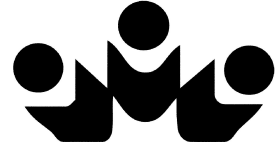


Student: _____ School: _____



Helmet Manufacturer & Model: _____

Privately purchased helmets may only be used under the following requirements:

1. Type of helmet permitted

- a. Standards: If a parent/guardian chooses to provide a privately purchased helmet, it must be certified as meeting National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards and must meet required safety standards as District issued helmets, which is a five-star rating under the Virginia Tech Helmet Ratings.

<https://www.beam.vt.edu/helmet/varsity-lacrosse-helmet-ratings.html>

- b. Subject to acceptance/rejection: Only helmets that are accepted by the District (such as by trained coaching staff) may be used; the District reserves the right to reject a privately purchased helmet at any time if the District determines in its sole discretion that the helmet does not meet the District's standards for safety, fit, or for any other reason.

2. Purchase of helmet

- a. Purchase: Privately purchased helmets must be new, with original packaging and certificate of authenticity, and purchased directly from a manufacturer or authorized dealer; helmets that are purchased used, second-hand, or from an unauthorized seller will not be accepted. The school athletic department will maintain copies of the certificate of authenticity.
- b. Fit: The parent/guardian is solely responsible for purchasing the correct fit of a privately purchased helmet for their student-athlete. Please review manufacturer fit guidelines carefully and consult with the manufacturer as needed.
- c. Concurrent with the purchase of the helmet, the parent/guardian is responsible for purchasing replacement parts that may be reasonably necessary during the course of the season. Chin straps, facemask clips, and other items on a helmet may break or wear out during the season. Parents/guardians and student-athletes are cautioned that if a privately purchased helmet is damaged or otherwise rejected for use during a game, a school-issued helmet may not be immediately available to enable the student-athlete to continue playing in the game.
- c. Acceptance of helmet: The parent/guardian will present the privately purchased helmet and replacement parts to coaching staff with original packing, certificate of authenticity, and proof of purchase to District coaching staff at the school where the student-athlete is enrolled for review, copying of the certificate and proof of purchase, and acceptance of use. The school athletic department will maintain copies of the documents.
- d. Replacement: The District is not responsible for the cost of replacing a privately purchased helmet or any of its parts, including if the helmet is damaged or rejected for use by the District at any time for any reason.

3. Possession, care, and maintenance of helmet

- a. Personal property: Privately purchased helmets will remain the personal property and responsibility of the parent/guardian and student-athlete.
- b. Approved uses only: During the student-athlete's entire playing career, once a helmet has been approved for use in District athletics, it may not be used outside of school-sanctioned activities (such as for outside camps, combines, or other off-season activities) without prior written approval by athletic director at the school where the student-athlete is enrolled.
- c. Notice of damage or unapproved use: If a privately purchased helmet is damaged or used without prior approval outside of school-sanctioned activities, the parent/guardian or student athlete will notify District coaching staff at the school where the student-athlete is enrolled immediately and provide the helmet to the coaching staff for inspection.
- d. Reconditioning and recertification: The parent/guardian is solely responsible for ensuring the reconditioning and recertification of privately purchased helmets (including the associated costs) pursuant to the following requirements:
 - i. Privately purchased helmets must be reconditioned and recertified at the request of District coaching staff, according to the manufacturer's guidelines, or every year (whichever occurs first).
 - ii. Recondition and recertification must be completed by the helmet manufacturer or other member of the National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association (NAERA).
 - iii. The parent/guardian will provide District coaching staff at the school where the student-athlete is enrolled with proof of recondition and recertification before a privately purchased helmet is re-accepted for use. The school athletic department shall maintain copies of proof of recertification.

4. Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless.

- a. The undersigned parent/guardian and student-athlete acknowledge and understand that while lacrosse helmets play an important role in protecting athletes, no helmet prevents all head injuries or concussions and no helmet is concussion-proof, and that head injuries can and do occur, notwithstanding the use of a helmet.
- b. The undersigned parent/guardian and student-athlete acknowledge and understand that the parent/guardian is solely responsible for purchasing the helmet, for purchasing the appropriate fit of helmet, for purchasing designated replacement parts, for notifying the District of any damage or unapproved use of the helmet, and for the reconditioning and recertification of the helmet, including all associated costs.
- c. The undersigned parent/guardian and student-athlete acknowledge and understand that using a privately purchased helmet involves certain risk of injury, damages, or harm, assume all risks of any injuries, damage, or harm which may arise from the use of a privately purchased helmet, and voluntarily agree to waive, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the District from any and all injuries, damages, losses, or claims that may arise from the use of a privately purchased helmet to the fullest extent allowed under Washington law.

d. The undersigned parent/guardian and student-athlete further acknowledge and understand that if at any point the coaching staff in its sole discretion determines that the helmet is not fit for use, regardless of whether it was originally approved by the coaching staff for use, then the helmet may not be worn or used in any District lacrosse program until any and all problems are remedied to the satisfaction of the coaching staff, in its sole discretion.

I have read and understand the foregoing and execute this voluntarily:

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student Signature Date

Acknowledgement of receipt of request*:

School Administrator/Coach Signature Date

*Acknowledgment does not confirm acceptance of a privately purchased helmet