



MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PLEDGE

Student Information

Student Name: _____ **Class of:** _____
(Print) Last Name First Name

This is a pledge that encompasses my career at Munster High School. This pledge covers the entire calendar year, including summer months when school is not in session.

As a student participant in co/extracurricular activities in Munster High School, I recognize and accept the fact that participating in co/extracurricular activities is a privilege, an opportunity for me to make a significant contribution to my school, my community, and my personal development. Representing the School Town of Munster in co/extracurricular activities places many responsibilities upon me as an individual. In consideration for this, I agree to live by and conduct myself in accordance with the following pledge:

- I I will not use or possess tobacco, nicotine capable devices, alcohol or illegal drugs while a student in the School Town of Munster.
- II I will promise to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. I will conduct myself so as not to discredit the School Town of Munster.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Shared Information Agreement

The participant and his or her parents knowingly and voluntarily agree to give permission to the Munster Police Department to share information with the Munster High School administration regarding any illegal activity of the participant that resulted in police action or arrest. The participant and his or her parents understand that this information will be used by the School Town of Munster only for the purpose of enforcing the Pledge and will have no bearing on the participant's academic or behavior record. Nothing herein shall limit the power of law enforcement agencies to prosecute the participant for unlawful conduct.

Consequences

The Extracurricular Panel is the disciplinary arm of the co/extracurricular program. It may be composed of the following individuals: Principal's designee, Athletic/Activities Director, Student Assistance Program Coordinator, Counselor, and Coach/Sponsor of the student who is involved with the violation. The Panel shall meet upon request of the principal or after a request has been presented to the principal by the athletic director or coach/sponsor to consider disciplinary cases involving an athlete or co/extracurricular participant. Consequences may be imposed for the following violations:

I Use, consumption or possession of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine capable devices (including e-cigarettes, hookah, and vaping devices), illegal drugs or substance abuse.

1st OFFENSE: Suspension from all sports and/or activities for up to 365 days. The Extracurricular Panel may reduce the suspension to not less than 20% of the entire season/activity if the student and his/her parent or guardian consent to the student's enrollment in an approved counseling and/or drug alcohol program as determined by the Student Assistance Program.

If the student admits to a Pledge violation prior to a full investigation, the Extracurricular Panel may reduce the suspension to not less than 10% of the entire season/activity if the student and his/her parent or guardian consent to the student's enrollment in an approved counseling and/or drug alcohol program as determined by the Student Assistance Program.

If the length of the suspension exceeds the time left in the sport or activity from which the student was initially suspended, the suspension will be extended into the next sport or activity the student joins. If the student fails to complete the entire season of the new activity or sport, the suspension will be reinstated.

- (For example: a student who plays football is found violating the pledge the last week of the football season. Following football, the student decides to wrestle. The suspension would begin the last week of football and continue into the wrestling season. If the student fails to complete the entire wrestling season, his time spent on suspension is nullified and will be reapplied to the next season of sports or activities.)

2nd OFFENSE: Suspension from all sports and/or activities for one (1) calendar year. The suspension will commence as of the date on the written statement sent by the school official to the student's parent or guardian. Coaches or sponsors have the discretion to readmit a student in their sport or activity once the suspension is completed. Coaches or sponsors have the discretion to readmit a student in their sport or activity once the suspension is completed.

3rd OFFENSE: Suspension from all sports and/or activities for the remainder of the student's high school career. This includes offenses committed during a suspension for a first or second offense.

II An act in or out of school, which would otherwise be a felony, misdemeanor, act of delinquency or other acts which would discredit the School Town of Munster.

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III For school-related violations, the student is subject to the penalties imposed by school officials. The coach/sponsor and/or the Extracurricular Panel have the discretion to impose additional penalties for school rules that are violated.

Consequence Conference

Consequences may be imposed after the co/extracurricular participant is afforded an opportunity for a conference, conducted by the Extracurricular Panel, which includes:

- A written or oral statement of the charges against the extracurricular participant;
- If he / she denies the charge, a summary of the evidence against the participant;
- An opportunity for the participant to explain his / her conduct.

If the Extracurricular Panel decides that a consequence set forth above should be imposed against the participant at the conclusion of the hearing, the Extracurricular Panel will, with 24 hours of the hearing, or such additional time as is reasonably necessary, send a written statement to the student's parents or guardian describing the conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or rules, the reasons for the action taken by the Extracurricular Panel, and the consequence imposed. The participant may appeal to the High School principal within 48 hours of receipt of imposed penalty.

Drug Program and Testing

The participant recognizes that alcohol abuse and illegal drug usage is a serious and real threat to the safety, welfare, and best interests of fellow students and students participating in co/extracurricular activities. Such abuse and usage have long been recognized and known to increase the risks of illness and injury to the user as well as others. In an effort to promote and preserve the educational value of co/extracurricular activities and to set an example for others in an effort to promote a student environment free of alcohol and illegal drug use, the student participant requests and consents to be a participant in the School Town of Munster's Drug Education and Testing Program which can require randomly selected samples of urine to be tested for illegal drugs and alcohol. By participating in this program, the student participant requests and consents to be randomly selected for this drug testing.

Student / Parent Signatures

The granting of athletic and student achievement awards is determined solely by sponsors, coaches and school officials. These awards are a symbol of my continuing contribution to my school, my community and myself, and as such, may be recalled at any time during my high school tenure if my personal conduct should be deemed as bringing discredit to Munster High School.

The sponsors, coaches, school officials, IHSAA and DSA rules and regulations have sole authority over my eligibility in extracurricular activities, and that the aforementioned have the prerogative to deny co/extracurricular privileges to me should they deem that my personal conduct so warrants. This may include suspension or expulsion from student co/extracurricular activities. I have read the terms of this pledge and understand what is expected of the participant including random drug testing, along with the consequences of school/pledge violations.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name (PRINT): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____