

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has expressed a desire to participate in our interscholastic sport program. It is important that you and your son/daughter understand the goals of the program and agree to abide by the rules established by the district for the benefit of those who participate both as players and as students.

1. All participants must receive a physical examination by a school physician prior to the start of practice. We will make these arrangements on a team basis and your son/daughter will be notified when and where this will be administered. Students who fail to report for a school sponsored physical will have to be examined by their private physician at their family's expense. Please consult your physician regarding your son/daughter's protection against tetanus.
2. While the coaching staff and other responsible school officials will do everything within reason to protect your son/daughter against injury, including the provision for appropriate equipment, safe facilities and training designed to reduce the impact of accidents, injuries will occur and on a very rare occasion may be serious and disabling. If you are concerned about this possibility you should discuss it with your son/daughter's coach.
3. School insurance for the medical treatment of sport related injuries is applicable only after the parents' health insurance, if any, has been used. It is a scheduled excess coverage and generally will not pay the full cost of treatment. Any injury must be reported to the coach immediately as to initiate an accident report which will be filled out by the coach and nurse/athletic trainer and kept on file. Parents shall, for any charges in excess of all final payments under other policy attach a copy of all benefits paid or a copy of rejection of benefits. Claims not filed within one year from time of injury cannot be considered for payment.
4. Within the first three team meetings the coach will explain the attendance and training rules as well as eligibility rules for participation. In addition to the strict observance of these rules, your son/daughter will be expected to continue to meet all regular school obligations of citizenship and academic achievement. In order to maintain an environment for safe participation in our interscholastic program, student athletes that miss regularly scheduled practices and/or games will be required to practice an equal number of days before they are permitted to participate in the next interscholastic contest.
5. Not all students who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics may be able to do so. The size of a team is limited by the availability of space, equipment and coaches. Cuts will be made, when necessary, on the basis of skill, readiness for competition and observance of the rules.
6. School equipment issued to your son/daughter for participation is his or her responsibility and must be returned within seven days of the team's last athletic contest. Reimbursement from the athlete's parent/guardian will be expected for loss or destruction of equipment beyond ordinary wear and tear. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the athlete being suspended from further interscholastic athletic participation.
7. An athlete is expected to be a good school citizen i.e. punctually attending all classes each day of the week, attending school the day of practice or games and respecting school property and equipment. Students absent from school may not practice or participate in games that day or evening unless the principal has excused the student in advance. A student must arrive in school before 10:00 A.M. to be eligible for participation.
8. Possession of or the use of smoking items, alcoholic beverages, or misuse of drugs and school property will not be tolerated. Removal from the team for the remainder of the season is the recommended disciplinary action for violation of the rule on alcohol and drug use. It is also recommended that: Students guilty of stealing will be referred for additional disciplinary action to the Nassau County Police Department.
9. Violations reported to the coach by other coaches, faculty members or team members would result in disciplinary action.
10. A student athlete is expected to know and to follow the Code of Conduct for athletes.

Minimum Penalty: The athlete may be suspended from the next scheduled contest(s) but may attend all practices, and will do any extra work assigned by the coach.

Maximum Penalty: Violations considered to be of a flagrant nature, may mean dismissal from the squad for the remainder of the season.

*An Athletics Ethics Committee will be established in each of the secondary schools for review of disciplinary situations.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES- Parent/Student Copy

Any student athlete who participates in interscholastic sports should recognize that they have an obligation to themselves, their teammates and to the school community to strive for excellence. It is the hope that participation in athletics will enable the athlete to learn and exercise sportsmanship and mature judgment. Thus, the student athlete is expected to:

-UNDERSTAND AND ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GAME AND RESPECT THE INTEGRITY AND JUDGEMENT OF THE OFFICIALS

-UNDERSTAND AND ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE EAST MEADOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

-CONDUCT THEMSELVES AS LADIES AND GENTLEMAN AT ALL TIMES

-USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND REFRAIN FROM CRUDE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR GESTURE IN DEALING WITH COACHES, TEAMMATES, OPPONENTS, OFFICIALS AND/OR SPECTATORS

-ACCEPT VICTORY WITH GRACE AND DEFEAT WITH DIGNITY WHILE EXERCISING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

-SET EXAMPLE OF GOOD CHARACTER IN WORD AND DEED, BOTH ON AND OFF THE PLAYING FIELD

-OBSERVE TRAINING REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS FOR BETTER PERSONAL PERFORMANCE AND GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM EFFORT

-PLACE ATHLETIC COMPETITION IN ITS PERSPECTIVE; IT REPRESENTS ONLY ONE PART OF THE LEARNING PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED TO THE EXCLUSION OF EVERYTHING ELSE

-UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE AND SHOULD BE VALUED

-UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATIONS SUCH AS: POSSESSION OF OR THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OR DRUGS, GAMBLING, SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DAMAGING SCHOOL PROPERTY ARE UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

-REFRAIN FROM ANY FORM OF HAZING OR RIGHTS OF INITIATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, TO INCLUDE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS. STUDENTS AGREE NOT TO HAZE OR BE HAZED. STUDENTS THAT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF HAZING INCIDENTS MUST REPORT THEM TO A COACH, ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR, OR ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE SCHOOL OFFICIAL

PUPIL BENEFITS PLAN AND INJURY REPORTING

The East Meadow School District maintains a program of accident insurance from all students participating in the interscholastic program. The basic philosophy of the Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. is to assist the parents with medical expenses. This policy is only in excess of those benefits payable under the family and/or employer policy. Listen below are the necessary procedures that must be followed if an athlete is injured:

1. Report the injury to the coach immediately
2. Report the injury to the nurse's office to initiate the accident report.
3. File all medical and hospital claims with your own insurance carrier promptly.
4. Parents shall, for any charges in excess of all final payments under other policy(s), attach:
copy of all benefits paid, or a copy of rejection benefits
5. Claims, including all charges, not filed within 1 year from time of injury cannot be considered for payment.

UNIFORM AGREEMENT POLICY

This is to certify that your son/daughter is responsible for all uniforms and equipment issued to him/her during the season of Interscholastic Participation. If any property is lost or unnecessarily damaged, the athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are held responsible for financial reimbursement to the East Meadow School District. Failure to reimburse the District for lost or damaged athletic equipment may result in the athlete not being permitted to participate further in the Interscholastic Program.

NOTE: ALL UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO YOU BY THE EAST MEADOW SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF YOUR LAST ATHLETIC CONTEST. FAILURE TO MEET THIS OBLIGATION MAY RESULT IN THE ATHLETE BEING SUSPENDED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC PROGRAM.

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IMPORTANT

This is an extremely important and educationally sound Code of Conduct that recognizes the importance of good citizenship, sportsmanship, self-respect, mature judgment, as well as mutual respect that should serve as a corner stone for the character and fabric for athletes and athletic programs at the middle school and high school levels.

We ask that you sign below and keep the Code of Conduct for Athletes visible in your home as a continual reminder that participation in athletics is a privilege and that the experience should be valued. Please discuss the importance of the Code of Conduct with your son or daughter and help us reinforce these positive behaviors with them.

Thank you for your support.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____ Student Signature _____

Please be sure to sign BOTH sides of this form and return it to the coach.

ATHLETE:

I understand that I will be required to abide by team, school and applicable association rules in order to maintain my eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Athletes.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sport: _____ Date of Birth: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I have read the information in the attached letter and the Code of Conduct. I understand both the risks of injury to, and the responsibilities of my child while participating in the interscholastic athletic program. I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in:

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

*We hope your son/daughter will have a successful and rewarding athletic experience. Your support and encouragement of your child will contribute to that success.

This document must be completed and returned to the coach prior to the start of athletic participation. In addition, before participation a physical and medical update must be on file in the health office.