

STUDENT ATHLETIC CONTRACT HAVERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Philosophy

Interscholastic athletics supplement and support the academic mission of the school and assist students in their growth and development. We want Haverford students to value their health and wellness and this contract is a reminder of our expectations towards that goal. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Dedication, desire, teamwork, effort, goals and commitment and good citizenship are essential personal characteristics, which are necessary for an athlete to successfully participate on any team. The goal of the athletic department is to nurture these traits. In so doing, each athlete should develop a sense of pride in herself/himself, the school and community. In order to assist the athlete to achieve these goals, the following "Athletic Policies" must be understood and agreed to between the school, student athlete, and the parents.

The School District of Haverford High School is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (P.I.A.A) and applies the rules outlined in the P.I.A.A. Constitution and the guidelines in Board Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities.

A. Academics

To be eligible for athletic competition a student must be passing a minimum of two full credit courses. Grades will be reported weekly and a student is not passing a minimum of two full credit courses the student will be ineligible for the week. Any student who is not passing a minimum of two full credit courses at the end of a marking period will be ineligible for three weeks (15 school days).

B. Attendance

Student athletes are expected to be in school on time everyday. A student is required to be in school by 10:46 in order to participate in practice or a game. If a student is repeatedly late the student may be ineligible to participate in sports after school. Students may not participate on the day a student has detention, out of school suspension, is completing a probationary period or has an early dismissal due to illness. Exceptions will be made if the student has an approved medical or educational excuse scheduled prior to the date of absence. If a student is absent on a day prior to a non school day, the student will have to present to the coach a parent or guardian note explaining the reason for the absence prior to participation in the event.

C. Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs

Use and/or possession of alcohol or narcotics or illegal controlled substances of any kind, at any time or place (24/7) is strictly prohibited and may result in a suspension from athletic activities. The 1st Offense will allow for denial of participation in and attendance at athletic events including practices for a period of 10 school days beginning on the day the athletic department applies discipline to the student. Return to the team following a suspension will occur in coordination with a referral to the H.E.A.R.T. for counseling. A second offense during an athletic school year could result in a 30 day suspension from the team for the current sports season. Additional offenses may result in removal from the team.

D. Criminal Offenses.

Students charged with and/or convicted of criminal offenses involving activities or behavior which in the judgment of the Administration and coaches represent a threat to the health, safety or morale of the student or other students on the team during a season may be suspended up to ten (10) days for a first offense and removed from the team for second or subsequent offenses, upon a determination that the student more likely than not engaged in the activities/behavior alleged or similar objectionable behavior.

E. Hazing

A person is guilty of hazing when, in the course of another student's entry into or affiliation with any team or club, she/he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a risk of physical injury, emotional harm and/or creates excessive and/or intentionally cruel intimidation. Any form of "initiation or hazing" is prohibited. Athletes who violate the "hazing" rule will be subject to discipline under Board Policy 248 Unlawful

Harassment, the student discipline code and are subject to removal from the team along with possible criminal referral.

E. Code of Student Conduct

Participation in an athletic event, practice, games and travel to and from school are considered an extension of the school day and therefore all behavior is governed by the student code of conduct. Violations of the Student Code of Behavior that occur during athletic events will be disciplined by grade level Principals as if they were a classroom action. Unsportsmanlike behavior and any actions noted by the PIAA will result in a minimum suspension as outlined by the PIAA with an option of additional discipline as determined by the Athletic Department and Principal.

F. Team Rules

All students are required to travel to and from events in District supplied Transportation, exceptions are to be reviewed on an individual basis prior to the event. Coaches will establish and inform students of individual team rules, regarding practice and team expectations.

SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED TO INDICATE YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT. THIS MUST BE RETURNED BY STUDENTS TO THEIR COACHES.

HHS Athletic Policy Agreement Form

I, (The Athlete) _____ have read and understand the athletic policies, rules, regulations and the Student Athletic Contract of Haverford High School and agree to abide by their terms that have been displayed. I also understand that this contract is in effect for the entire school year and applies to the current and subsequent athletic seasons. By signing the contract, I will be responsible for my actions in and out of the school. I also agree to sign a Declaration each sport season indicating that I have signed and read the student code of conduct.

Athlete's Signature

Date

Sport

Grade

I, (The Parent) _____ have read and understand the athletic policies of Haverford High School and agree to abide by the standards that are set for both myself and that of my child. By signing this form, I will be responsible for the actions of myself and of my child. I also understand that as an adult I am a role model for other individuals around me at sporting events and agree to conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner at all times at both home and away events. I also understand that it is a privilege to watch my child participate in an athletic event and can be asked to remove myself from an event if I cannot abide by the expectations of the District and the PIAA regarding good sportsmanship.

Parent Signature

Date

Sport

Grade