped or reduced.
3. Any adult student convicted for a misdemeanor will be suspended for fourteen (14) calendar days, unless charges are dropped before the end of the 14 day suspension.
4. Any adult student convicted for a felony is ineligible for one calendar year (365 days) unless charges are dropped or reduced.

PROCEDURES REGARDING SUSPENSION OF AN ATHLETE

1. The Administration in progress will inform the student of the infraction.
2. The student will have the opportunity to explain his/her action.
3. After consideration of the facts of the incident, the Athletic Director and Administration will take appropriate action which would include notifying the student's parents.
4. If the student or the student's parents wish to appeal the decision, the case may be presented in writing to the Athletic Director.
5. The Athletic Director will convene an Athletic Review Board to consider the matter. The Athletic Review Board will be made up of the Athletic Director, the coach involved, and an administrator.
6. The Review Board will convene within ten (10) school days after the request is received by the Athletic Director and as soon as it is convenient for those involved to meet. The athlete and his/her parents will be encouraged to participate in the meeting. A decision by the Board will be rendered within 24 hours from the conclusion of the hearing.
7. At the termination of the suspension, the athlete will go before the Athletic Director to regain eligibility by making sure all stipulations of the suspension have been met.

SOCIAL NETWORKING GUIDELINES

Inappropriate use of social media by Paradise Unified School District students, including those participating in athletics and other co-curricular activities, may result in suspension from school, and suspension from practices, games, and other events. To foster a safe school environment, lawful online conduct, good sportsmanship, and to deter the need to enforce discipline, Paradise Unified strongly recommends the following guidelines as best practices for the use of social media by all students.

Paradise High School respects the rights of its students to use social media. However, it is important for all students to understand the need to exercise care in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior and to understand that what may seem private in the digital world can often become public, even without knowledge or consent.

Paradise Unified students who use social media are asked to remember that any information posted reflects on the entire Paradise High School community.

BEST PRACTICE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE

These guidelines are intended to provide a framework for Paradise High School students to conduct themselves safely and responsibly in an online environment. They are not intended, and should not be interpreted by any student or administrator, as allowing unlawful infringement on any student's online exercise of free expression. Students are highly encouraged to use privacy settings on social media sites. However; students should be aware that privacy settings are not foolproof. Even if you diligently monitor your privacy settings, it's best to assume that anything you post may potentially be seen by your school, your parents, and strangers.

AVOID POSTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Be aware of the kind of information you are posting on social media sites. Posting information such as your date of birth, address, phone number, class schedule, social security number, bank account number, etc is NOT recommended. Once such information is posted, it becomes the property of the social media site.

AVOID UNPROFESSIONAL PUBLIC PROFILES

Any information you put on social media sites is considered public information and may be viewed by members of the public. Be mindful of the image you create for yourself online. Potential, current, and future employers as well as college admissions recruiters may access the information you put on social media sites.

AVOID POSTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Photos posted via social media become the property of the social media site. You may delete the photo from your profile, but the photo remains on the social media site's server. Internet search engines such as Google or Yahoo may still find the image long after you have deleted it from your profile. In addition, even if your profile is set to private, a friend can always download and save incriminating photos that third parties, such as authorities, can use against you in the future. Paradise High School students should avoid incriminating photos or statement depicting violence, hazing, sexual harassment, vandalism, stalking, underage drinking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances.

AVOID BULLYING/THREATS OF VIOLENCE

While Paradise High Students have the right to free speech, that right is **NOT** unlimited. Bullying is a serious problem and is not limited to student-to-student interactions. Vicious treatment and hateful words often lead to depression, discrimination, violence, and suicide. The online environment has drastically changed the nature of bullying, and students should carefully consider how their communications will impact others. In addition, all students should avoid communications/postings that make a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person. Bullying can result in sport and/or school expulsion from PUSD.

AVOID LYING, CHEATING, & PLAGIARIZING

Again, all information posted on social media sites is considered public information. It may be viewed by a third party and used against you. It is best to assume that anything you post may be seen by your school, your parents, and your peers.

POTENTIAL FOR DISCIPLINE BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

There are many categories of online conduct that, if they relate to school activity or attendance, and if they violate the Education Code and/or Paradise Unified School District rules governing student conduct, may subject a student to discipline by district authorities. Every allegation of student misconduct is evaluated based on the totality of the circumstances involved, including online activities. Coaches may impose progressive discipline for infractions of team guidelines

POTENTIAL FOR DISCIPLINE BY COACHES

Coaches may have additional rules for athletes that must be followed to continue participating in PUSD athletics.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parents, along with the coach, should be excellent role models of all character qualities mentioned in this handbook. The following ideas are a few things you can do to help Paradise Athletics be a quality experience:

- Make sure your children know you love them, appreciate their efforts, and be the most constant and positive person in their lives.
- Teach your children to always feel good about themselves when giving their best.
- Be a great fan, attend games and show respect for the opponents and game officials.
- When having discussions with coaches, comply with the following Guidelines for Communicating with Coaches.

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS

- Ways to help their child improve
- Treatment of their child
- Concerns about their child's behavior
- Coaches expectations for their child
- Team rules

THINGS THAT ARE "OFF LIMITS" FOR DISCUSSION

- Playing Time
- Game Strategies
- Other Student-Athletes

THREE-STEP PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNICATING WITH A COACH

Communication with coaches must never be done during practices or competitions.

1. If appropriate, talk with your son/daughter about your question. What is your child's perspective? Can your child solve the problem themselves?
2. Set up a meeting with the coach if you still have questions or concerns. This meeting will remain an informational meeting where you can ask questions, listen, and have a discussion. Remember that the coach makes decisions for the good of the team based on practice, ability, and attitude.
3. If questions remain, set up a meeting with the Athletic Director, coach, and yourself.

GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS

- The conversation must be in a professional manner with regard to both language and conduct.
- Everyone will get a chance to talk, but everyone must listen.
- Emotional control by all parties is imperative.
- Meetings must not occur on game days, practice time, or Sundays, and are held only by appointment. At no time can you communicate with the coach during a game or practice or you will be asked to leave.

Paradise High School Guidelines for Parent and Fan Behaviors

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

- Maintain enthusiasm and composure, serving as a role model for Bobcat Pride
- Participate positively in the event or contest by supporting the coaches and participants.
- Cheering for outstanding performance, not against opponents or to ridicule an error.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- Show respect and concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Realize that a ticket represents a privilege and a responsibility to observe and positively support a high school activity, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect fans, coaches, and participants.
- Encourage surrounding fans to display only sportsmanlike conduct.
- Resist being drawn into negative conduct by other fans, including opposing fans and/or players.
- All parents, guardians, and attendees are required to stay in designated spectator locations for practices and games.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

- Any yells and/or cheers directed at a single opposing player or coach by name or by number.
- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures directed at the opposing team.
- Use of profane, vulgar or abusive language or name-calling.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision, criticizing officials in any way, or displaying temper with an official's call.
- Engaging an opposing fan or group of fans in a dispute or argument.
- Shouts that antagonize opponents or their fans.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches, or participants.
- Yelling at or criticizing coaches or participants of either team.
- Attempting to coach from the bleachers or sidelines, giving specific instructions to any participant.
- Posting on social media negatively about players, coaches, or officials.

The CIF in California has put in some penalties to help prevent this that PUSD is following

- 1) On a spectator's first ejection they cannot attend the next game.
- 2) The second ejection means they cannot attend any game in any sport the rest of the year.
- 3) Depending on the incident Paradise High School has the right to suspend Fans for the whole season without step 1.
- 4) Any spectator who physically assaults the person of a game or event official immediately prior to, during, or immediately after an interscholastic athletic contest shall be permanently banned from attending interscholastic athletic contests.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for supporting Paradise High School Sports programs and our Character Counts philosophy.