

Moorhead Junior High Athletics

Athlete & Parent Participation Agreement

This Athlete & Parent Participation Agreement is entered into between the undersigned athlete, parent/guardian, and the coaching staff/organization for participation in team activities, practices, competitions, travel, and related events.

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish clear expectations, standards of conduct, accountability, academic responsibility, attendance requirements, and transportation obligations to ensure a positive and successful experience for all participants.

1. Commitment to the Program

Participation on this team is a privilege, not a right. Athletes and parents agree to support the values of:

- Respect
- Accountability
- Discipline
- Teamwork
- Sportsmanship
- Academic excellence
- Responsibility

All athletes are expected to represent the team, school, and community in a positive manner at all times.

2. Athlete Expectations

The athlete agrees to the following:

A. Effort & Attitude

- Give full effort during practices, games, meetings, conditioning sessions, and team events
- Maintain a positive attitude toward coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, and staff.
- Accept coaching and constructive criticism respectfully.
- Demonstrate self-control and sportsmanship at all times.

B. Conduct & Discipline

The following behaviors are prohibited:

- Fighting or bullying
- Disrespectful language or actions
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Theft or vandalism
- Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping products
- Social media misconduct or behavior that negatively reflects on the team

Violations may result in:

1. Verbal warning
2. Reduced playing time
3. Suspension from practices/games
4. Removal from the team

Disciplinary decisions will be determined at the discretion of the coaching staff and/or organization leadership.

3. Academic Standards & Grades

Academics are a priority.

The athlete agrees to:

- Maintain passing grades of 70% or above in all classes/courses.
- Attend school regularly and on time.
- Complete assignments and communicate with teachers when assistance is needed.

Academic Eligibility:

- Athletes with failing grades will be placed on academic probation.

During probation, athletes will be required to:

- Attend tutoring or study hall
- Provide grade checks
- Meet with coaches regarding academic progress

Continued academic deficiencies may result in suspension or loss of participation privileges.

Parents agree to monitor academic progress and communicate concerns promptly.

4. Attendance Expectations

Practices:

Athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices on time and prepared.

Excused absences may include:

- Illness with note
- Family emergency
- School-related academic obligations
- Religious obligations
- Pre-approved events

Unexcused absences or repeated tardiness may result in disciplinary action or reduced playing time.

Games & Team events

Attendance at games, tournaments, meetings, and team functions is mandatory unless excused in advance by coaching staff. Failure to notify coaches in advance may result in consequences determined by the coaching staff.

5. Transportation & Pick-Up Policy

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring athletes are picked up promptly following practices, games, and team activities.

Pick-Up Expectations:

- Athletes should be picked up within 15 minutes after the conclusion of practices or games.
- Repeated late pick-ups may result in disciplinary action or review of participation eligibility and/or removal from the team.

Emergency Delays

If a parent/guardian will be late:

- The coach must be notified immediately by phone or text.
- Emergency contacts should be available at all times.

Athletes may not leave with another adult unless prior permission has been provided by the parent/guardian in writing.

6. Parent/Guardian Expectations

Parents/guardians agree to:

- Support the athlete, coaches, officials, and program respectfully
- Encourage good sportsmanship and positive behavior.
- Refrain from confrontational behavior during practices or games.
- Address concerns professionally and at appropriate times.
- Ensure athletes arrive on time and prepared for all activities.
- Maintain updated emergency contact information.

Parents understand that coaching decisions regarding playing time, positions, discipline, and team strategy are the responsibility of the coaching staff. Playing time is earned through practice and hard work.

7. Communication Expectations

Communication between parents, athletes, and coaches should remain respectful and professional.

The following are **not appropriate** times to discuss concerns with coaches:

- During games
- Immediately after games
- During practices

Meetings may be scheduled at a mutually appropriate time, 24 hours after games.

8. Social Media & Public Conduct

Athletes and parents are expected to use social media responsibly. The following are prohibited:

- Negative comments about teammates, coaches, officials, or the program
- Harassment or bullying online
- Posting inappropriate content that reflects poorly on the team

Violations will result in disciplinary action.

9. Injury & Health Responsibility

Parents/guardians must notify coaching staff of:

- Medical conditions
- Injuries
- Restrictions
- Emergency medical information

Athletes should not participate while injured unless medically cleared by a doctor

10. Acknowledgement of Accountability

By signing below, the athlete and parent/guardian acknowledge that they:

- Have read and understand this agreement.
- Agree to follow the expectations and standards outlined above.
- Understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary consequences, including suspension or removal from the program.

I _____ acknowledge that I have read over and understand the Moorhead athletic agreement and will abide by the guidelines within.

Parent signature: _____ date: _____

Athlete signature: _____ date: _____

Emergency Contact Information & Parental Authorization for Pick-Up After Games and Practices

(1) Name _____
Phone # _____
Relationship _____

(2) Name _____
Phone # _____
Relationship _____

Athlete Information

Athlete Name: _____
Signature _____
Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name (Print) _____
Signature _____
Date _____
Phone # _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Emergency Phone #: _____