PUEBLO SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 County

Activities & Athletics

HIGH SCHOOL

Parent/Student Handbook

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MISSION

To educate each student to achieve his or her full academic potential.

VISION

We see D70 as a place where all children and adults are valued, similarities and differences are addressed, individuals are respected, and all children are treated as our most valuable resource and best hope for the future. We see a safe and trusting environment where children and adults are actively engaged in lifelong learning. We see a partnership with our schools and communities that flexibly responds to the educational needs of all learners in an ever-changing world.

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PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 70
PHILOSOPHY OF THE EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Pueblo County School District 70 believes that all extracurricular programs are an extension of the classroom. The objective of each program is to assist students in learning and perfecting skills, practicing self-discipline and dedication to a goal and fellow teammates. Participation in sound extracurricular activity programs contributes to good sportsmanship, character, physical development, and a wholesome interest in activities.

Interscholastic competition exemplifies the value of the democratic process and of fair play. Through participation, the student /participant learns how to work with others for achievement of individual and group goals. Extracurricular activities are an integral part of the total educational program. These activities shall, above all else, foster the growth and well being of the individual student.

Extracurricular activities are an important part of the high school curriculum, but, as outlined by Article 1710 of the CHSAA Handbook, participation in interscholastic athletics as a part of a school's education program is a privilege, not a right. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance, which are rationally related to school purposes. In this regard, the Colorado High School Activities Association and its member schools may exercise the fullest discretion permitted under law.

If a student wishes to participate in a sport not offered by the school they attend, the District designates that the student shall be allowed to try out for that sport in the District school of the lowest overall enrollment number that offers the sport. Eligibility will be based on the rules of the sport and the school sponsoring the sport, notbased on the school the student attends.

GENERAL ATHLETIC PROCEDURES

1. Athletic safety is a number one priority. Participants must be aware that other athletes' physical safety is extremely important and avoid any type of aggressive action, which could lead to injury to another participant. Participants are also responsible to avoid any activity that could lead to injury when not being supervised by an assigned faculty member/coach.
2. All students are encouraged to participate in as many different activities during each school year as possible. The students and their parents should determine the choice of activities.
3. Students are expected to report for activities at the beginning of each season as established by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and Pueblo County School District 70. Pueblo County School District 70 paperwork and handbook material must be completed and turned in via the rSchool Digital Platform prior to the student participating in that activity.
4. Team members of all activities are required to attend all scheduled practices and meetings during the established season. If circumstances arise whereby the student cannot attend a practice or meeting, the individual coach will determine the validity of the reason. In all cases, the **coach must be notified,** prior to the practice or meeting missed, by personal contact, phone call by student, parent or guardian.
5. All team members must be aware of all activity policies.
6. Activities are extracurricular and, unless there are extenuating circumstances, students must report to school the next school day (after an activity) on time for their first hour.
7. Compliance with all by-laws of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) is required. For specific CHSAA by-law information, please refer to www.chsaanow.org

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PROGRAM LEVELS

Varsity Programs:

These programs focus on the competitive level that is required by individual Pueblo County School District 70 high school's league and state classification. Coaches are required to place on the court or field of play the most competitive team available. No player, regardless of grade level is guaranteed a position on the team. **Once a participant has met the criteria for making a team, practice is the only surety.**The administration acknowledges that wins and losses are part of the game; yet, the expectation of Pueblo County School District 70 coaches is that teams, which they coach, are well prepared and competitive.

Sub-Varsity/Freshman Programs:

These programs focus on the development of skills necessary for participation at the **varsity**level. The coach of any sub-varsity program will emphasize development of individual and team skills. Coaches are encouraged to play as many participants as possible; however, once a participant has met the criteria for making a team, practice is the only surety. Coaches will then play those team members, who, in the coach's professional opinion, are ready for interscholastic contest participation.

Cutting Procedures:

Because of limited staff, facilities, schedules, and money, certain programs will require cutting of participants. Each program is unique and will have specific written criteria related to the evaluation process for making cuts. Written documentation relating to cuts will be kept on file with the coach. Names of participants who are cut from the program will notbe posted. Coaches will discuss with each individual who has been cut, the reasons for the cut. The participation fee will be refunded if a participant is cut from a program, and the refund must be requested prior to the first contest.

Senior Cuts:Potentially, seniors can be cut from the team if they do not finish in a certain order based on performance evaluations. Each specific sport will have criteria concerning senior cuts. Those criteria must be turned in to the athletic office. Cuts will vary from program to program because of the uniqueness of that sport and by possible participation numbers.

CHSAA TRANSFER RULE

Colorado School Choice: The CHSAA supports school choice in academic pursuits and encourages its student participants to enhance their academic achievement. In concert with this approach, the Association's philosophy addresses the establishment of a fair playing field for all student athletes.

A student entering high school for the first time shall be eligible for all interscholastic athletic competition. NOTE: Any waiver submitted that contains legal guardian references must have the appropriate court signed legal documentation of that guardianship before the waiver will be considered.

Article 18 within the CHSAA Bylaws - CHSAA Bylaws

Please contact your schools Activity/Athletic Director for more information.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Please read the Extracurricular Rules and Academic Eligibility Standards carefully. Sign and return, to the appropriate coach/sponsor, the attached agreement. Retain the rules and standards sheet for reference in case you have question. If you or your student has questions regarding these rules, please contact the Athletic/Activities Director of your school. *Students will not be allowed to continue participation without this form being signed by parent and student and on file with the school.*

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC/ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the high school curriculum but as outlined by Article 1710 of the CHSAA Handbook participation in interscholastic athletics as a part of a school's education program is a privilege not a right. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance, which are rationally related to school purposes. In this regard, the Colorado High School Activities Association and its member schools may exercise the fullest discretion permitted under law.

Certain rules must be established to help insure the health and well being of those students who participate in any extracurricular activity. Individual programs may have their own rules for such things as practice attendance requirements, hair length, dress code, curfew, lettering, etc., however, the following rules will apply to **all** students who participate in any extracurricular activity.

DISQUALIFICATION-Disqualification from participation and loss of letter for violations occurring in season will occur upon self-admission on the part of the student or if his/her parent, coaches/sponsor, other Pueblo County School District 70 employee(s), or law enforcement for any of the violations catches a student listed below. Penalties for violations of these training rules will carry over to the next sport/activity in which a student chooses to participate, regardless of when a violation occurs. Therefore, these training rules are in effect all calendar year, 12 months, and will be carried over into the next school year. Any student who is suspended for violation of rules is not allowed to be on any Pueblo County School District 70 property during suspension. This includes viewing of the athletic event or activity in which the student would normally be participating.

HAZING/SEXUAL HARASSMENT – Absolutely will not be tolerated. (BOE policy and CHSAA policy)

Discipline Procedures:Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco/Vaping

TOBACCO- It shall be a violation of the activities training rules for any student to possess, smoke, chew, light, inhale or in any other manner use a tobacco product. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. This policy also includes substances that are represented by or to the student to be any such tobacco substance or what the student believes to be any such substance. Possessing or using non-smoking tobacco products, tobacco less chew, and food and/or candy items promoting the use of tobacco is a violation of these training rules.

Tobacco Consequences

- 1st Offense – In or out of season violation, 50% disqualification from one sport played for 365 days. (disqualification of athletic contests will be served during current sport played or the next sport played if violation occurs out of season)

* Ability to complete district approved education program to reduce disqualification down to 25%. Parent/Athlete will be responsible for cost of the program. (disqualification of athletic contests will be served during current sport played or the next sport played if violation occurs out of season)

- 2nd Offense – In or out of season, 50% disqualification from all sports played for 365 days.
- 3rd Offense – Disqualification from all sports for 365 days.
- 4th Offense – Loss of sports eligibility for remainder of academic career.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL & INHALANTS- It shall be a violation of the activities training rules for any student participant to possess, use, sell, distribute, or to be under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any other controlled substances. Drugs shall be defined according to the language of Pueblo County School District 70 Board Policy. This policy also includes substances that are represented by or to the student to be any such controlled substance or what the student believes to be any such substance. Possessing, using, selling, or distributing non-alcoholic beer and wine products is a violation of these training rules.

Alcohol/Drugs Consequences

- 1st Offense – In or out of season violation, 50% disqualification from all sports played for 365 days.
  - § Ability to complete district approved education program to reduce disqualification down to one sport. Parent/Athlete will be responsible for cost of the program. (disqualification of athletic contests will be served during current sport played or the next sport played if violation occurs out of season)
- 2nd Offense Disqualification from all sports for 365 days.
- 3rd Offense – Loss of sports eligibility for remainder of academic career.

***50% of disqualification will carry over to the next sport played if violation occurs during a current playing season and removal from sport/contests is less than 50% of that season.**

EQUIPMENT -Any student who fails to turn in equipment for one sport/activity or who hasn't paid fines from their last sport/activity, will not be allowed to play in a contest or receive any report card until all fines have been paid and/or all equipment has been returned. Also, any revoked letter because of Good Conduct violations will be handled as equipment and/or fines.

CITIZENSHIP (Good Conduct Rule) -Any behavior at any time (in or out of school) that adversely reflect on a student's character or damages a sport/activities program will be evaluated and disciplined in accordance with the rules of the Colorado High School Activities Association and each Pueblo County School District 70 high school. Violation of the Good Conduct Rule may result in suspension, dismissal, loss of letter and/or awards, etc. **LETTERS/AWARDS ARE A SCHOOL ISSUED ITEM. THEY BECOME A STUDENT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR; THEREFORE THE SCHOOL CAN REVOKE THAT AWARD AT ANY TIME FOR VIOLATIONS.**

SELF ADMISSION: If a student comes forward to a coach or administrator, to admit (self-report) a violation of the Good Conduct Rule prior to a finding of guilt by the administration, the student's penalty may be reduced. Any student who has been found to have violated the Good Conduct Rule for reasons of arrest or citation, or conduct that is inappropriate or offensive, may result in suspension, dismissal, loss of letter and/or awards, etc.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – Pueblo County School District 70 students must meet all eligibility requirements set forth by CHSAA as well as the requirements set for by each high school. CHSAA eligibility requires that during the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Credit units of credit per semester. 1 semester class is equal to 0.5 Credit units. Please see eligibility plan for the school for which you participate in a sport or activity.

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Must take 5 classes (2.5 Credit units) and have passed 2.5 Credit units the semester prior to the sport season. District 70 High schools will be doing weekly grade checks When a student receives an "F" in any class, they will be placed on Academic Probation for 1 week. While on Academic Probation, the student will be allowed to practice and compete in all activities but is encouraged to concentrate on their grades. At any time thereafter, if the student receives an "F" in anyclass, they will become Academically Ineligible for 1 week. During Academic Ineligibility, the student may not compete in any contest, travel to any game site, or sit on the bench with the team at any contest. They may practice with the team but again, they are strongly encouraged to concentrate on their academics. Each sport season that the student participates in will have a one week Academic Probation period. Weekly eligibility runs from Monday to Monday with Sundays being inclusive

SCA-Must take 5 classes (2.5carnegie units) and pass all classes. Grades will be pulled on Thursday and eligibility will run Friday to Friday. At the time of the grade checks, if a student is failing any course, then that student is ineligible to compete until the next grade check. If a student withdraws from a course they will be ineligible for the remainder of the current season. An early college student or school without a program student is ineligible if a grade check is not turned in. They remain ineligible until it is turned in.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – Each coach maintains his or her own practice attendance requirements. A student must attend school for at least ½ day in order to practice or participate in a contest unless the absence has been arranged with the coach or building administration. Should the student fail to pre-arrange the absence the student will not be allowed to practice that day. **Please be aware that your attendance at school could affect your attendance at practice; therefore, affecting your participation in contests.** Absences due to emergencies, i.e., death in the family, legal affairs, will be handled on an individual basis. The coach or Athletic Director must be contacted as soon as possible. Game day absences, either the whole day or any part of the day, are ***strongly*** discouraged. If an absence is necessary, either the whole day or any part of the day, it must be ***pre-arranged***with the coach (emergencies as defined above are an exception). Should the student fail to pre-arrange the absence, the student will not be allowed to participate in the contests. Thursday's attendance counts towards Friday and Saturday contests.

ISS/ISE: Students who are in ISS/ISE will NOT be allowed to participate in COMPETITION if that ISS/ISE is on that game day. They will be allowed to practice on a practice day.

LETTERING POLICY– Each sport/activity has its own set of rules for lettering. Loss of letter may occur for any of the above conduct violations. If you have questions, please contact the coach/sponsor.

FEES: Participation fees: $150 per sport per athlete. For cuts or injury, **refunds must be requested prior to the first contest.** Non-enrolled district participants refer to **Non-enrolled** district participants handout in the parent handbook.

REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION

Items required before a student may participate to be completed through the digital platform using Arbiter:

- **Physical examination (Arbiter-upload)** Physcial Examination Form
- **Participation Fee - $150 per sport per child** (Hockey & Lacrosse program based) **Non-enrolled D70 students refer below**
- **Parent permission for participation (Arbiter)**
- **Emergency Card Information (Arbiter)**
- **Pueblo County School District 70 parent information sign off sheet (Arbiter)**
- **CHSAA Sportsmanship page sign off sheet (Arbiter)**
- **Parent meeting with coach (Fall, Winter, Spring - held at High Schools)**

*NOTE: If a student is cut from an activity, or if a student is hurt, a refund may be requested prior to the first contest. The student/parent MUST request the refund.

NON-ENROLLED DISTRICT ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS

School Law 22-32-116.5 – Extracurricular and interscholastic activities

6a. A school may charge any student participating in an activity a participation fee as a prerequisite to participation. The fee amount that a school of participation charges a non-enrolled student shall not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the fee amount charged to the enrolled students who participate in the activity.

Non-enrolled students who participate in activities will be charged at the following rate:

High School $225.00 per child per sport (Hockey & Lacrosse program based)
Middle School $110.00 per child per sport

6b. Post Season In addition to the fees listed above, a school may charge a non-enrolled student participating in postseason competition in an individual activity the actual cost of that postseason participation if they are the only student(s) involved in that postseason activity.

****ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION****

Concussion Management Plan

Introduction

The following management plan outlines pre-season education, neuropsychological baseline testing and subsequent assessment and management of concussions, as well as return to play guidelines. This management plan has been developed in accordance with the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) position statement, Colorado High School Athletics Association (CHSAA), and the Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act on concussion management to provide quality healthcare services and assure the well-being of each district 70 student-athlete.

Links:

Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act

National Athletic Trainers' Association Position Statement: Management of Sport Concussion

Colorado High School Athletics Association

Initial management

1. Any student athlete who is felt to have had a concussion must be removed from play immediately and may not be returned to play or practice until cleared by a qualified medical professional as defined in the Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act.
    a. Qualified medical professionals include: MD, NP, DO, and PA.
    b. If the concussed student athlete is initially evaluated/cleared at the emergency room or an urgent care they MUST follow-up with either their primary care provider or a specialist specifically trained in concussion management.
2. If the concussed student athlete is felt to be medically or neurologically unstable at the time of injury, the nearest emergency medical response team must be contacted, and the student athlete should be transported to the nearest appropriate medical facility.
3. If the concussed student athlete is felt to be medically and neurologically stable, but the student athlete is markedly symptomatic, every attempt should be made to contact the student athlete's parent(s). If the student athlete's parent is unavailable, then the student athlete should be transported to a medical care facility such as an emergency room. Transportation via ambulance should be accomplished rapidly if the student athlete is markedly symptomatic, but may be accomplished via private vehicle if the athlete's parent/guardian is comfortable assuming this responsibility.
4. If the concussed student athlete is felt to be medically and neurologically stable, and is not markedly symptomatic, the student athlete will be placed into the concussion management protocol as described below. The student athlete and his/her parents/guardians will be provided information regarding the concussion, and will be instructed to follow-up with their own primary care provider (MD, NP, DO, and PA) as specified below as soon as possible, preferably within 72 hours of the concussion.

The concussion management protocol

1. The school's concussion team leader will be informed of the student athlete's condition as soon as possible. The school's concussion team leader will be in charge of the school's concussion management team.

2. The concussion team leader will choose members that will comprise the concussion management team. This team may be made up of the athletic director, athletic trainer, school nurse, school behaviorist, or other members of the school staff as felt necessary by the concussion team leader.
3. The concussion team leader will be responsible for making sure that the concussed student athlete gets evaluated by his or her primary care provider in a timely fashion. If the primary care provider is unable or unwilling to evaluate the patient in a timely fashion, then the concussion team leader may provide a recommendation for a concussion management specialist.
4. Once the concussed student athlete has been evaluated and cleared to proceed by the primary care provider (MD, NP, DO, and PA), the concussed student athlete will begin participation in the graduated return to learn (RTL) and graduated return to play (RTP) after concussion plan as described below.

Post-Concussion Plan

1. If an athletic trainer is not on staff, the athlete will be placed on graduated return to learn (RTL) and RTP by the concussion team leader who will then monitor symptoms and academic progress.
2. If an athletic trainer is not on staff, the concussion team leader will, upon permission of the student athlete's primary care provider (MD, NP, DO, and PA), enroll the athlete in the graduated return to learn and graduated return to play post-concussion plan.
3. Components of the graduated return to learn after concussion plan may include;
a. Temporary academic adjustments to lessen cognitive over exertion which could delay recovery. The student athlete will be monitored for academic improvement. The initial academic adjustments will be fine tuned and reduced over time as the student recovers.
b. Encourage the student athlete, initially, to minimize use of cell phones, televisions, texting, gaming and watching movies.
c. No physical activity until most if not all of the symptoms of a concussion have resolved.
4. Components of the graduated return to play after concussion plan may include;
a. Progression to light aerobic activity such as walking, swimming, stationary cycling for 10-15 minutes/day. The athlete may proceed to the next level after 24 hours if asymptomatic.
b. Progression to sport specific exercise such as running drills for 20-30 minutes/day with no weight lifting or head contact. The athlete may proceed to the next level after 24 hours if asymptomatic.
c. Progression to non-contact drills such as more complex training drills, and progressive resistance training. The athlete may proceed to the next level after 24 hours if asymptomatic.
5. If the athlete becomes symptomatic at any stage, that athlete has to return to the previous stage for at least 24 hours and only proceed to the next stage when asymptomatic.
6. Neurocognitive testing will compare post-injury scores to baseline scores

Returning to Contact/Full practice Post-Concussion

The student athlete who has suffered a concussion will be allowed to participate in full contact practice /return to play only when **ALL** of the following conditions have been met:

1. The student athlete is free of any significant symptoms from the concussion at rest and with exertion, including return to learn and return to play.

2. The student athlete has returned to baseline on neurocognitive testing, or appears to have normalized on post concussion testing based on his or her age and scholastically based normative data.
3. The student athlete's primary care provider (MD, NP, DO, and PA), MUST provide a written clearance stating that the athlete may participate in full contact practice and return to play.

Special considerations in concussed student athletes

If the student athlete completes the RTL and RTP protocol, remains symptom free throughout but after neurocognitive testing the student athlete has NOT normalized on post concussion testing after multiple attempts, then parents may choose to take student athlete to a concussion specialist specifically trained in concussion management with the approved D70 form to be signed for final clearance. A list of concussion care providers may be provided upon request.

A certain number of student athletes may continue to have symptoms of a concussion for a prolonged period of time after the concussion. These student athletes may benefit by consultation with more specialized consultants in neurocognitive functioning. Clearly, these student athletes will not be allowed to return to play until released by these specialized consultants.

Some student athletes may suffer repetitive concussions, and it is believed that there is cumulative damage to the brain with successive concussions. These student athletes may benefit from consultation with more specialized consultants in neurocognitive functioning, and it may be in the student athlete's best interest to consider withdrawing from further contact-collision sports in some of these cases.

Clarification of special circumstances:

1. If the primary care provider (MD, NP, DO, and PA), as described previously clears the concussed athlete to participate in full contact/return to play after the initial visit, the athlete will be placed in the graduated return to play after concussion plan. The athlete will be allowed to participate in full contact/return to play only after he or she has successfully completed the entire D70 protocol as described above.
2. If the concussed student athlete is initially evaluated/cleared at the emergency room or an urgent care they must follow-up with either their primary care provider or a specialist specifically trained in concussion management.
3. **Since the potential for possible short and long term neurological impairment in athletes with concussion who are mismanaged is so high, the following will apply**: **In a student athlete with a presumed concussion, if the student athlete refuses to participate in the concussion management protocol or the student athlete's parents/guardians or representatives refuse to allow the athlete to participate in the concussion management protocol, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in any contact/collision sporting activities through the student athlete's school district.**

******The concussion management protocols are subject to change as this program continues to develop based on current research and technologies.******

Activity/Athletic Passes

Event Passes may be purchased at individual schools. These passes are only valid for admission to 'home' events for that specific school, including Runyon Field. District employee passes are valid for admission to all regular season events for all District schools for the employee only. CHSAA Passes are the only passes accepted at State Playoff games.

Fundraising

We appreciate parental involvement in Pueblo County School District 70 activities. We ask that those who are involved in fundraising follow policies and procedures as it pertains to BOE/State/School Policy and reporting of funds and purchasing. At no time shall items selected for Pueblo County School District 70 high school programs be purchased without approval of and design of artwork, and or wording/style etc. by school administration. Upon receiving money and or materials that are to be donated to or awarded to a school or program through fundraising, money must be receipted by the school office to be put into that particular group's activity account. All fund raising activities need to be approved by school administration and put on a master school calendar. **Under no circumstances are individual accounts to be opened for school activities by ANYONE!** Individual high schools will not be responsible for the cost of items ordered by parents/students or groups without Pueblo County School District 70 purchase order procedure. Please contact your coach or athletic director if you have questions. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Awards

In any CHSAA interscholastic activity no awards of any kind other than those awarded by school or group approved by the association or school are permitted. Awards shall be limited in value by CHSAA by-law 2010 to $100.00. If unapproved awards are offered and accepted by the participants, such participants shall jeopardize their eligibility to represent their school and any activity and further jeopardize their eligibility to represent their school and any activity, and, further jeopardize standing of the school in the CHSAA association and may result in the suspension of the school. Fundraising by booster clubs and other groups to be used for school participant's personal gain shall be regarded as a violation of this rule. (CHSAA by-law 2010)

District Policy for Transportation

It is district policy that the guardians be aware of the travel to and from activities within the Pueblo City/Pueblo County area. Transportation will not be provided within the inner city/county area, except for special conditions. Students must be transported by private car (carpooling) driven by students and/or adults for those inner city/county activities. Transportation will be provided for activities outside the inner city/county area when at all possible. Therefore, with this signature of approval and awareness, the School District/Pueblo County High School/Pueblo West High School/Rye High School and Swallows Charter Academy or individual driver of the vehicle cannot be held liable if accidents should occur.

Team Communication

To help with communication with Student-Athletes and families. Pueblo School District 70 will be utilizing: SportsYou App or Hudl to help communicate any in-season or off-season communications.

COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT

This is an essential part of communication and the "chain of command" that we expect our students/parents/coaches to follow. Most conflicts are resolved at the student and coach level of communication. Please address the following chain of command procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Student and Coach
2. Parent and Coach
3. Parent and Athletic Director
4. Parent, Athletic Director, Principal and Coach
5. Parent and District Athletic Coordinator

**Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Statement: I understand that personal information may be used for my son/daughter for program information, sport statistics, etc. (i.e. height, weight, grade, etc.)

**I also understand that my child, while participating in sport activities, will be potentially exposed to inherent risks of that activity.

** **If the athlete does not have private/personal health insurance, additional insurance coverage must be purchased by the parent/guardian to cover the student during interscholastic athletics.**

Upon request ONLY, if a child is injured or cut from a team, a refund **MUST be requested **prior to the first contest.**

Public Conduct On School Property Or At School Activities

Pueblo County School District 70 hosts or participates in many extracurricular activities attended by parents and the general public. These include, for example, athletic contests, proms, dances, field trips, dramatic or musical performances, fundraisers and meetings for parents, patrons and the public. All of these activities are referred to as, "Events." Events occurring on Pueblo County School District 70 owned or controlled property will observe those standards of behavior and conduct expected of school district staff and students. Specifically, whether they appear as users, participants or observers of an event, such persons shall not: (per Pueblo County School District 70 Policy and Colorado Revised Statutes)

- Obstruct, disrupt or interfere with teaching, research, service, administration, control discipline, coaching, officiating or progress of or at an event. (CRS 18-9-109)
- Physically abuse or threaten any persons with physical harm on school district owned or controlled property. (CRS 18-9-11) (CRS 18-3-201)
- Damage or threaten to damage property of the Pueblo County School District 70 or property leased or licensed in connection with an event. (CRS 18-4-501)
- Force or make unauthorized entry to Pueblo County School District 70 owned or controlled property. (CRS 18-4-201)
- Use, possess, distribute or sell drugs, other controlled substances, alcohol or other illegal contraband on district owned or controlled property or within 1,000 feet of the perimeter of a school site. (Persons known to be under the influence of liquor shall not be permitted to enter Pueblo County School District 70 owned or controlled property). (CRS 18-18-102)
- Possess a concealed weapon, as defined in state law or Board Policy, on district owned or controlled property, unless one of the following conditions exist: (CRS 18-12-105)
    - The person is a law enforcement officer authorized to carry or possess a weapon at such time and place.
    - The person is carrying out duties for the Pueblo County School District 70 which require use of a weapon.
    - The person is participating in an authorized extracurricular activity or team involving the use of firearms.
- Use of profanity or verbally abusive language will not be tolerated. (CRS 18-9-111)
- Engage in any conduct constituting a breach of any federal, state, city or county law or duly adopted policy and/or regulation of the Board.

Persons determined by the superintendent, the superintendent's designee, the principal/athletic director of a host school, or a game official, to be in violation of this policy, may be instructed to leave the Pueblo County School District 70 owned or controlled property. **When a violation occurs, the person(s) involved shall be banned from attendance at <u>ALL</u>Pueblo County School District 70 events until after the conclusion of the next regularly scheduled event of the same sport and same level. Where repeated violations occur or where a person threatens or appears likely to violate this policy in the future, the superintendent, the superintendent's designee or the principal/athletic director of the host school may ban or restrict the person's access to events and to the use of Pueblo County School District 70 owned or controlled property.**

Colorado has numerous criminal statutes prohibiting interference with staff, faculty or students of educational institutions. One such statute prohibits the use of restraint, coercion or force and violence with willful intent to impede the educational mission. Another statute simply makes it a crime if a person shall willfully refuse or fail to leave property of or any building or other facility used by an educational institution upon being requested to do so by the chief administrative officer or his/her designee, if such person is committing, threatens to commit or incites others to commit any act which would disrupt, impair, interfere with or obstruct the lawful missions, processes, procedures or functions of the institution.

Pueblo County School District 70

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS OF ATHLETES

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and four core principles: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The highest potential of sports is achieved when athletic competition reflects these "four pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my son/daughter to participate in sports, but will support and encourage any interest and commitment they demonstrate.
2. I will remember that youth participate to have fun and the game is for the youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my son/daughter or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the philosophy and policies of Pueblo County School District 70 Middle/High School Athletic Program.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my son/daughter and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and/or taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices endangering the health and well-being of the students.
8. I will teach my son/daughter to abide by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, aggression or violence.
9. I will demand my son/daughter treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, color, creed, sex or ability.
10. I will communicate to my son/daughter that doing one's best is more important than winning, so my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my son/daughter for competing fairly and giving their best effort, and make him/her feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my son/daughter or the other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my son/daughter over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the high school student ahead of any personal desire that I may have for my son/daughter to win.
15. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront officials or coaches at any high school athletic event, and will take the time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place in the event I have any concerns.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my son/daughter free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all athletic events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my son/daughter or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the approved coaches of the team.

18. I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned articles and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by a school official or his/her designee.
- Written warning.
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by the Pueblo County School District 70 Office of Instruction.
- Suspension of attendance for the remainder of the sport season.
- Son/daughter removed from the team for the remainder of the sport season.

THESE STEPS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER BY THE DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION.

Inherent Risk

Serious catastrophic and perhaps fatal injury may result from athletic participation. By its very nature, competitive athletics may put students in situations in which serious, catastrophic and perhaps fatal accidents may occur. Many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment which may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion and numerous other exposures to risk of injury.

Furthermore, the risk to have direct or indirect contact with individuals who have been exposed to and/or diagnosed with one or more communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19 or other medical conditions, diseases, or maladies and/or any mutation or variation thereof does exist and it is impossible to eliminate the risk that my student athletic/activity participant could become infected through contact with or close proximity to an individual with a communicable disease.

Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all the risks of injury or illness. Just driving an automobile involves choices of risk; athletic/activity participation by high school/middle school students also may be inherently dangerous. The obligation of parents and students in making this choice to participate cannot be overstated.

There have been accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment as a result of athletic competition. Furthermore, with the introduction of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases into society, the risk of exposure will increase with increased participation. By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risk exists. By choosing to participate, you, the student, acknowledge that such risk exists. Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students will also be instructed in the proper use and utilization of sanitization of equipment and facilities in accordance with CDC, PCHD, CDE, CHSAA, and District 70 guidelines. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques. As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution, and supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury or disease. If any of the foregoing is not completely understood, please contact your school principal for further information.

Civility Policy

(Civility-Conduct of Parents, Other Visitors and District Employees)

It is the intent of the school board to promote mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among district employees, parents and the public. It is not the intent of the school board to deprive any person of his or her right to freedom of expression. The intent of this policy is to maintain, to the greatest extent reasonably possible, a safe, harassment-free workplace for teachers, students, administrators, staff, parents and other members of the community. In the interest of presenting teachers and other employees as positive role models, the school board encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile or aggressive communications or actions.

1. Expected level of behavior:
   - School and district personnel will treat parents and other members of the public with courtesy and respect;
   - Parents and visitors will treat teachers, administrators and other district employees with courtesy and respect.
2. Unacceptable/disruptive behavior:
   Disruptive behavior includes, but is not necessarily limited to:
   - Behavior which interferes with or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office or office area, areas of school or facility open to parents/guardians and the general public. It also covers areas of a school or facility, which are not open to parents/guardians and general public;
   - Using loud and/or offensive language, swearing, cursing or display of temper;
   - Threatening to do bodily or physical harm to a teacher, school administrator, school employee or student, regardless of whether or not the behavior constitutes or may constitute a criminal violation;
   - Damaging or destroying school or school board property;
   - Any other behavior that disrupts the orderly operation of a school, classroom or any other school board facility;
   - Abusive, threatening or obscene e-mail or voicemail messages.
3. Parent recourse:
   Any parent who believes he/she was subject to unacceptable/disruptive
   Behavior on the part of any staff member should bring such behavior to the attention of the staff member's immediate supervisor or appropriate director. The parent may report verbally or in writing using the district complaint form.
4. Authority of school personnel:
   - Authority to direct persons to leave school or school board premises: Any individual who (1) disrupts or threatens to disrupt school or school district operations; (2) threatens or attempts to do or does physical harm to school board personnel, students or others lawfully on a school or school board premises; (3) threatens the health or safety of students, school board personnel or others lawfully on a school or school board premises(4) Intentionally causes damage to schools, school board property or property of others lawfully on a school campus or school board premises; (5) uses loud or offensive language or who, without authorization, comes on a school or other school board facility may be directed to leave the school or school board premises by a school's principal or assistant principal, or in their absence a person who is lawfully in charge of the school or any district level administrator. If the person refuses to

leave the premises as directed, the administrator or other authorized personnel shall seek the assistance of law enforcement and request that law enforcement take such action as is deemed necessary.

Authority to deal with persons who are verbally abusive

If any member of the public uses obscenities or speaks in a demanding, loud, insulting and/or demeaning manner, the employee to whom the remarks are directed shall calmly and politely warn the speaker to communicate civilly. If the verbal abuse continues, the employee to whom the remarks are directed may, after giving appropriate notice to the speaker, terminate the meeting, conference or telephone conversation. If the meeting or conference is on school or school board premises, any employee may request that an administrator or other authorized person direct the speaker to promptly leave the premises. If the person refuses to leave, the administrator or other authorized personnel shall seek the assistance of law enforcement and request that law enforcement take such action as is deemed necessary. If the employee is threatened with personal harm, the employee may contact law enforcement.

Adopted: September 18, 2001
Recorded: March 2, 2004

Pueblo School District 70: HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I/We the undersigned agree to these terms and conditions for participating in Pueblo County School District 70 athletics/activities as presented in the Parent-Student Handbook for participating in Pueblo County School District 70 athletics/activities. We have had an opportunity to read and ask questions regarding these rules/policies. We agree to abide by all rules as well as the GOOD CONDUCT policies and accept the consequences listed for behavior that violates these conduct rules.

These terms and conditions include:

- General Participation Requirements
- Concussion Management Protocols
- Pueblo County District 70 Philosophy of Extracurricular Programs
- CHSAA Transfer Rules
- Code of Conduct for Parents of Athletes
- Public Conduct on School Property or at School Activities
- Civility Policy
- Communication and Conflict
- District Transportation Policy
- Student Eligibility Information
- CHSAA Anti-Hazing
- Inherent Risks and Athletic Safety
- If the athlete does not have private/personal health insurance, additional insurance coverage must be purchased by the parent/guardian to cover the student during interscholastic athletics.
- Parent/Guardian consent form turned in to the office

I/We have had an opportunity to review and ask questions regarding these good conduct rules and participation policies. I/We agree to abide by all rules and accept the consequences listed for behavior that violates these conduct rules. I/We understand that my child, while participating in sport activities, will be potentially exposed to inherent risks of that activity and could suffer serious injury or death. I/We understand that personal information may be used for program information, sports statistics, and other forms of communication related to participation in athletics.

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PRINTED STUDENT NAME School

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STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

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PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

*If a child is injured or cut from a team, a refund must be requested prior to the first contest.
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