HARRISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS (APP)

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

New York State Education Department (NYSED) regulations permit school districts to implement the Athletic Placement Process (APP) to determine whether an eligible student may safely compete outside of their normal grade-level classification in interscholastic athletics.

The purpose of the Athletic Placement Process is to help ensure that students participate at a level of competition that is safe, appropriate, and consistent with their demonstrated readiness.

Student Name: _____

may be eligible to participate in the sport of:

Sport: _____

Your written permission is required before the Athletic Placement Process may begin.

The Athletic Placement Process includes a comprehensive review of your child's eligibility and readiness for participation. This review includes verification that the student meets all district and NYSED athletic eligibility requirements, including a current health examination with clearance for athletic participation, and an evaluation conducted during the team selection process.

As part of the APP, students are evaluated in the following four readiness areas established by the New York State Education Department:

- Personal and Social Responsibility
- Sport-Specific Skill Development
- Knowledge of the Game
- Physical Fitness

Students participating in the APP will be evaluated using the same standards and team selection criteria applied to every student trying out for that team.

If your child successfully demonstrates the required readiness and is selected through the team's normal tryout process, they will be permitted to participate at the approved level of competition.

Under normal circumstances, a student is eligible for senior high school athletic competition in a sport for four consecutive seasons beginning with entry into ninth grade. Students approved through the Athletic Placement Process may be eligible for extended participation as permitted by NYSED regulations, including:

- Participation during five consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into eighth grade; or
- Participation during six consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into seventh grade.

Participation in the Athletic Placement Process **does not guarantee placement on an athletic team.** It permits the student to participate in the team selection process only. Final team selection remains the responsibility of the coaching staff.

Because participation at a higher level may involve competing with older student-athletes, parents and guardians should carefully consider the academic, social, emotional, and athletic expectations associated with participation at that level.

If you have any questions regarding the Athletic Placement Process or your child's eligibility, please contact:

Christopher Galano
Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I have read the information provided and understand the purpose, requirements, and eligibility implications of the New York State Athletic Placement Process (APP).

I give permission for my child,

Student Name: _____

to participate in the Athletic Placement Process for the sport of:

Sport: _____

I understand that my child must:

- Meet all eligibility requirements established by the New York State Education Department and the Harrison Central School District.
- Have a current health examination with clearance for athletic participation and satisfy all district medical requirements.
- Successfully demonstrate sufficient readiness in the areas of personal and social responsibility, sport-specific skill development, knowledge of the game, and physical fitness.
- Meet the same team selection criteria as every other student trying out for the team.

I understand that successful completion of the Athletic Placement Process **does not guarantee placement on an athletic team**, but only permits my child to participate in the team selection process.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Date: _____

HARRISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic Placement Process (APP)

Coach Recommendation

Student: _____

Sport: _____

Requested Level: ☐ Freshman ☐ Junior Varsity ☐ Varsity

Coach: _____

Coach Recommendation

Based on my knowledge of this student-athlete and my professional judgment, I recommend that this student participate in the Athletic Placement Process and be permitted to participate in the high school tryout for the sport listed above.

I understand that approval through the Athletic Placement Process **does not guarantee placement on the team**. If approved to participate in tryouts, the student will be evaluated using the **same team selection criteria and standards** applied to every student seeking a position on the team.

☐ **I recommend this student participate in the Athletic Placement Process and high school tryouts.**

☐ **I do not recommend this student participate in the Athletic Placement Process at this time.**

Comments

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Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Student Eligible for APP: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Athletic Director Invitation Issued (Grades 7–8): ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

Parent Permission Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current Health Examination Verified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Athletic Eligibility Verified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

APP Evaluation Completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Approved Level of Participation:

☐ Modified

☐ Freshman

☐ Junior Varsity

☐ Varsity

Athletic Director: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____