

Screaming Eagles Varsity Club

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

BYLAWS

NAME

The committee shall be known as the **Varsity Club**

PURPOSE

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) of the Ashley High School serves a three-fold purpose, and it is as follows:

- To promote and enhance communication between the Ashley Athletic Department Administration and the student athlete.
- To embellish the quality of student-athlete life at Ashley through implementing programs that encourages academic success, health, and community awareness such as the Exemplary Student Athlete Program.
- To encourage student-athlete participation in various programs and events developed within the athletic department, and facilitate further involvement in the SAAC by potential candidates.
- Promote positive relationships between student-athletes and the staff and faculty of Ashley High School and the residents of this community.
- Assist in the implementation of programs that will promote a positive image of interscholastic athletics and the student-athlete.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the SAAC will be composed of two members from each of the 13 varsity sports at Ashley. Both members may not be seniors, and one must be of sophomore standing or higher. Each pair of representatives is responsible to be the liaison between their respective team and the SAAC. Each member of the SAAC has the opportunity to serve as a voice for all student-athletes. Each member has an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills through the AHS SAAC and NCHSAA.

QUALIFICATIONS

Requirements for participation in the Ashley SAAC are: to maintain academic eligibility throughout the course of the school term, to adhere and support the said purposes of the SAAC, and to attend the monthly meeting of the committee unless previously excused.

ELECTIONS

Elections are to be held within each varsity team prior to the last SAAC meeting of the school year. Coaches are responsible to either choose representatives autonomously, or conduct an election from which each varsity team will nominate two representatives. These two representatives are to be present at the last

SAAC meeting of the year in order to meet their fellow committee members and to become acquainted with their individual duties.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee will be composed of the Ashley Athletic Director, and three officers that will be elected at the first meeting of each new school year.

PRESIDENT: Shall preside over all Advisory Council and Executive Board meetings, shall act as a representative for the SAAC, and shall perform various other official duties as they arise.

VICE PRESIDENT: Shall act in the absence of the President and shall chair the by-laws and Constitutions committee.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Shall be responsible for taking active minutes at each meeting. Responsibilities shall also lie in organizing the committees and keeping all accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures.

MEETINGS

- A regular meeting shall be held once a month. The first meeting should occur no later than the third week of the academic semester.
- A monthly meeting date shall be voted at the first meeting and shall stand for one semester only.
- The Secretary shall take roll before each meeting.
- Any and all fund-raising activities will follow athletic fund-raising procedures and must be granted written approval by the Council's advisor.

AMENDMENTS

All Amendments to by-laws must be passed by a 2/3 vote of active membership.

RESPONSIBILITIES

SAAC members are responsible for all of the following:

Attending ALL SAAC Meetings (once monthly)

- Reporting all information back to your teammates and coaches
- Voicing all the concerns of your teammates and coaches to the SAAC
- Act in a variety of capacities to enhance the overall athletics experience
- Update the SAAC on your team's results and upcoming events
- Working with your coach on the selection of future SAAC members
- Support your fellow student-athletes
- Promote all sports and the Athletics Department in a positive light
- Serve as a role model (Character) to your teammates and the community

SAAC GOALS

- Minutes/ Distribution
- Athletics Council Involvement

- Community Service Activity/per semester
- Campus Activity/per semester
- Speakers for Promotions
- Sportsmanship and Character Initiatives
- Eagles Respect

THE EXEMPLARY STUDENT-ATHLETE (ESA) PROGRAM

The SAAC is committed to advocating and pursuing individually the goals and standards set up through the ESA program. As elected members to a committee representing the student-athletes, it is the role of the SAAC representative to become part of the program and encourage other to do so as well. The values of academic achievement, pursuit of athletic excellence, leadership and character development, community involvement, and freedom from substance abuse are in direct correlation with the stated values of the SAAC at Ashley and are therefore an integral part of the committee's existence.

*These bylaws are considered to be a living document and reserve the right to be added to or amended as the need may arise.