

Academy District 20 Middle School Athletic Agreement

Please take the time to read the following information. These guidelines have been developed to help ensure that our athletic seasons are safe and successful. Please read these guidelines with your student and check the box affirming that you understand and will support the Academy 20 Athletic Agreement. Thank you for your assistance, and please feel free to call your school's athletic office with any questions or concerns. You can find school phone numbers at www.asd20.org.

Philosophy

The North Peak Athletic Conference (NPAC) is an organization founded to provide the following athletic opportunities for the member schools' athletes:

- Opportunities for team building
- Fundamental skills development
- Emphasis upon good sportsmanship
- Developmentally appropriate competition
- High academic and behavioral standards
- Commitment to excellence on and off the playing field/court

Sportsmanship at Sporting Events

- The NPAC recognizes the importance of exemplary sporting behavior; therefore, it has adopted the following governing tenant: "Cheer for your team and not against your opponent."
- Taunting, intimidation, or profanity directed toward an official, coach, opposing player, or fan may result in the removal of the fan. The fan's home school or district may take sanction against the fan.
- In the case of general or wide-ranging difficulties, the contest may be finished without an audience.
- Arrival time for visiting spectators will be no more than 30 minutes in advance.
- The following are not permitted at NPAC Competitions:
 - Artificial noisemakers
 - Cheers which are derogatory or demeaning in nature
 - Signage that contains negative messages and/or profanity

Sports Agreement

- Although transportation is provided to away games, your school may not provide transportation back to your student's school after the game/meet. Please make prior arrangements to pick athletes up from away competitions in a timely manner.
- All athletes must be picked up at the designated time for their sport. Timely pick-up is a condition of participation (which is considered within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the event).
- Students must be in attendance for at least half of the day (3.5 hours) in order to participate in after school activities on that day. Students leaving school early due to illness or a non-approved reason will not be allowed to attend or participate in any athletic activity on that day.
- All NPAC schools have an academic eligibility policy in place that, at a minimum, results in the ineligibility of athletes for one week who have one or more F's for the following Monday-Saturday. Please refer to your student's individual school for additional academic eligibility requirements.

- If there are discipline problems in school, it may impact a player's playing time. Depending upon the severity of a discipline event, a student may be dismissed from an athletic team.
- Practices may be closed. Individual coaches will share expectations with parents / guardians.
- Playing time is not guaranteed at the interscholastic level. Playing time is based on character, commitment, work ethic, attitude, and skill level. Some athletes may have more playing time than others. Playing time is at the discretion of the coach.
- Athletic Fee Refund Policy: Refunds are only available during the first two weeks of practice. Athletes withdrawing during the first two weeks of practice will be given a refund. Contact your student's school athletic office for more details.
- If you have concerns with a coach, please make an appointment with that coach for the day following the game or practice. Immediately after a game or practice is not an appropriate time to have a discussion with the coach.
- Please refrain from coaching your student from the sideline.
- Team pictures may be offered by your students school by an unaffiliated photography studio. You are not obligated to purchase these pictures.

Health Information from Academy District 20 Nurses

- Immediately notify the coach of any physical or emotional health conditions for your student.
- Injured athletes who have been evaluated and/or treated by a physician must submit written clearance from that physician to the coach prior to the athlete being permitted to resume activity. Head injuries and concussions are serious health concerns. Please consult your student's physician after a head injury for treatment. In circumstances where an athlete has been removed from play because of a suspected head injury or concussion, the athlete will not be permitted to return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a healthcare provider, and receives medical clearance and written authorization from that provider. This authorization shall remain in effect for the current school year.
- All athletes should provide their own water bottle for practice and games, and it should be taken home daily and washed. Students should not share water bottles due to risk of meningitis, mononucleosis, strep infections, etc.
- Your student should not be in school or participate in their sport if they are ill. Symptoms can include but are not limited to fever, productive cough, vomiting/diarrhea, undiagnosed skin rash, any contagious illness, etc.
- Contagious Diseases: Athletes who have been diagnosed with strep throat or conjunctivitis (pink eye) require antibiotics for treatment, and are contagious until on antibiotics for 24 hours. Skin rashes such as impetigo (strep infection) or ringworm (fungus) are also contagious. Please have your student properly diagnosed and treated before returning to practice and games.

Ways to Prevent Illness and Spread of Infection

- Practice clothes should be taken home regularly and washed.
- Students should provide and use their own towels for practice and games.
- Students should carry their own water bottles. Water bottles should not be shared.
- Students should avoid contact with other people's blood and bodily fluids.
- Report any contagious diseases and keep your student home if ill.

Release for Athletics

Academy District 20 strives to provide a safe environment for sport activities that will stimulate and challenge students. We cannot guarantee an accident will not occur. Participation in athletics includes an inherent risk of injury which may range in severity from minor to long-term catastrophic injury. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk.

Students participating in a sports activity must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to the coach, and shall be responsible for the safe condition of their own equipment.

By signing this permission form, we acknowledge that we have read and understand this warning and understand the inherent risks associated with this sport activity. We further understand that we are responsible for obtaining any medical, accident, or other insurance that we deem appropriate; the district does not provide student accident insurance. The District makes available to parents student accident insurance information which may be purchased at parent's expense.

I understand that the School District and its employees may have certain legal protections and immunities from liability with respect to any property damage or personal injury that may occur during the activity. The School District and its employees have not waived these protections and immunities. I understand that the School District and its employees may also have certain legal obligations with respect to the activity.

By agreeing to this form, I am not releasing the School District and its employees from any of their legal obligations. However, on behalf of myself, my student, and our family and representatives, I release and hold harmless the School District and its employees from and against all claims for any damages or injuries incurred by my student from any cause, including but not limited to *my student's own misconduct or the actions or omissions of third parties*. I understand that for purposes of this Release, the term "employees" includes the School District's directors, employees, servants, and volunteers.

Parent / Guardian Permission

In the event of an emergency, I (we) the undersigned parent or legal guardian, give my (our) permission to school authorities to perform first aid and/or arrange for emergency medical services.

Warning: Participation in intramural/interscholastic athletics includes a risk of injury which may range in severity from minor to long-term catastrophic. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate this risk. Participants can and have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Players must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily. By signing this permission form, we acknowledge that we have read and understood this warning. Parents / Guardians or students who do not wish to accept the risks described in this warning should not sign this permission form. I hereby give my consent for my student to compete in athletics.

By checking the boxes below, I, the parent or legal guardian of the above student, hereby give my consent for my student to participate in the Academy District 20 middle school sports program. I hereby release the School District and hold it and its employees harmless against any liability for injuries my student may incur as a result of participating in the sport. I have read and understand the rules and regulations of this document. I understand that my student will be held to these standards and consequences, and I have clarified any questions that I may have with the school. I understand that this document can be changed at any time at the discretion of the coaches or Administration, and all decisions made are final.

Student Name

Parent Signature

Date