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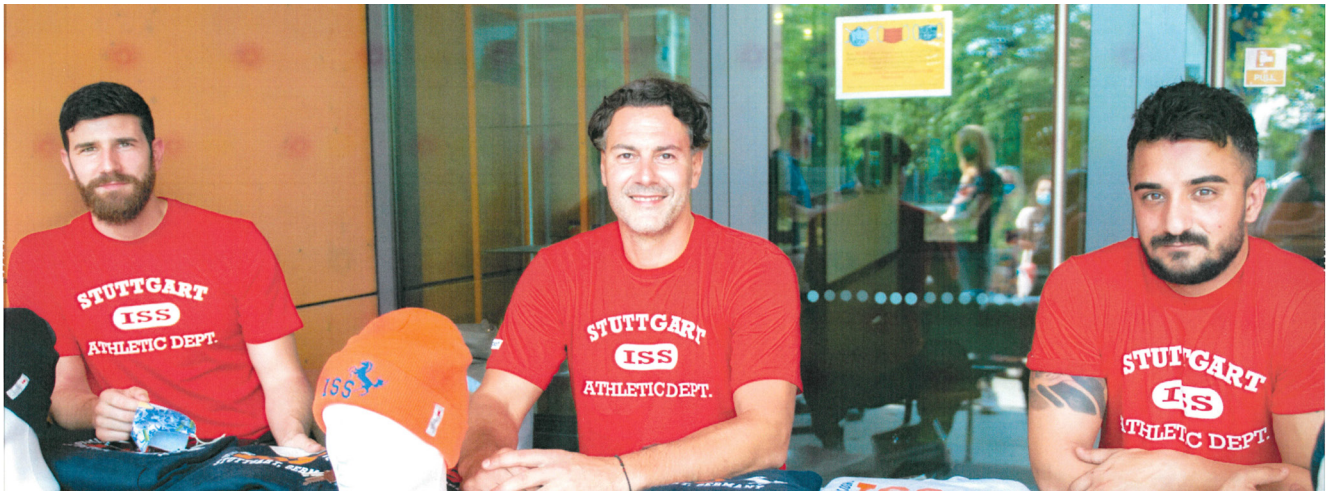
GISST

Athlete Handbook
International School Stuttgart e.V



Dear ISS Athletes and Parents,

Participation in GISST will add a level of responsibility and commitment to both academic and social life. We at ISS wish this experience to be as satisfying as possible for both, the athlete and the parent. To this end, we hope that this handbook will help you understand the expectation involved in becoming a member of our GISST Program.



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Philosophy

“Student first; athlete second”

is the fundamental concept of supporting the GISST Program.

Maintaining appropriate levels of work completion, attendance and achievement on course examinations is taken very seriously by the ISS Athletic Director. Participation can be put aside when a student is struggling academically.



Mission:

The goal of the ISS GISST Program is to provide and coordinate a variety of competitive activities for our students, to further develop physical, social and interpersonal abilities which will enhance the ISS experience, promote our school's identity and help prepare our students for future challenges.

GISST Teams Structure

Seasons and Scheduling

The ISS GISST Teams will have defined seasons:

- Fall from September-December
- Winter from December-March
- Spring from March- April

Home and away games will be played against other International Schools in Germany and will involve overnight trips. All sports teams will participate in GISST friendly games and the first teams will participate in the official GISST Tournaments hosted all around Germany. Practices will vary according to team, coach and upcoming event.

ISS Athlete Responsibilities

-Remember you are representing yourself, your family and your school. You must obey to the ISS Code of Behavior and Dress Code while on school events

-You must obey all instructions given by your coach/chaperone while traveling and during the hotel stay.

-Make sure you are on time for all scheduled events.

-Smoking, alcohol or the use of drugs are prohibited throughout the entire trip (Even if you are of legal age).

Communication, Problem solving

Communication between student / athlete and/or parent with appropriate leadership is important. Discussion of professional and or personal issues with a coach is inappropriate, Discussions should be limited to your child. If you as a parent have concern, please express them in the appropriate time and method. Follow these steps to resolve problems with a coach.

-Have your child speak to the coach. Often he or she is unaware of your child's concerns. We believe it is important to encourage students to communicate with their adult leaders.

-Arrange an appointment with your child's coach. For important matters, consulting the leader in person may be appropriate.

-Arrange an appointment with the Athletic Director. In all but the most serious of circumstances it is expected that students and parents will make every attempt to reach a reasonable solution using the first two steps above. If the Athletic Director is needed to find a resolution, a full investigation of the situation will take place and subsequent meetings will be scheduled as needed.





Expectations

Sportmanship and Conduct

Good sportsmanship is expected from everyone at ISS. Berating, humiliating, taunting; use of racial, sexist or profane comments towards coaches, officials, players or parents will not be tolerated. Coaches and officials should be treated with respect. These individuals work many hours for little monetary compensation. Many do it for the appreciation of the student athlete and a love for the sport. We ask that you, as parents set an example for the players and other students. Also, please discuss appropriate conduct with your child and support the coaching staff if your child needs to be disciplined for poor sportsmanship or conduct.

Attendance, Practice and Team Commitment.

Being an athlete at ISS is a serious commitment for both the athlete and his or her family. Athletes must demonstrate individual responsibility and be reliable. Attendance at practices and games is the foundation of a great program. Poor attendance and lack of quality participation can lead to a child's dismissal from a team. Our coaches understand that there are valid reasons for missing a practice or game, but they expect such absences to be kept to a minimum. If a team cannot hold the required amount of players, the team will be dissolved. Full commitment to our sports teams is expected.

Uniforms and Transportation

Uniforms for all competitive teams will be provided. Please help your athlete take proper care of it. If it is not returned in proper condition, your family will be responsible for replacing it.

The parents are responsible for the child's transportation to practices and games in the area. For longer trips ISS will provide transportation to the Host Schools.

Obligations

All athlete parents must submit the online Commitment and Medical Form once a team is selected. It is critical that all allergies, medical conditions, and required medications are noted on this form. The coach will carry this form to all competitions.

Academic Eligibility

Athletes are expected to maintain their academic standings while participating in the sports program. The following procedures are intended to assist athletes in this endeavour.

- Teachers will notify the Athletic Director of all athletes who maintain lower than a 3 in their class

-The AD. will inform the coach who will then speak to the athlete about his or her academic work and any other associated problems. The coach will then consult with the AD.

- The athlete will attend a meeting with the principal and the AD to determine what change in the student's level of athletic participation will help improve his or her academic standing. Each athlete will be treated on a "case by case" basis. Remedies may range from no action to withdrawal from the team. It is recognized that it can be detrimental to withdraw an athlete from a team and that his or her academic work may actually suffer as a consequence. In some cases athletes will not be allowed to miss days of school to participate in athletics, therefore missing away trips.

- If there are to be severe sanctions, the athlete's parent will be required to attend a meeting with the principal and AD to discuss the student's welfare.

Attendance Regulations for GISST Teams

- All athletes must attend all classes the day before an away trip for the entire day of school. Otherwise they might not travel the next day.

-All athletes must attend all classes the day of a game until the designated time of departure in case of an away game. An athlete absent from school is not eligible to participate in the competition.

- Athletes suspended from school may not participate in practices or competitions.

Travel

Travel arrangements for ISS Athletes are made by the Athletic Department.

Details and emergency contact numbers are provided to the athletes prior to the trip. Parents who do not receive this information can contact the Athletics Department. Athletes must travel to games and tournaments with the teams but can return with parents if prior arrangements are made with the coach.

Travel arrangements are made so as to minimize time away from School, ISS Students are expected to represent ISS in a positive manner during trips.

While traveling, ISS athletes are expected to pay for their own lunches and souvenirs. Breakfast and Dinner will be provided in the Hotel/Hostel during their stay.

Parents are always encouraged to attend sporting events at ISS, even the away games. Directions to all destinations can be obtained by the Athletics Department.

