High Plains School Student Athlete Policy:

Absences: Athletes are expected to attend all practices and contests. Any absence that is not communicated to the coach in writing or voicemail (with exceptions for emergencies) by the parent prior to the practice or contest is considered unexcused.

Consequences for unexcused absences:
1 Unexcused absence = parent notification and suspension from one contest
2 Unexcused absences = parent conference and suspension from two contests
3 Unexcused absences = dismissal from team

Academic Eligibility: Academic eligibility is determined by work habits. Eligibility reports will be run every Tuesday following the second full week of school. Students are considered eligible when they have a 2.0 or greater in all of their classes.

Consequences for ineligibility:
1st ineligibility = parent notification and suspension from one contest
2nd ineligibility = parent conference and suspension from one week of practice and two contests
3rd ineligibility = dismissal from team

Behavior: HPS athletes are expected to be role models to younger students and examples of excellent character to their peers. Suspensions or negative office referrals do not support this expectation.

Consequences for negative office referrals:
1 office referral in a season = conference with coach and AD
2 office referrals in a season = parent notification and suspension from one contest
3 office referrals in a season = parent conference and suspension from two contests
4 office referrals in a season = dismissal from team

Suspension (in school or out of school)
1 suspension = parent conference and suspension from athletics for one week and two contests
2 suspensions = dismissal from team

Practices: Practices are closed to athletes’ siblings. Coaches cannot be expected to supervise siblings of HPS athletes at practice and/or athletic contests. They are there to coach and teach the athletes of their team.

Practices are closed to athletes’ parents. HPS gym space is limited. If you would like to observe your child practicing, please speak directly with the coach and limit your observations to outside the gym through the windows in the hallway south of the gym. Please give your child the opportunity to explore their independence and athletic development.