

## STSD STUDENT-ATHLETE AND PARENT AGREEMENT OF PIAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The student-athlete and parent/guardian must realize that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege and not a right.
2. The student-athlete MUST have a pre-participation physical examination or PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Evaluation (CIPPE) form signed by a physician. A pre-participation physical examination by the school's physician or a family physician is mandatory before a student may participate in interscholastic athletics. The form may not be dated prior to June 1, of the current school year.
3. The student-athlete must be an amateur as determined by PIAA rules and regulations.
4. The student -athlete must not have reached age nineteen (19) before July 1<sup>st</sup>, of the upcoming school year as per PIAA rules and regulations.
5. Student-athletes must meet all academic requirements as determined by the PIAA (Article IX of the "By Laws") and/or Susquehanna Township School District. Athletes are deemed academically ineligible IF they are failing TWO or MORE courses with a grade of 59 or below. The Athletic Director will notify the coaches and the teachers of the student-athlete ineligibility – the notification should go out no later than Saturday afternoon. Weekly ineligibility runs from Sunday to Saturday. Coaches have the direct responsibility of informing athletes and parents of student-athlete ineligibility.

Student-athletes who do not meet the School District standards will not be permitted to participate unless they regularly and successfully attend the district's Academic Assistance Program (AAP). Eligibility is determined on a weekly basis for Susquehanna Township School District standards, as well as at the end of each marking period for the PIAA. **Athletes that fail (2) or more classes at the end of the marking period are ineligible to participate for 15 school days. They may practice, but not play in a games. (PIAA By-Laws. Article X, Curriculum, Section 2 and Section 3.**

**Athletes that have missed (20) or more school days will be ineligible (beginning on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of absence) to participate for 45 school days. They may NOT practice or play in games. (PIAA By-laws: Article III, Section 3, (How Absence Affects Eligibility)**

6. On the day of a PIAA athletic event, the student-athlete must attend school, or he/she will be ineligible to participate on that specific day. If for some reason the student-athlete is not present by the time attendance is taken in homeroom, the student-athlete must report to school no later than 11:00AM. The only exception is an excuse from the doctor's office (original copy), family death, or prior approval from the Athletic Director or Principal. If the student-athlete does not report by 11:00 AM they will be ineligible on that specific day. If a student-athlete is sent home sick, it is important that he/she not participate in a game or practice because of their own health and the health of the other players/opponents. Therefore, if a student-athlete is sent home sick they are to remain at home.
7. If a student-athlete is removed from a game, he/she will automatically be suspended from the next contest per PIAA Guidelines. The Head Coach and Athletic Director shall review the officials' report and determine any additional penalty in conjunction with PIAA assessed penalties. This may include the student-athlete's removal from the team.
8. The Board directs that no student may participate in extracurricular or interscholastic athletics who has **not**: 1) Met the requirements for academic eligibility throughout the school year 2) Attended school regularly, 3) Been in attendance on the day of the event or practice for the hours required 4) Complied with the rules

and requirements of the Student Code of Conduct and Board Policies and administrative regulations related to student discipline (See Board Policy #122 Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics, Section 511, Pol. 218).

11. The student-athlete **MUST** RESIDE IN THE Susquehanna Township School District with a natural or legally adopted parent or guardian. All other student-athletes must be cleared by District III committee before being declared eligible.

**NOTE: Student-athletes living with natural or legally adopted parents who have had several moves between districts may not automatically be eligible. IF A STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATES IN A GAME WITHOUT PROPER DISTRICT III CLEARANCE, THEY MAY CAUSE THE TEAM TO FORFEIT GAMES, AND THE STUDENT-ATHLETE TO BE DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.**

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(Please sign, detach, and hand to Head Coach. By signing this agreement, the Student-athlete and Parent/Guardian agree to abide by PIAA rules and regulations.)

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Student's Signature (sign neatly)	Sports Team	Date
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Parent's Signature		Date

***\* This form must be given directly to the Head Coach before you are permitted to practice. \****