

Stone Bank Athletics / 2019-2020 / Parent Guide

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Mission Statement: The goal of the Stone Bank Athletic Department is to produce a positive environment for children to participate in basketball, volleyball, wrestling, gymnastics, track, cross country, and kickball while maintaining and upholding the morals, values, and ethics taught to them during the normal school day.

In order to comply with state mandates to limit stereotypical mascots and names, we have removed all imagery that could be construed as inappropriate or stereotypical. Currently, we still use the nickname “chiefs” and would like to continue to do so. However, we do not use an official mascot. It is very important that we do not have fans that encourage the misuse of this name with actions or images. Please respect this as you attend athletic events associate with Stone Bank School.

Fan Athletic Expectations

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is the # 1 priority for any Stone Bank fan. Your actions and comments reflect upon Stone Bank School. As a fan, please follow these three main rules.

- 1) Leave the refereeing to the refs!
- 2) Leave the coaching to the coaches!
- 3) Leave the playing to the kids!

Please keep your comments positive at all times. If you feel you have skills that would be beneficial to the school or the league in the area of coaching or refereeing, contact me and we'll see if we can find a place for you to use those talents. Otherwise, please allow those that have been hired to do those jobs.

Lines of Communication

Athlete / Coach

Coach / Parent / Athlete (Schedule a meeting)

Coach / Parent / Athletic Director (Schedule a meeting)

Coach / Parent / Athletic Director / Administrator

Inappropriate Parent Behaviors at an AMSAC Basketball / Volleyball Game

No fan should ever come out of the stands to talk to a coach, official, player, or scorekeeper. Each gym has a supervisor to address any of your needs or concerns.

It is not appropriate to coach your child from the stands. The coaches have been hired to coach, and as a fan, you need to respect that role.

Appropriate Parent Behaviors at an AMSAC Basketball / Volleyball Game

Cheer positively for your athlete or your athlete's team

Telling people (athletes, coaches, referees, gym supervisors, etc.) they did a good job!

24 Hour Rule

Athletics are heavily tied to emotions. Fans, players, and coaches often get excited and overly emotional, no matter how much they try not to. There is a time and place to discuss and communicate concerns. Therefore, as you communicate with each other, please remember to do it in a proper format.

As a coach prepares for a game, it is not fair to pull him / her aside minutes before the game and ask for special favors. They have plans that take all of the schools policies into play and sometimes can't manipulate them as easily as one would think.

After games, most coaches are in the moment thinking about the game, what went well, what went wrong, how to teach the points that need adjustment, etc. It is not fair to them or yourself to approach them about "concerns". If you feel something needs to be discussed, take 24 hours to think about it. If you still feel the concern need to be addressed, call the coach and schedule a meeting.

If this meeting doesn't resolve your concerns, contact me to mediate a meeting between everyone involved.

In summary, coaches are not to be approached with parental issues or concerns 30 minutes prior to the event or within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event.

The only major exception to this rule would be to discuss an athlete's injury or medical status. **Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!**

Playing Time Policy

All 5th and 6th grade athletes will participate in all league and tournament games. At the 7th and 8th grade levels, playing time and position decisions will be made at the coach's discretion based on meaningful playing time.

The Stone Bank Athletic Department is dedicated to the establishment of a well - rounded athletic program. All teams participate in the AMSAC conference which features the following schools: Erin (E), Lake Country (LC), Merton (M), North Lake (NL), North Shore (NS), Richmond (R), Stone Bank (SB), and Swallow (SW). Stone Bank will also participate in tournaments with teams from around the area. On your schedules, teams will be listed by their initials instead of names. If a team has multiple names, it will be listed with the school's initials and its' color (example SBR, Stone Bank Red).

As a league in basketball and volleyball, the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades are considered developmental. This means that **all** children play, as coaches work with them to develop their skills. At the eighth grade level, athletes are split into "A" and "B" teams. Schools with one team enter either the "A" league or the "B" league.

Playing time for the sport of basketball is **discretionary** upon the coaches' judgment in compliance with the overall goals of the Stone Bank Athletic Department. **There is no set amount of minutes that any player is guaranteed at any level.** However, coaches do understand that fifth, sixth, and seventh grade have the goal of developing basketball skills and getting kids as much playing time as possible to aid in their development. The athletic director guides the coaches so that all interested athletes participate.

Each year that an athlete is in the program, playing time will increase or decrease based on ability levels. By eighth grade, athletes will participate in an "A" or "B" league. If a school has only one team, coaches will inherently have some "B" players playing in an "A" league. Therefore, they will make judgments based on "meaningful playing time" for a child compared to the level of competition on the court. Coaches will play every player at the eighth grade level, but there is no set amount of time.

Playing time for the sport of volleyball is also discretionary based upon the coaches' judgment in compliance with the overall goals of the Stone Bank Athletic Department. **There are no set minutes any player is guaranteed at any level.** However, coaches do understand that sixth grade is treated as developmental, seventh grade is treated as transitional, and eighth grade becomes an "A" and "B" team set-up.

Athletics and Extra - Curricular Policy and Guidelines

Extra Curricular activities allow students to explore their varied interest and talents. Every student is encouraged to take advantage of the privilege to participate.

The student's first responsibility is to the school day. Each student participating in an activity is to meet or exceed the behavioral and academic requirements established by the school guidelines which include:

- Displaying a positive attitude toward school
- Being a positive role model for others by adhering to all student management guidelines
- Maintaining a "C-" or better in all subject areas**
- Finishing the school day in order to play

To monitor this grade point average, the subject-area teachers will submit each student's eligibility status twice a month to the athletic director. Any student falling below the C- average requirement will be placed on academic probation. Ineligible students need to improve their grade for probationary status to be lifted. During this time, athletes will be expected to attend practices, but will not participate in games.

Acts of noncompliance (based on student responsibilities listed above) will result in loss of game time.

Probation/Academically Ineligibility Guide for Parents

- 1) Two weeks or so into the athletic season, the Athletic Director will pick a date to check the athlete's grades through Skyward and will receive a master list of kids on probation. This date varies sometimes based on the turn of the quarter, etc.
- 2) The athletic director will talk to the kids that are on academic probation and inform them of their status. The athlete will then be required to fulfill the requirements necessary for the particular subject(s) and the corresponding teacher(s). They will not be eligible to play until the particular subject(s) meets the athletic guidelines stated above.
- 3) Coaches and parents will be informed about the student's ineligibility and it will be ultimately the student's responsibility to meet the requirements in order to play.

Office Referrals/Detentions: Any office referral/detention during the athletic season will result in missing ½ of your next game/match

Out of school suspensions

- 1st suspension - student must attend the next 2 games but will not play
- 2nd suspension - student must attend the next three games but will not play
- 3rd suspension - student will be removed from the team

Teams Fielded

- Basketball - Girls and Boys
- Volleyball - Girls and Boys
- Cheerleading
- All decisions on fielding teams will be administrative.

Dates and Games

Notification of season dates and games will be done prior to the season's beginning. Schedules will be given to players. Changes in games and practices will be announced during morning and afternoon announcements.

Team Make-Up

The make-up of the teams will be based on the age and number of students coming out for a particular sports activity. The athletic director in conjunction with the administration will determine the minimum and maximum number of students per team.

After School Supervision

We have limited supervision up until 3:30 p.m. Options include staying for Extended Study with aide supervisor, staying with a specific teacher for extra help in a class, or staying for any behavioral related situation per office request. Staying on school property after **3:30pm is prohibited**. If none of the following examples apply, the student/athlete must leave the school grounds until their particular practice or game. All coaches will have a key for the building and will be able to let their players into the building.

Attendance on Game Day

In general, if a student is too sick to be at school, we do not feel it is appropriate for him / her to be at an after school athletic event. Specifically, all student – athletes must finish the second half of the school day on the day of a game to be eligible to play. One hour in the P.M. counts as a full day of classes for an athlete. Finishing the school day in the middle school is defined as being in school for the last hour of the middle school day. If as a parent / guardian, you have any questions on this policy, please call the school athletic director before making plans so that you are clear about the ramifications of your son / daughter's absence.

Extra-Curricular Team Rules

In helping to develop our children's high moral character and in their effort to uphold the honor and dignity of their school and team, all rules are enforced both during school hours and out of school hours. These and any of the following rules which are not followed will result in the player being benched for the next game unless stated differently.

1. Code of Ethics
2. No one may be in the locker rooms without permission from the coach or supervisor and no sooner than one half hour before scheduled game.
3. All players must be out of the building within a reasonable amount of time following an athletic function. The school will not accept responsibility for student loitering.
4. All absences must be excused for both practices and games.
 - a. An excused absence, but for a poor reason, will result in less playing time.
 - b. One unexcused absence results in playing or cheering only one-half the game.
 - c. Two unexcused absences will result in sitting out a complete game.
 - d. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the team; however, any three absences, whether excused or unexcused, will result in sitting out a game.
5. Team uniforms must be worn. **Clean** shoes with non-marking soles must be worn by everyone using our gym. Black sole gym shoes that leave marks will not be allowed in the gym.
6. Detentions issued on a game day must be served that day. The player must

- attend the game but will not play.
7. **Classroom work has priority over sports events.** Extended Study assigned for late work must be served on the day it is assigned.
 8. All schedules will be posted and available for all students.
 9. Anyone reported to be or caught in the locker room of the opposite sex will be dismissed from the team, and parents will be contacted immediately.
 10. After a player is benched, he/she must observe the entire game to be eligible for the next game.
 11. The use of alcohol and/or drugs by any player will result in automatic suspension from the team. Parents and law enforcement officials will be notified immediately.
 12. Any language or actions deemed inappropriate or profane or any other unsportsmanship-like conduct will result in immediate dismissal from the gym. That player is then ineligible for the next game but must sit on the bench with his team to be eligible for the following game.
 13. Students participating in activities should not arrive until one-half hour before scheduled event. Coach must be present for team to begin practice.
 14. Students must maintain a **C- in all subjects** to be eligible to participate in a sport.
 15. Students falling below a C- average in any subject area will remain on probation until grade point average reaches eligible status.
 16. Any player receiving a technical foul will attend but not play in the next game.
 17. Any new athletic activities/ideas must be placed in writing and submitted to the board for approval.

All athletic guidelines are subject to the discretion of the administrator.

Code of Ethics

Students/athletes, coaches, and parents involved in the Stone Bank Athletic Program will:

1. **UPHOLD** the honor and dignity of their school and team in all their relations with fellow opponents, students, teacher, administrators, and the public.
2. **RECOGNIZE** the worth and dignity of all team members and opponents regardless of race, color and creed, or ability and to respect each accordingly.
3. **CARRY OUT** in good faith all responsibilities expected of them by the school administration and coaches and follow the regulations set by the school and conference.
4. **ABIDE** by the rules of the game.
5. **RESPECT** the judgment and integrity of sports officials.
6. **STRIVE** to develop and maintain good citizenship and sportsmanship and leadership.
7. **UNDERSTAND** that athletic programs are an integral part of the total educational program and seek to cooperate in maintaining this perspective.
8. **ENDEAVOR** to maintain a high level of fitness of mind and body through conditioning, good health habits, and sound training rules.
9. **STRIVE** to improve and master the skills, concepts, and specialized knowledge which characterize particular phases of athletics.
10. **EXERT** an effort to set an example of high moral character, scholastic achievement, and leadership that fosters a high degree of respect in the school and community.

Directions to Various Schools (Starting Point / Stone Bank School)

Erin:

Take Hwy K to Hwy 83
Turn left on Hwy 83 and follow Hwy 83 to O
Turn left on O
1/2 mile on left hand side

North Lake:

Take Hwy K to Hwy 83
Turn left on Hwy 83
Follow Hwy 83 into North Lake
Take right on VV
School is 1/4 mile east on right hand side

Merton:

Take K over 83 to Chenequa Golf Club.
Take left on Red Fox Run.
Follow that to E.
Take Right on E.
Go straight.
The school is all the way down on your left.
It is across from Merton Fire Department.

North Shore:

Take Hwy K to Hwy C
Follow Hwy C to Hwy 16
Turn left and head east on Hwy 16
Exit at North Shore Drive / Jungbluth Exit
Turn right at end of off ramp
Follow about 1-2 miles
School will be on right hand side of road

Richmond:

Take Hwy K to Hwy 83
Turn right on Hwy 83
Follow 83 to Hwy K
Turn left on HWY K
You will pass the high school on the right hand side of the highway.
At stop sign, go straight.
Follow this all the way out past Bristlecone Pines
At intersection with main road, go straight
School is on the corner on the left (across from The Carosel).

Lake Country:

Take Hwy K to Hwy C
Follow Hwy C across Hwy 16
Go past Picnic Basket
Go straight through stop sign
Take first left after the bridge on Vettleson Road
Follow about one mile down
School is on right hand side.

Swallow:

Take Hwy K to Hwy 83.
Turn right on Hwy 83.
Follow 83 to Hwy K.
Turn left on Hwy K.
You will pass the high school on the right hand side of the highway.
At the next stop sign, Swallow School is on the NE corner of the intersection.
Turn left.

St. Kilians:

Take Hwy 83 north to Hartford.
Take left fork.
Go straight thru 3 sets of stop lights.
Cross railroad tracks.
Go left on West State Street.
Quick right on North Johnson Street.
At the top of the hill, turn left into St. Kilians.

Kettle Moraine Middle School - Volleyball Only

West on I-94 to Highway 67
South on 67, past Highway 18 to Ottawa Avenue (HWY Z)
West on Ottawa Avenue to Middle School
(Second School Building on left)