

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

FOR PRIMARY & BACH STUDENT ATHLETES

Sport is a vital part of all student life here at the Anglo. Life's important lessons such as victory; and being part of a team are learned on the field, court or athletic track. The purpose of the Handbook is to help guide both students and parents through the policies of the Anglo athletic program. Please take the time to read the handbook and it should answer any questions that may arise.

Sporting Organisation

The Anglo is a longtime member of UNCOLI (Union de Colegio Internacionales). The purpose of the UNCOLI is to provide a venue for athletes and participants from the member schools to compete in an environment that is safe, challenging, professional, and educational. Each athlete/participant is given the opportunity to demonstrate his or her best ability while maintaining a spirit of respect and cooperation with fellow athletes/participants from various backgrounds. There are 23 member schools which compete in a wide range of activities and sporting events. This organization arranges a variety of championship competitions in three separate seasons for participating schools.

There are five levels of competition. They are arranged in the following age appropriate categories starting in August 2009-2010

Benjamins	2000 and younger
Pre-infantil	98-99
Infantil	96-97
Juvenil	94-95
Mayores	91-92-93

The Anglo offers the following sporting opportunities to their students: Athletics, Basketball, Chess, Football, Gymnastics, and Volleyball.

Eligibility and Participation

Primary students – To be eligible to participate on Anglo Primary sports teams students must have on file with the Primary Athletic Director, Jaime Melo an *Athletic Participation Form*, must be in good academic and behaviour standing, and fulfill the age requirement for the levels of competitions.

Bach students - To be eligible to participate on Anglo Bach sports teams students must have on file with the Bach Athletic Co-ordinator, Jose Danilo Correa an *Athletic Participation Form*, must be in good academic and behaviour standing, and fulfill the age requirement for the levels of competition. Upon coaches discretion the coach may select student athletes who are younger to compete at a higher level of competition (for example a player who is born in 94 can play for Mayores)

Commitment to Excellence

When a student participates on an Anglo sports team he/she is a representative of our school, with that come certain commitments to excellence, for example, sportsmanship, academic standing, trust, respect, leadership, and team spirit. By being accepted on teams, students are making a commitment to excellence in the above areas. This commitment extends to their teammates, their coach, and the school throughout the season.

Try-outs and Sign ups

Before each sporting season Bach students are required to sign up for the respective teams, students must be signed up before a coach will allow them to practice or try-out for the team. There will be a period of one week in which all interested students will have the opportunity to try out for respective Anglo teams. These try outs serve the ultimate purpose in showcasing students athletes talents and commitment to the team and sport. After this try out period the coach will select his/her team based on athletic ability, commitment to team and coach, and respect towards the sports program. All coaches' decisions are final and must be respected. Primary students need to sign up before each sport season, but can sign up for teams the first week of each month. Try-outs will also be required for Primary students. Please note the following maximum limits on participants for these sports: Gymnastics (each level) 20 students and Football (Benjamins and Pre-Infantil) 22 students.

Practices

All Anglo sports teams will practice two days a week, or according to coaches' discretion. These practices could be arranged before school (5:30-7:00) and/or after school (Bach 2:15-4:15 and Primary from 3:45-4:45) for days, times and venues please refer to the practice timetable in the school's web site (Uncoli section). To be successfully individually and as a team, team members should attend all practice sessions and games. Anyone who cannot attend a practice or game must tell his/her coach 48 hours before the absence or he/she will not participate in a team's upcoming game/s. Academics (projects and exams) and family emergencies will be the only acceptable reasons to miss practices. Students should arrange alternate transport or can take the late transportation that is provided by the school.

Calendar of events

Attached to this Handbook is an *Athletic Events Calendar*, this calendar includes important events, and dates, such as, start of each sport season, championship games, and special events. It however, does not include game dates for each Anglo sports teams, those dates are seen on each teams' respective game schedule

Game Schedules

At the beginning of each sporting season, student athletes will receive a game schedule from their respective coach. This game schedule will show all games home and away, venue and starting time. This schedule should be kept in a safe place, if lost; the student athlete should be responsible to tell his/her coach, so they can receive a new one. In the case of schedule changes, each coach will inform respective team members in due time.

Web site

Student athletes, parents and coaches can keep track of the happenings of all Anglo teams on the schools website (www.anglocolombiano.edu.co) This site will provide important information pertaining to the Athletic Department (including this handbook, and respective athletic department forms, results, schedules and team pictures)

Uniforms

All sport teams uniforms will be purchased by the Anglo parents at the beginning of each sport season. The amount will be announced during the 1st sporting season. The uniform fee will be paid to administration at the beginning of the season. The student athletes will be responsible for the uniform, and its upkeep. Uniforms are not to be worn for gym classes or practices they are strictly for competitions.

Recognition

All student athletes will have the opportunity to attend school wearing jeans in the case that their team has, or themselves (for individual sports) have ended in 1st place in any Uncoli competition..

Transportation to and from games and practices

The Anglo provides transportation for all Anglo sporting events and practices. This is organized by the Anglo Athletic Department through the Transportation office. Sports teams use school transport to and from all away games (up to at least 2 buses provide transport to each student athletes home) Transport home is also arranged for teams whose games are at the Anglo. For all team practices late transportation is provided except for Friday. Student athletes wishing to drive to sporting events away from the Anglo must have written permission from their parents and present this to their respective coach and to the Athletic Director. This **driving privilege** is extended only to student athletes' in years ten and eleven.

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

It is highly proven that alcohol, drugs and tobacco have tremendous negative affects on the body. As a member of any Anglo sport team it is strictly prohibited to take part in any activity with those substances while representing the Anglo on school and UNCOLI sponsored events. Any student athlete to be found under the influence of illegal substances will be automatically dismissed from the team.

Team Rules and Expectations

Each coach is responsible in stating at the beginning of each season respective rules and expectations to his/her respective teams. These rules and expectations will last for the duration of the season. These rules are supplements and additions to the guidelines of this handbook, and must be respected, if not, it may result in suspension for practices and games, and with continuous problems the student athlete may be dismissed from the team. All decisions regarding the abovementioned will be final and will be carried out after a meeting with the player, coach, parents, and Athletic Director.