

Agreement between Student Athlete, Parent/Guardian, and _____ School

(This signed agreement must be kept on file at the school through the end of the current school year)

That the parties recognize that participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege and not a vested educational right, and recognizing that student/athletes are a group of students who represent their school and community and should be held to a certain degree of responsibility for their actions, and further recognizing that the Halifax County Board of Education, through its schools, offers the students the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular sports, the parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions to playing sports at the above and below named school.

That this agreement shall commence on the date it is signed and shall continue for as long as the student is a member of the athletic team at the above and below named school, which shall run until the end of the school year if appropriate. The terms and conditions shall apply to activities on the property of the Halifax County Board of Education or any other place where the student participates in athletics, within or outside of the county. Further, it is understood that the actions of the student/athlete could apply outside of school hours and outside of the educational or sports setting and the student can be disciplined, suspended, or removed from a team for actions away from school if the action falls within the terms of this agreement.

It is understood that any student who is convicted of, or pleads guilty or no contest to a felony will not be allowed to participate in any sport at any school in Halifax County for the remainder of his high school career.

TEAM DISCIPLINE

It is understood that the coach of any team that the student is a member of has the right to formulate rules and regulations for that team and the coach has the right to enforce such rules. The rules shall be put in writing and a copy shall be given to every member of the team. These rules shall include, but not be limited to, inattention to or refusal to follow directions, horseplay, tardiness or unexcused absences from practice or games, or bad conduct. These rules shall be approved by the school principal. The coach may impose reasonable discipline short of removal in these cases.

SUSPENSION

It is understood that the coach or principal can suspend a member of a team for certain misconduct of the student. The coach and principal will confer and agree on the suspension before the action is taken. The length of the suspension from the team shall be in the discretion of the coach and principal. Causes for temporary suspension from a team may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Insufficient grades for passing courses;
- B. Personal misconduct during the school day or after school while on school grounds;
- C. Unexcused absences from team meetings, practices or games;
- D. Violation(s) of Halifax County Board Policy 4300 "Student Behavior Policies" or any school athletic policy;



- E. Unsportsmanlike conduct while participating in an athletic event;
- F. Being charged with a felony under the laws of the State of North Carolina, or if a juvenile petition is filed, it would be a felony if the student was an adult.

REMOVAL FROM A TEAM

It is understood that a student may be removed permanently from a team. The removal from the team shall be made by the coach of the team, and the principal, who will meet and confer before any action is taken. Causes for removal from a team may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Illegal use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs not prescribed for the student by a doctor;
- B. Any major violation of Board Policy 4300 Student Behavior Policies”;
- C. Repeated violations of team or school athletic policies;
- D. Misconduct by the student that involves law enforcement and results in a conviction, guilty plea, or no contest plea by the student, said conduct being during or after school hours. Said violations shall not include infraction or minor traffic offenses;
- E. Verbal abuse or communication (including vulgarity or obscene language) toward any opponent, teammate, coach, referee, or any other person;
- F. Any physical assault on an opponent, teammate, coach, referee or other person of a serious nature;
- G. Continued or repeated acts of unsportsmanlike conduct after being warned by a coach or principal.

The parties understand the terms of this agreement and agree to be bound by it. The parties understand that if there is a part of the agreement that they do not understand, they can ask a coach, principal, or someone of their own choosing to read the agreement and explain it to them. Therefore, the parties agree that they signed the agreement understanding what they are signing.

The parties further understand that any action involving suspension from a team or removal from a sport can only be disputed under Halifax County Board of Education 1740/4010 Student and Parent Grievance Procedure

It is understood that the principal has the right to remove a student from all sports for the remainder of the school year for a substantial violation(s) of this agreement. The principal’s decision can also only be disputed under Halifax County Board of Education 1740/4010 Student and Parent Grievance Procedure.

Athletic Coach _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Athletic Director _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Principal _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Student Athlete _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

