

# NICHOLS UPPER SCHOOL

## Contract Sport Policy

A Contract Sport is defined as an athletic activity or experience, outside Nichols School, that is not available on a regular basis to the Nichols School student body. It is usually taken for credit in lieu of membership on an athletic team. Participation in a Contract Sport is limited to a maximum of one sport season per year and must have prior approval by the Associate Director of Athletics.

### **Rationale:**

As part of Nichols School mission, our athletics and physical education programs are committed to the physical and social development of all our students to prepare them for leadership, life-long learning and service to the community. We feel it is essential for them to learn self-esteem, cooperation with faculty and peers, responsibility for self and to others, and a commitment to Nichols' community through an introduction to and participation in appropriate Nichols sponsored programs. As contract sports occur outside the Nichols community, opportunities are limited.

### **Procedure:**

A student wishing to enroll in a Contract Sport for credit must make an appointment with the Athletic Department at least two weeks in advance of the season to discuss his/her area of interest. Consideration of this request will be determined by the following factors:

1. The program is not regularly offered by Nichols School
2. The time commitment must be comparable instruction and competition to regular team participation at Nichols. **6 hours per week**
3. The program **MUST BE** competitive within the approved season.
4. A review of the credentials of the instructor(s) of the Contract Sport must be conducted.
5. The student applying must be in good standing academically.
6. In the 2019-20 academic year, a contract sport will be considered for, but not limited to: Figure Skating, Swimming, Horseback Riding, Skiing, Gymnastics and Fencing.

**\*\*Please Note:** A student approved for Contract Sport will be excused from school due to competition for maximum 7 school days. Further competition will need approval. A student approved for Contract Sport will not be excused from school to attend a practice session.

A student must complete the Contract Sport Application (available from the Associate Athletic Director). The student is responsible for the certifying Contract Sport instructor completing the Contract Sport Application, Accreditation and Evaluation Forms by prescribed deadlines.

If a student is going to try out for a team sport at Nichols, but is not sure they are going to make the team they should **APPLY NOW** for a contract sport. Therefore, they will be all set with the application if they do indeed get cut from another team.

**NICHOLS UPPER SCHOOL**  
**CONTRACT SPORT APPLICATION**  
2019-20

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Sport Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive dates from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Days and times you will be participating:

M \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ TH \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_ SUN \_\_\_\_\_

Site of Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the proposed activity and explain why you are making this request:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following due dates are very important for contract sports participants:

Contract sport applications received:	Approved by:	Evaluation form due:
Fall betw. 6/2019–9/4/19	9/9/19	Friday, 11/1/19
Winter by Fri., 11/1/19	11/8/19	Friday, 2/28/20
Spring by Fri., 3/6/20	3/13/20	Friday, 5/29/20

If a contract sport is granted it will be for a maximum of ***1 sport season per year.***

I have read and understand the Contract Sport Policy. I understand that a completed Contract Sport Evaluation Form (returned to the Athletic Office) is necessary to receive credit towards graduation. If an evaluation form is not received on time, credit towards graduation for that sport season will not be awarded.

***NOTE:*** *In the event that my family has elected not to be covered by Nichols School Accident Insurance coverage, my parents and I recognize that coverage for any injury will be solely our responsibility and not that of Nichols School.*

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Student/Parent  
Instructor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NICHOLS UPPER SCHOOL CONTRACT SPORT  
ACCREDITATION FORM**

Nichols Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Program to be accredited: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials of Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Philosophy of Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary goals and objectives of program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why should your program be considered for the Nichols School Contract Sports program?**

As instructor of the Nichols Contract Sport, I understand that I am assuming responsibility for instructing and evaluating Nichols School athletes. I will notify Jamie Printz, (716-332-5120) [jprintz@nicholsschool.org](mailto:jprintz@nicholsschool.org) immediately if the above student is not fulfilling his/her requirement of at least six hours of supervised instruction or activity, Monday through Sunday, in the above program.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

# CONTRACT SPORT EVALUATION FORM

(To be completed by Instructor)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the above student on each of the following items with a letter: (E) Excellent, (G) Good, (S) Satisfactory, (P) Poor. Please feel free to comment on any of the following criteria.

**1. Attitude**

Cooperation \_\_\_\_\_  
Willingness to listen \_\_\_\_\_  
Willingness to try new skills \_\_\_\_\_  
Sportsmanship \_\_\_\_\_  
Enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Participation**

In practice \_\_\_\_\_  
In competition \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Performance**

In practice \_\_\_\_\_  
In competition \_\_\_\_\_  
Skill level \_\_\_\_\_  
Honors or Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Attendance**

For practice \_\_\_\_\_  
For competition \_\_\_\_\_  
Usually early, on time or late \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

Does this student deserve to receive a "credit or "no credit" grade for this season based on the criteria above?\_\_\_\_\_. If "no credit" please explain why?

Would you be willing to coach and supervise this student in a contract sport again?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return at the END of the contract season to:  
Jamie Printz - Athletics / Admissions, [jprintz@nicholsschool.org](mailto:jprintz@nicholsschool.org)  
Nichols School, 1250 Amherst Street, Buffalo, NY 14216-3698  
716-332-5120 Fax: 716-332-6315