

# Semiahmoo Thunderbirds Athletics

## Student-Athlete Code of Conduct



### Academic Standards

- **Since schoolwork is the first priority, student-athletes are expected to maintain an acceptable academic standard based on their ability. This is case-by-case basis and is monitored closely by coaches with routine check-ins. They are student-athletes and not “athlete-students”.**
- **Student-athletes with a failing grade will be ineligible for participation in the athletic program and will be placed on academic-athletic probation.**
  - A meeting will take place between the Athletic Director, student, and parent/guardian before the student-athlete may be permitted to participate again. Once more, this is a case-by-case basis.
    - If possible, the teacher will be present or the teacher’s insights, data, and observations will be collected and brought to the meeting and, if they cannot attend, the results/action plan of the meeting will be shared with the teacher afterwards.

## Attendance in Class

- **Student-athletes must be in attendance on the day of a game to be eligible to play, unless the absences have been pre-approved by the coach (or if it is a parent-excused absence for a legitimate reason).** If this is the case, students should be speaking to coaches BEFORE, not having coaches come track down students and initiating the conversation. Coaches do not have time for this, nor should they have to make time for this; this is a vital life skill for our student-athletes to learn to be proactive and effective communicators.
  - Early dismissals are to be respected, and student-athletes must dismiss at the time designated by the coaches, meaning student-athletes are NOT to “make up” their own early-dismissal time. Athletes are responsible for any work that is missed.
    - Early dismissal times are communicated by coaches/Athletic Director to all staff.
- A teacher does not have to grant an early dismissal if they feel the student-athlete is not working to their academic standard and/or is disruptive. In this instance, the coach(es) and Athletic Director will defer to the teachers’ decision.

## Team Participation

- **Student-athletes are expected to attend all practices and games unless absences have been arranged with the coach. Again, the absence should be a legitimate absence and discussed BEFORE, NOT AFTER.**
- Student-athletes also need to understand that, even with an excused/valid absence, team dynamics are always shifting, and it may impact their role on the team.
- Appointments should be scheduled around practices and games whenever possible. If not, then the coach should be notified well in advance.
- It is understood that lack of attendance at practices and/or games may affect playing time and/or the ability to remain on the team’s roster, in extreme cases.

## Citizenship

- **As a member of the Semiahmoo Athletic Department, a student-athlete is expected to model exemplary behavior both on and off the playing field/court.**
  - Student-athletes are expected to be leaders on and off the court (especially in and around our school community).

- Student-athletes are expected to be positive role models (especially more senior players to junior players).

**The following behaviour is unacceptable and may result in student-athletes being removed from the team/teams/athletics program:**

- The use of profanity, especially directed toward other students/players, adults, coaches, or officials.
  - Physical violence towards other students/players, adults, coaches, or officials.
  - Lack of fair play against the spirit of competition and rules.
  - Any prejudice/discriminatory comment or deed.
  - The use of alcohol or drugs.
  - Suspension from school for any reason.
  - Poor academic standards and work habits.
  - **Should a player withdraw from a team without valid reason (once they have made the team/once tryouts have concluded), the player may not be able to play another sport for ONE FULL CALENDAR YEAR, due to a lack of trust from Semiahmoo athletics and ethical concerns that the student-athlete would not also withdraw from another team/sport/coach.**
    - **Any fees owing/apparel ordered, and outstanding costs associated, are the sole responsibility of the withdrawn student. These fees must be paid in full before participation in another sport/team can occur (not limited to the current athletic/school year).**

## **Athletic Fee(s)/Forms**

**An athletic fee is required from all athletes to help cover the cost of the program which may include tournament entry fees, uniforms, referees, transportation, playoff expenses, etc.** The athletic fee for volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, rugby, soccer, and golf are \$125. The athletic fee for all other sports is \$75. The fee is payable prior to the first game unless other arrangements have been made. Fees are to be paid online on SchoolCashOnline.

- **A complete breakdown of athletic fees and where/how to pay them can be found here: <http://www.semiahmooathletics.ca/athletic-policies--faqs.html>**
  - **The student-athlete online registration form must be completed prior to your first game. The form can be found on the athletics website under “Athletic Forms” here: <http://www.semiahmooathletics.ca/athletic-forms.html>**
  - **Student-athletes are unable to participate in any game play until all fees are paid (or communication around payment has been established/payment plan in effect) and registration is completed.**

## Athletic Fees:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>Fall Season</b>		
Aquatics	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Cross Country	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Soccer (Boys)	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Volleyball	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
<b>Winter Season</b>		
Basketball	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Table Tennis	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Wrestling	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
<b>Spring Season</b>		
Badminton	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Golf	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Rugby	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Soccer (Girls)	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Tennis	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Track and Field	\$75	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.
Ultimate Frisbee	\$125	There may be additional cost if the team orders personalized team apparel.

## School and Teams Responsibilities

- In most cases, teams are chosen following well-advertised tryouts. More information on tryouts can be found here: <http://www.semiahmooathletics.ca/tryout-datesinfo.html>
  - All students in good academic standing are eligible to tryout for a team.

- **The choosing of team members is the sole responsibility of the coach(es).**
- **Club has ZERO bearing and influence on who makes teams, regardless of sport or gender. Semiahmoo ≠ club.**
- Playing time is the sole responsibility of the coach(es), with exceptions to grade 8 leagues with “Fair Play” models in place, such as grade 8 boys/girls basketball and volleyball – only for league games.
- **Uniforms/jerseys are the property of the Semiahmoo Athletic Department. They must be returned (cleaned) within one week following the last competition of the season. Failure to comply will result in the athlete being responsible for the full replacement value.**
- Once more, more information on this can be found here:  
<http://www.semiahmooathletics.ca/athletic-policies--faqs.html>
- **A student-athlete may not participate in a future Semiahmoo athletic program if they have outstanding fees or have failed to return a uniform/jersey.**
- **Participation in the Semiahmoo Athletic Program is a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes must respect and adhere to the policies outlined in this document as well as the governing bodies of secondary athletics, which includes The Surrey Secondary Schools Athletic Association, the South Fraser Athletic Association, and British Columbia School Sports.**

*Please read and discuss the information in this document. If you agree, sign the online registration form and pay the necessary fees.*

**Lastly, please complete the following ASAP:**

1. Go to the Semiahmoo Athletics website: [www.semiahmooathletics.ca](http://www.semiahmooathletics.ca)
2. Go to "Info for Student-Athletes" and go to “Athletic Forms”.
3. Complete the Online Student-Athlete registration form
4. Pay athletic fees online prior to the first league game.