



# Irons Boys Basketball Parent/Athlete Information Guide

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Dear Players and Parents:

**Congratulations!** It is a privilege and an honor to have been selected to represent the Irons Boys Basketball Team. You should be very proud of the effort it took to make this team amongst the many aspiring, competitive athletes. This honor and tradition comes with high expectations that are outlined as follows.

### **PRACTICE & ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Practices are **NOT** optional! You are expected to be on time and attend EVERY practice for the ENTIRE practice unless you have an excused absence (sick at home, family emergency etc.) or have made prior arrangements with the coach.

If you are unexpectedly absent from practice, you will be required to have a note (or email) from your parent/guardian upon returning to practice. No note/email constitutes an unexcused absence and is subject to a one game suspension along with “conditioning make-up.”

While excused absences are acceptable and understandable, missing more than one day will limit playing time in the upcoming game due to the fast-paced nature of our practices, drills and instruction. Excessive tardiness and/or absences are subject to player **dismissal from the team is at the Head Coach’s discretion.**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade practice begins promptly at 7:00AM Monday-Wednesday (Fridays if necessary). You are expected to be dressed and stretched promptly at 7:00AM. Doors will open at 6:45 AM and you may enter through the back locker room door by the bus ramp.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade practice begins promptly 7<sup>th</sup> period, every day Monday-Wednesday (Fridays if necessary). You are expected to be dressed and, in the gym, promptly 5 minutes after the tardy bell. Practice ends at 5:15 PM and you may be picked up in back by the bus ramp.

Being late to practice is grounds for “extra work” consequences and if more than twenty minutes late will constitute an unexcused absence and subject to a one game suspension.

Students needing to attend tutorials should make plans to do so at an appropriate time other than during practice time.

Finally, all practices are closed to outsiders so that athletes can remain focused and concentrate on improving and getting their work done. Thank you for understanding and your support of this policy.

### **BEHAVIORAL POLICY**

Athletes are expected to act as gentleman and be well disciplined at all times while in school, away from school, at home and in the gymnasium. We will be sending notices to all teachers announcing the individuals representing the Irons Basketball Teams asking them to let us know of any poor behavior and disrespect in the classroom. The Administrative Staff and Assistant Principals will also be informing us

of referrals and incidents that are unbecoming of an Irons Athlete. **Any negative report from a teacher will result in extra work consequences and is subject to a one game suspension. Multiple occurrences will almost guarantee immediate dismissal from the team.**

If an athlete is given ISS (In School Suspension) as a consequence for their behavior in school they are subject to be suspended for as many games as days they have ISS (Two Days of ISS = Two Game Suspension). Any more than a three-day punishment of ISS is subject to immediate dismissal from the team. Students are unable to practice or play on days they have ISS.

While it is impossible to list all types of misbehavior here are several types of behavior that are sure to earn you dismissal from the team this year and prevent you from making the team in any remaining years in Junior High.

1. Bringing guns or weapons to school.
2. Using drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.
3. Bullying or picking fights with other students.
4. Stealing personal property of others.

***\*The Head Coach's discretion will apply to all occurrences and the final decision on the athlete's consequences and/or status as a member of the team.***

## **BOY'S BASKETBALL ACADEMIC POLICY**

We expect all of our athletes to put academics FIRST and adhere to a stricter policy than the Texas UIL Eligibility Rules.

Athlete's grades will be checked every week. Athletes must be passing all classes with a 70% or higher per UIL rules at the progress report or report card grade check to be eligible to play.

**\*Please note, that if an athlete is ineligible at the end of the first semester, then they will be ineligible for the remainder of the season due to UIL eligibility standards.**

## **DRESS AND GROOMING**

We expect our students to adhere to the Irons Junior High Dress Code. Earrings and flashy jewelry are **NOT** acceptable in practice. Saggy pants/shorts are unacceptable as well. Please dress appropriately as you are constantly on display and representing the Irons Basketball Team.

## **Practice & Game Uniforms**

Students will also be issued a team bag, and uniform at the beginning of the season and will be responsible for their upkeep and washing throughout the season. PARENTS AND OR GUARDIANS WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY LOST OR MISPLACED UNIFORMS.

Practice & Game uniforms will be issued to each player and **must be worn** each day during practice and taken home to be washed. They will be issued a travel bag as well to carry their practice and game gear. All athletes are responsible for both practice and game gear. Any lost or stolen gear will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pay to have items replaced. It is highly recommended that athletes have proper basketball shoes for practices and games to help provide traction, support and prevent foot and ankle injuries. **All shoes worn will be either black, red, or white. It will be a requirement that**

ALL socks worn on game day will also coordinate with black or red. Failure to follow this game day dress code will result in suspension and or discipline under the Head Coaches discretion.

Lockers will be assigned to all athletes to protect their valuables during practice and leave their shoes overnight but everything else should be taken home and washed to avoid fungus, staph, etc.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade athletes will have ample time to shower and dress in the mornings before going to their 2<sup>nd</sup> period class. Please be sure to bring towel, soap, shampoo & deodorant along with fresh clothes to wear. We expect everyone to shower and be presentable when going to class. Athletes are NOT allowed to wear practice gear or Reds into the classroom.

**DO NOT WASH OR DRY ANY UNIFORMS ON HOT!**

*Note: Athletes will be held responsible for the cost of replacing any lost or damaged uniforms and gear. Take care of your stuff!*

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Athletes should refrain from participating or playing in any other organized or unorganized contact sports (football, soccer, skateboarding etc.) during Basketball season to prevent unnecessary injury that would jeopardize their Basketball season. Participation in organized Basketball leagues (and baseball) are acceptable during the season with the expectation that the Irons Basketball Team practices and games take priority over other teams and sports.

Every attempt will be made to work with athletes, parents and other school leaders when it comes to conflicts with other Irons extracurricular activities (i.e. band, choir, debate etc.).

## **GAME DAY PROCEDURES**

ON GAME DAYS, ATHLETES ARE EXPECTED TO DRESS IN A SPIRIT SHIRT WITH NICE JEANS. NO CROCKS OR SLIDES.

A copy of our game schedule is on Boys Athletic website. Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade games are played at the same location.

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade B-team Games begin at 5:30 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A-team Games begin within ten minutes following the finish of the B games.

### **Home Games**

Students will stay after school and change into their game gear and help to set up and prepare for the game. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade B-team players are required to stay until halftime of the A-team game to cheer them on. At the latest, please have a ride ready to pick you up after the game is over.

### **Away Games**

Students will ride the bus to travel to our away games. Seventh and eighth grade players will ride the same bus. Athletes should be picked up in the parking lot outside near the bus ramp when the bus arrives back at Irons. The B-team players will be required to stay for the A-team game and ALL athletes A & B team will ride the bus back to Irons.

**PLAYERS MUST RIDE THE TEAM BUS TO GAMES. TOURNAMENTS MAY BE THE EXCEPTION PER COACHES DISCRETION.**

**GAME CONDUCT**

*“Players play, coaches coach, officials officiate and parents cheer.”*

- Athletes and parents should show respect to coaches, officials, teammates and opponents.
- Be courteous to officials by raising hand when fouls are called on you. No smart comments or under your breath remarks.
- Cheer, congratulate and encourage each other while on the sideline and in the game.
- No “showboating” or excessive celebrations (i.e. beating chest, dancing, chest bumping etc.)
- No trash talking, fighting or taunting of teammates or opponents will be tolerated.
- Foul language is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

***IMPORTANT NOTE: While it is our goal for every athlete to play in each game, please keep in mind that playing time is earned through hard work in practice and maintaining a reputable status as player of this team. Playing time will vary due to practice performance, behavior, attitude, grades and game conditions.***

**COMMUNICATION**

**24-Hour Contact Rule. Parents or family members must wait 24 hours before contacting a coach after a game if they want to discuss the game. NO EXCEPTIONS:**

For communication purposes, the best way to reach myself or the other coaches is through email. We will reply or call as quickly as possible. Also, please be sure to check the Boys Athletic website regularly for important announcements and updates.

Players, we would like to thank you for your upcoming dedication and commitment to excelling as a student athlete and your role in helping to build a successful basketball program. Thank you, parents, for the support of your children, our policies and our program. We feel the best way for you to support your athlete is to simply show up and cheer for them and the team they are a part of. We look forward to seeing you in the stands in just a few short days. Athletes and parents, please take a moment to complete the short acknowledgment form on the proceeding page. **This must be completed and turned in to us no later than Wednesday, November 8th in order for your child to be able to participate in the first game.**

Thank You,

Irons Boys Basketball Coaching Staff

# 2025-2026 Irons Boys Basketball Parent/Athlete Acknowledgment Form

(Must be returned and on file prior to First Game)

I acknowledge that I have thoroughly and completely read the Irons Boys Basketball Parent/Athlete Letter and Information guide. As a parent, I agree to hold my child accountable to the policies and expectations outlined in the guide and ensure they understand and are aware of both the responsibility that comes with representing Irons Basketball Team and the consequences of failing to live up to those expectations.

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Players Signature

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Parent email address(s)

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Daytime Contact Phone Number(s)

**\*KEEP ALL OTHER PAGES –THIS ONE IS THE ONLY PAGE THAT MUST BE ON FILE!**

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