



## Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Policy

Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School exists to form & assist the whole individual, consistent with the General Education Policy established by the Tribal Education Code. All of our programs, academic, athletic, extracurricular, exist to meet this objective.

The purpose of the interscholastic athletic program at Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School is to provide student-athletes with an enjoyable and challenging athletic program which emphasizes the attainment of physical skills and strong character development. The program aims to help students develop excellent sportsmanship; strong work ethic; a spirit of cooperation; leadership skills; and personal character traits such as integrity, loyalty, humility, maturity and respect.

The fundamental basis for our program is the view that coaches are teachers and role models of the standards we expect from the student participants. Participation is open to all students who make a serious commitment to their team and who meet the credentials to participate as outlined in the Idaho High School Sports Association (IHSSA).

Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School students learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics, including lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, healthy lifestyles, and how to win and lose gracefully. The program plays an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body and mind. Competition adds to our school and community spirit and helps all students and families develop pride in their school and community.

### Goals

- To offer a varied program that is flexible enough to meet the needs of the novice athlete, yet strong enough to prepare the skilled athlete for higher levels of competition.
- To develop the concept of team spirit among all members of teams and coaches.
- To teach the fundamentals and techniques of each sport in a progressive, planned sequence that is appropriate for student-athletes at the high school level.
- To foster the positive aspects of competitive athletics (developing the attitude that striving to win is important), while avoiding the negative aspects of competitive athletics (developing the attitude that winning isn't everything).

## Coaches

Head coaches are responsible for monitoring students' progress towards academic eligibility for competition. The coaches' responsibility is establishing and maintaining a philosophy which fosters the highest standards of good conduct.

## Student/Athletes/Managers

Players are always responsible for controlling their own conduct on and off the field/court. The use of foul or disrespectful language will result in no playing time, regardless of the situation. Student Athletes are responsible for promoting good sportsmanship among their teammates and their opponents. Student Athletes shall respect the decisions made by the sport officials, coaches, and other school officials and not display any negative actions.

## Spectators

All spectators shall conduct themselves in such a way as to support and advance the values of fair play and sportsmanship. Jeering, harassing of players, coaches, or officials, or any negative behavior will not be tolerated. Reports of such behavior will be reported to the Sho-Ban School Superintendent. If behavior is not changed, and good sportsmanship is not displayed, spectators will be asked to leave the facilities and will not be allowed to attend any further contests.

## EXPECTATIONS & STANDARDS

*Participation in athletics at Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School is completely voluntary. Our school is unique in that there is a no-cut policy for all athletic teams. The school provides facilities, coaching, transportation, and equipment. Student-Athletes will be required to sign a statement which says they have read these expectations and standards and they will adhere to them. No student-athlete will be allowed to participate (practice & athletic competition) unless this statement is signed and returned to the Athletic Director.*

*These expectations & standards are a supplement to the IHSSA guidelines and SBHS Student Handbook and are not meant to replace them. The school reserves the right to revoke or restrict the privilege of participation if a student fails to live up to expectations and standards as outlined below.*

1. Student-Athletes must receive passing grades in five (5) out of six (6) classes during the previous trimester to be eligible to participate in their particular sport for the next grading period (Trimester). All Student-Athletes will maintain a 2.0 GPA or better. If a Student-Athlete's GPA drops below 2.0, he or she has five (5) school days to satisfy the 2.0 GPA. Failure to do so will cause the participant to be ineligible to play for at least one (1) week



- or until he/she becomes eligible. If this is not followed, the student/athlete is subject to Coach/School Administrator discipline. Athletes will still be required to attend practice.
2. Regular, punctual attendance in all classes at Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School is essential to participation in the athletic programs. A student-athlete who cuts a class will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled contest. Three violations of this policy during the season will result in dismissal from the team. If an athlete is absent from school on a particular day, he/she may not be present or take part in athletic activities on that day. Students with excused absences / medical, will not be subject to this. Must have prior approval and will be determined on a case by case basis.
  3. Without exception athletic participants must turn in to the coach or Athletic Director a completed Medical Eligibility Form, with physician's signature. No Student-athlete may participate in practice or competition until this form is completed and submitted.
  4. All student athletes must take a alcohol/drug test at the start of the sport season and then randomly throughout the season.
  5. Student-Athletes and parent or guardians are financially responsible for all school equipment furnished to them. Grades and diplomas will not be issued until all equipment is returned and or paid for. The student's family will be billed for any items not returned at the end of the season.
  6. Student-Athletes are to be dressed in the official team uniform when representing Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School in an athletic contest. These uniforms are to be worn only for athletic competitions and not for physical education classes, or recreational use. However, wearing these uniforms on a game day is permissible on special occasions.
  7. Student-Athletes may NOT transfer from one sport to another in the same season, unless authorized by the School Administrator and the Athletic Director.
  8. School personnel will make every effort to keep the locker rooms secure; however the student-athlete is responsible for issued school equipment as well as his/her own personal belongings.
  9. The locker area is to be kept neat and clean, and any student-athlete using school towels must turn them in to be cleaned.
  10. Training supplies are very expensive and must be used wisely and carefully. Tape and under wrap are for care and prevention of injuries ONLY.
  11. **All injuries of any kind must be reported immediately to the Coach and Athletic Director. Players must allow the Coach and Athletic Director and designated treatment providers to assess the injury and determine if the play should continue.**
  12. Players and coaches are to travel as a team to and from contests, unless special arrangements have been made with parents and the coach.
  13. Athletic practice and play areas will be specifically scheduled for teams. A team is to have exclusive use of its facility during the assigned time, and all members are to leave at the end of the time.
  14. Students and coaches are responsible to know and meet the eligibility requirements of the IHSSA. Website: [www.idhsaa.org](http://www.idhsaa.org). A copy of this can be obtained from the Athletic Director.
  15. Students involved in several activities will be responsible for knowing their schedules so conflicts can be resolved early. This might include athletics, community service, after school projects, college entrance exams, etc. Frequent lateness to practice will be decided by each individual coach for corrective action.

16. All student-athletes are valuable members of their respective teams. If students have concerns regarding their position on the team, the issues should first be taken up with their coach. If necessary, the Athletic Director may also become involved in order to resolve the issue(s).
17. Eligibility shall be done after the first three weeks of the trimester. IF a student has an eligibility concern filed by a teacher, which can be submitted anytime, he/she will have five school days to satisfy the 2.0 GPA. Failure will cause students to be ineligible to participate for at least one week or until he/she becomes eligible. Grade check forms (Progress Reports) will be given out to all Student-Athletes on a bi-weekly basis. Failure to return these forms will result in a student being ineligible to compete until the form is completed and turned into the Athletic Director. **Students on IEP's must be in good attendance and making progress towards graduation.**
18. Students who are placed on academic probation may remain on their athletic team as long as they abide by the contract they establish with their (School/Tribal) Counselor/School Administrator. If the contract is broken, the student may not participate in any team activities for one week. If the contract is broken a second time during the season, the student will be dismissed from the team.
19. In the interest of safety and fairness, students on athletic teams must practice ten (10) days before being eligible for competition.
20. Drugs, tobacco and alcohol have no place in school or at school athletic functions. Any student found in violation of the school policy will be subject to the Student Handbook. Furthermore, the following corrective action will apply:
  1. Possession or use of controlled substance or drug paraphernalia on school property or school related activity will be considered a serious breach of school discipline and will result in suspension from all athletic events and teams affiliated with school for two (2) weeks. In addition, a drug /alcohol dependency testing may, in certain cases, be required before re-admittance to athletic teams is allowed. Drug tests can be administered at any time to all student athletes throughout the school year per administration request.
  2. The distribution of controlled substances of any type will normally result in complete suspension from any affiliation with any SBHS team for a period of no less than one (1) school year.
  3. The use of performance enhancing drugs/supplements is prohibited.
  4. **Referrals will be coordinated by the School Counselor/Athletic Director and partnerships with Tribal Service Providers to assist students with these barriers as a remedy to correct the problem**
21. Coaches are to monitor that there are/is absolutely no hazing or bullying by any athletic team member. Any hazing or bullying incident must be immediately reported by any member of the coaching staff to the Athletic Director and School Administrator. The Student-Athlete(s) involved in the hazing or bullying incident will be considered ineligible to practice or play until the incident is reviewed by the Athletic Director and School Administrator. Students are required to immediately report every incident of hazing to the Coach and Athletic Director.
22. School Administrator, Athletic Director, and the Coach reserve the right to declare an athlete ineligible at any time throughout the school year because of negative attitude towards studies or because of other circumstances.



