South Dearborn High School
Athletic Handbook
2026-2027



2025-2026 SOUTH DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

School Mascot – Knights
School Colors – Red, White and Blue
School Song:

South Dearborn Knights are Mighty
Our Team Will Keep On Fighting
For Honor, Glory, and
the Red, White and Blue
Fight, Fight, Fight
Our Team Will Go To Battle Shield,
Sword and Armor Ready Victors In
Every Way

South Dearborn We're For You

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Boys' Head Coaches:

Cross Country – *Amy Deaton*
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Soccer – *Jessica Wismann*
Tennis – *Rodney Morgan*

Basketball – *Brad Moorhead*
Swimming & Diving – *Chelsie Collins*
Wrestling – *Jesse Schaefer*

Baseball – *Jeremy Martin*
Golf – *Dan Rogers*
Track & Field – *TBA*

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Cross Country – *Amy Deaton*
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For all of your athletic information visit southdearbornathletics.com

A MESSAGE TO THE ATHLETE

Participation on a South Dearborn High School athletic team is a privilege that should be taken very seriously. There have been many athletes ahead of you who have set high standards and established great traditions. The opportunity to be a part of a team carries with it the responsibility of upholding those standards and traditions. At SD, we have a desire to win that drives us to prepare and perform to our best abilities. However, we also understand the benefits of competition and the importance of sportsmanship. We win or lose with honor and dignity. Throughout this handbook, you will be presented with the rules, regulations and expectations to be a Knight athlete. You have a responsibility to yourself, your teammates, your coaches, your parents, your school and your community to familiarize yourself with these expectations and conduct yourself in a way that would make everyone who wears our school colors proud. Remember that you represent South Dearborn on and off the field of play and everything you do will be judged by those around you. **Make them proud!**

A MESSAGE TO THE PARENTS

Your son or daughter has expressed an interest in participating in interscholastic athletics at South Dearborn High School and it is our belief that you have the opportunity to play a vital role in making it a positive experience. The support that you as a parent can provide can make the difference between whether your student/athlete benefits from the participation and enjoys it or regrets the decision to play. The SD Athletic Department recognizes that the decision to be on a team requires a commitment from you as well as the athlete and we would like to work with you to achieve the common goal of a great experience that creates lasting memories and prepares the student for adulthood. There are many lessons to be learned through athletics and other extracurricular activities, including but not limited to social, mental and physical growth, self-discipline, self-expression, time management skills and sportsmanship. A strong partnership between the athlete, parents, coaches and athletic department is crucial to make the time spent in the program worthwhile. The purpose of this publication is to make sure that everyone understands what is required and what is expected for participation in a South Dearborn athletic program. The expectations of the Athletic Department are also outlined as this relationship is a partnership whereby all stakeholders have a responsibility to contribute. The role of the Athletic Department is to manage that partnership in order to facilitate the best possible outcome for our students and their families, our school and our community.

SOUTH DEARBORN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Athletes at South Dearborn High School are held to a higher standard than most students because they are choosing to represent their school in a way that others do not. Their actions and decisions will be in the public eye and will reflect back on others that are associated with the school. For this reason, we have established the following rules and regulations, including the Knight Code, so athletes and parents know exactly what is expected of them in order to remain in good standing with the Athletic Department.

Academics – Student-Athletes are expected to maintain excellence in the classroom beyond the minimum requirements of eligibility. Their attitudes and efforts in class should mirror their attitudes and efforts in extracurricular activities. They are students first. Coaches understand the importance of education and have been instructed to stay informed of any academic problems that may arise and also to allow students to receive tutoring after school, even if it conflicts with a practice schedule.

Athletic Trainer/Training Room – An athletic trainer will be available on a limited basis.

Attendance – Team members are expected to be at all practices, contests, team meetings or other team events unless excused by the head coach in advance. If an athlete needs to miss a practice or other function, prior notification is preferred. In cases where the absence is unexpected, communication with the head coach about the absence should take place as soon as possible. Contact should be made personally and directly to the head coach by the athlete or athlete's parent. Please do not tell another team member to tell the coach that you will not be there. Perpetual absences and tardiness to team functions may have an adverse effect on the amount of participation offered to an athlete.

Chain of Command – It is inevitable that at some point a parent will have a concern about his/her child and will want to solve whatever issue is at hand. The resolution of a conflict is more likely to occur if the proper steps are taken when dealing with the issue. Please use the following as a guide to handling conflict with a coach:

Speak with the coach first, but not immediately after a contest. Coaches have been instructed not to talk to parents' right after games when emotions are running high and driving the conversation. Take time to cool off and make an appointment with the coach for the next day. If the results of the first meeting are not satisfactory, request a meeting with the Athletic Director, which may or may not include the coach. The next step is to speak with the Principal, then the Superintendent, then the Board of Trustees.

Conflicts with Other Activities – At South Dearborn there are a number of extracurricular activities offered and sometimes there are conflicts with athletic schedules. The coaches and sponsors of these activities must be reasonable and diplomatic in their decisions involving students who are involved in multiple groups. If necessary, the Athletic Director may get involved to help reach a compromise so the student can continue to get a well-rounded educational experience without penalty from missing an event.

Financial Responsibility – With the exception of the transportation fee, there is no "pay to play" fee required of each athlete. However, most programs at SDHS have a student packet available which includes gear that the athletes get to keep. It is imperative that the financial obligations pertaining to these packets are fulfilled in order for individual programs to survive in today's economic climate. Often times there are fundraisers made available to reduce individual packet costs. If you have a financial hardship that prohibits you from paying for the packet at the time payment is due, contact the head coach and Athletic Director to establish a payment plan over time.

Injuries – The possibility for injury is always present in athletic programs, especially at the high school level. If an injury occurs at a contest or practice, first notify the coach. If the injury is such that a doctor visit is required, It should be noted that any injury that requires an athlete to miss time per doctor's order must be followed up with a return to play release from the same doctor or someone who is equally qualified to return the athlete to action. In cases of concussions or other head injuries, the procedures set forth in the Concussion Management Program must be followed without exception. It is also important to know that the South Dearborn School Corporation **does not carry insurance to cover individual student-athlete injuries**. Parents will assume financial responsibility for care of injuries that occur at SD events and practices. The signing of this document provides consent for the treatment of your student-athlete by the South Dearborn certified athletic trainer.

Knight Code – Adhering to the Knight Code means making a commitment to representing South Dearborn in a positive way by avoiding situations that could result in suspensions or dismissal from a team. An athlete can be temporarily suspended or dismissed from a team for actions that include but are not limited to the following:

Violations of the Knight Code Substance Abuse policy
Repeated disciplinary issues in school or classroom
Personal misconduct with or without police involvement
Unexcused absences from practices and/or contests
Repeated violations of athletic department or team policies
Repeated acts of Unsportsmanlike Conduct
Fighting or attempting to fight in an interscholastic contest
Verbal and/or physical assault on a coach or player, including hazing
*Negative material posted on social media involving South Dearborn students, coaches, faculty or staff House arrest**
**Any athlete wearing an ankle bracelet will not be allowed participation*

<u>Substance Abuse</u>

The use of alcohol, and/or drugs will not be tolerated from our athletes. Any evidence of usage that is presented to the athletic department will be dealt with swiftly and severely. It is important for our athletes to realize that violations of the Knight Code can occur in or out of school, in or out of season. An infraction involving the use or possession of alcohol, or drugs carries the following penalties:

First offense: Loss of 20% of scheduled contests
Second offense: Loss of 50% of scheduled contests
Third offense: Loss of participation for a calendar year from infraction date
Fourth offense: Loss of participation for a calendar year from infraction date or conclusion of third offense suspension Fifth offense: Lifetime suspension from participation

Any alcohol or drug related infractions will follow the student athlete throughout his/her high school career. For example: if an athlete has an alcohol or drug related infraction as

a freshman, and another infraction as a junior, the junior year infraction would be the second offense.

TOBACCO USE

The use of tobacco products is not permitted on school property or at school sponsored activities by students of the South Dearborn School Corporation. Tobacco is defined as: a. Having in possession a lit or unlit cigarette or tobacco item held within the hand or mouth, including any tobacco related package, any look-a-like item, vape device and/or vape juice, dip, “fake dip,” smokeless pouches, “fake smokeless pouches”, “e-cigarette” or other such device, as well as in or on any wearing apparel or personal items. b. Disposing of, destroying or voiding any lit or unlit cigarette or tobacco item into a container, commode, or receptacle to include the floor. c. Tobacco smoke detected on the breath of a student or in the area of the student. To clarify further the school’s position on tobacco usage, students will be in violation of the tobacco policy if they have in their possession tobacco items or lighting devices at any time while on the grounds of the South Dearborn School Corporation. Any student in possession of any form of tobacco may have such tobacco product taken and will be considered in violation of South Dearborn High School’s tobacco policy. This type of violation is also a violation of Indiana code for those students under 18 years of age and will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agencies upon the second infraction for issuance of a citation.

An infraction involving the use or possession of tobacco carries the following penalties:

First offense: Loss of 20% of scheduled contests
Second offense: Loss of 50% of scheduled contests
Third offense: Loss of participation for a calendar year from infraction date
Fourth offense: Loss of participation for a calendar year from infraction date or conclusion of third offense suspension Fifth offense: Lifetime suspension from participation

*Though the penalty for a tobacco related offense could follow a student athlete into the next school year, the infraction count does not.

Note that exclusion from team activities is immediate upon determination of suspension. Athletes who are serving a partial season suspension are to continue to participate in every practice and attend every contest but are not allowed to dress in uniform or participate in any way at any level. Also, for a suspension to count, an athlete must finish the season in good standing with the team. Quitting a team before a season ends makes any suspension time served null and void and the number of contests required to miss starts over. If a suspension is given with less that 20% or 50% of the season remaining, then the leftover percentage carries over to the next season in which the athlete participates.

*****The administration has the option of increasing or decreasing disciplinary consequences in each individual case at their discretion.

Locker Rooms – It is nearly impossible for coaches to monitor locker rooms the entire time that teams are in there. Even if an adult is not present, there needs to be a certain amount of

decorum evident and it should be up to the upperclassmen of each program to monitor locker room situations and establish control. There is to be no roughhousing or horseplay and hazing of any kind is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disciplinary action pursuant to the Knight Code. Locker rooms are school property and should be taken care of with pride. Students should keep their areas clean and pick up after themselves to maintain a respectable environment.

NCAA – Any student-athlete who is interested in participating in athletics at the college level needs to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. It is important to know the academic requirements for participation beyond high school. Students should apply to the Eligibility Center by the junior year at www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.com.

Participation – In order to participate on an athletic team, a student must meet all eligibility requirements set forth by the IHSAA and SDHS as outlined in the "Eligibility" section of this handbook and must be in good standing with the coach and Athletic Department by adhering to the Knight Code and following the rules set forth by the head coach.

Personal Conduct – Athletes at SDHS are representatives of their school at all times, during and after school hours. The expectation is for them to conduct themselves in such a way that it presents a positive image of South Dearborn. Any participant whose conduct is judged to reflect poorly on himself/herself, the team, or the school will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the head coach, Athletic Director or Principal.

Required Forms – Before a student participates in an athletic contest, he/she and a parent must complete and submit the following forms to the athletic department:

IHSAA Physical & Consent Form (required before practices begin)
*Student Athlete Handbook, Concussion/Sudden Cardiac Arrest Acknowledgement and Signature Form**
Any team contract developed by head coach

Removal from a Contest – Any athlete, coach or team personnel ejected from a contest by a contest official will be automatically suspended for the remainder of that contest plus the next scheduled contest. A coach ejected from a contest will be out the remainder of that contest and the next two contests.

Removal from a Team – In some instances it is necessary to remove an athlete from a team for the benefit of the program. Causes for removal from a team are outlined in the "Knight Code" section of this handbook. Removal from a team will be made by the coach of the sport with approval from the Athletic Director and Principal. Removal may also be initiated by the Athletic Director or Principal. Coaches will confer with the Athletic Director or Principal before any removal action is taken. Once the decision to remove is made, parents and athletes will be notified immediately and the Due Process procedure will be followed.

Due Process

When a decision has been made to remove or suspend an athlete, written notification will be given to the athlete and parents explaining the intent to suspend or remove and the reasons for the action. Upon receipt of this notification, parents will then have five (5) days to contact the coach and/or Athletic Director to schedule an informal meeting to review the situation. If suspension/removal is upheld, parents then have five (5) days to send a request to the Athletic Council for an appeal hearing. The Athletic Council shall hear the appeal within three (3) days of receipt of appeal request and will make a decision within twenty-four (24) hours of the meeting. If parents are not satisfied with the decision of the Athletic Council, they have the right to appeal to the Superintendent of schools as well as the Board of Education. The student will remain ineligible for competition for the duration of the due process.

School Equipment/Uniforms – The athlete is responsible for any and all equipment issued to him/her, including school uniforms. Any lost or damaged equipment or uniforms must be replaced with the financial burden placed on the athlete and his/her parents.

Squad Selection – The selection of a squad is the responsibility of the head coach with input from the coaching staff. The Athletic Director does not have any input or influence in the decisions of who makes the team or on what level they play. Every participant will be given the opportunity to attend and participate in a set number of practices, determined by the head coach. After those practices, if a student is not selected, the coach will notify him/her personally that they did not make the team and will provide justification for the decision. There are a number of factors that are considered when selecting a team. Talent and athleticism is not a guarantee that a spot will be available. Attitude, attendance and player ability are just a few examples of things that a coach considers when picking his/her team.

Team Policies – In addition to the policies set forth by the Athletic Department, each head coach will have a set of rules and expectations for his/her particular program. Individual discipline will be managed by the coaches unless a violation occurs that requires the attention of the Athletic Director or Principal. If you are unaware of the rules set forth for a team, ask the coach for a copy.

Tickets/Passes – The sale of tickets for home contests is necessary to provide financial support to all programs in the Athletic Department as well as to pay for officials, workers and other necessities for hosting contests. Adult tickets for Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman contests are $6.00 (excluding golf, and tennis.) Student tickets are available for purchase at any of the South Dearborn Community School's at a discounted rate of $3.00. The student ticket can only be used once but is good for any high school athletic event. All Sports Passes are available for students ($40), adults ($80) or family ($225) and are available in the office. Senior Citizen Yearly Passes (65+) are also offered at a cost of $20.00. Passes are good for any contest except tournaments, including the state tournament series.

Transportation – A transportation fee will be assessed for each student athlete per season. The amount of the fee will be determined each year by the South Dearborn School Board and will be due to the athletic office prior to the start of the contest season. South Dearborn High School will provide transportation to all contests and we strongly

encourage all participating students to ride home with the team by whatever means provided by the school. However, upon coach's consent, a parent may choose to transport their son or daughter home after a contest. In such cases, a consent form must be completed prior to the student being released from the coach's care. All coaches will have forms available at each event. Students will not ever be released to travel from a contest with anyone other than a parent or an adult that has been designated by the student's parent. If a student will be riding home with another student's parent(s), consent must be given by the Athletic Director no later than the end of school on the day of the event. Consent forms for release to another parent are available at southdearbornathletics.com under the MORE tab, student-athlete travel release.

Two Teams, Same Season – Occasionally it is possible for a student to participate on two teams at the same time during one season. The most common example is a soccer player who kicks for the football team on Friday nights. However, **in most cases, this is a very difficult situation to manage because of conflicting schedules. Students are discouraged from participating in two sports during the same season** because of the conflicts and the additional strain placed on the student who has multiple practices to attend on a daily basis in addition to the requirements that come with class work. In the rare situation where an athlete is shared by two programs, it is imperative that there is communication between both head coaches and the athlete. The athlete must also declare to both coaches which of the teams is his/her priority so they know exactly what to expect in situations where schedules conflict. If a reasonable compromise cannot be reached between the athlete and both coaches, the Athletic Director may require the athlete to choose one program instead of trying to do both.

Weight Room – The weight room is available for use by teams before and after school upon request. There is a full program of weight training offered during the school year and summer under the guidance of a strength and conditioning coach. No student shall use the weight room without adult supervision, nor without having a physical on file in the athletic office. More specific rules and regulations can be obtained from the strength and conditioning coach.

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Indiana High School Athletic Association, IHSAA, is the governing body that maintains the rules and regulations that ensure equity in competition for student-athletes of all of its member schools. Membership is voluntary and open to any high school in the state of Indiana that is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. The organization is in turn governed by the NFHS, National Federation of State High School Associations and together they have developed the articles and by-laws that determine the rules and expectations for each sport. The IHSAA offers a tournament series in 22 sports, 11 for girls and 11 for boys, of which 20 are offered at South Dearborn High School (gymnastics, and boys volleyball are the exception). Some of the state tournaments are broken into classes based on enrollment and some are single class. As of this publication, South Dearborn High School falls into the following classes:

3A – Baseball, Basketball, Football, Softball, Volleyball
2A – Soccer
Single Class – Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling, Track & Field

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility of a student-athlete is determined by both the IHSAA and South Dearborn High School. The details of IHSAA eligibility can be found in the IHSAA By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, which are available on their website at www.ihsaa.org. However, some of the key points to achieving and maintaining eligibility from the IHSAA and SDHS are as follows:

Age – A student must not be 20 years old prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in the sport in which he/she participates.

Attendance – Students must be present at school no later than 10:30 am to be eligible to participate in a contest or practice that day. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances may be granted by the principal or athletic director.

Enrollment/Grades – Students are eligible for a maximum of 16 quarters (8 semesters) and must also have been enrolled in some high school within the first 15 school days of the quarter in which the sport occurs. Students must have received passing grades and credit in 70% of the classes offered in the grading period prior to their season grading period. This means students must have earned a minimum of 5 credits during the previous quarter. They must also be enrolled in 70% of the maximum number of classes during the season. At South Dearborn, that translates to 5 out of 7 classes.

Physical – A physical must be on file in the athletic office, dated on or after April 1 of the calendar year that begins the school year (i.e., April 1, 2026 for the 2026-27 school year). Physical forms, including the Consent & Release (page 4), must be the forms specified by the IHSAA and can be obtained at SDHS or printed from the IHSAA website under Schools-Forms.

Return to play – Indiana state law requires an evaluation by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries for any student-athlete that has been removed from a game for a head injury or is suspected of having a head injury sustained during a practice or contest. Return to play will be determined by the evaluation and will follow the schedule designated on the “Release to Play” form provided by the IHSAA.

Suspension – Any student who has been suspended from school or spends the school day in In-School Suspension cannot participate in a game or practice on the day of the suspension. If a student has been suspended from a contest for a violation of the Knight Code, he/she is still required to participate in practice and attend contests but cannot dress in uniform with the team or participate in any way in the contest.

ATHLETICS AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

South Dearborn’s policy has changed as of October, 2024. Any student enrolled at South Dearborn High School prior to October is grandfathered into our old policy, but no other students post October, 2024 will be accepted under homeschool status.

Transfer – Effective Jun 1, 2025

- Students whose first transfer is from IHSAA Member School to IHSAA Member School will maintain full eligibility if it occurs during their first six semesters of high school.

- Second and subsequent transfers and transfers from non-IHSAA Member Schools will be handled in a similar fashion to the way they have been in previous years.

- Students whose second transfer involves a return to the IHSAA Member School where they established their initial promotion eligibility will retain full eligibility within 365 days of their enrollment date at the previous school.

EASTERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

South Dearborn is a member of the Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference, EIAC. The EIAC consists of the following schools:

Batesville Bulldogs
Connersville Spartans
East Central Trojans
Franklin County Wildcats
Greensburg Pirates
Lawrenceburg Tigers
Rushville Lions
South Dearborn Knights

In each sport, student athletes have the opportunity to earn All-Conference status by exemplary performance in conference play throughout the season. The number of conference selections in team sports varies by sport. Honorees are selected by the head coaches from the other member schools of the EIAC. Head coaches of the member schools are not permitted to vote for their own players. All-EIAC selection for individual sports is determined by placement in the EIAC tournament event.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is a vital component to a positive experience in high school athletics. Learning the importance of winning and losing with dignity is an essential part of the development of one's character. It is the hope of the South Dearborn High School administration, as well as the EIAC and IHSAA, that all participants, coaches and spectators show their school pride by acting in a way that promotes support of and brings honor to their school while also respecting other schools' representatives. At South Dearborn High School, we have high expectations of how our athletes, coaches, parents and spectators conduct themselves and will not tolerate any behavior that is deemed unsporting or derogatory toward other players, coaches, officials or opponents' fans.

We expect our athletes and coaches to adhere to the rules of their sport and conduct themselves in a manner that would make others in the South Dearborn family proud. Winning is important, but it does not take precedence over sportsmanship. There is no excuse for behavior that results in removal from a contest and our coaches should be setting the example for our athletes to follow. Parents can also help by conducting themselves in a way that promotes good sportsmanship at all times.

SOUTH DEARBORN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

AWARDS and RECOGNITION

Awards for Participation – Participation certificates will be awarded to anyone who participated at the freshman or junior varsity level but did not qualify for a varsity letter. Varsity letters will be given to any athlete who completes the season in good standing and participated in a minimum of half the varsity quarters, halves, or sets. For example: if a basketball team plays 24 games, equaling 96 quarters, a player is required to play in 48 quarters of the varsity contests to earn a varsity letter. Each coach should communicate to his/her athletes and parents what it takes to qualify for a varsity letter. An exception to this rule is made for any senior who has participated in the same sport for four (4) years but does not meet the minimum requirements for earning a letter. All 4-year seniors letter automatically, given they finish the season in good standing. The following is a list of what an athlete earns with each letter achieved:

1st letter overall – SD letter
Subsequent letters – Chevron
3rd letter in one sport – Trophy
4th letter in one sport - Plaque

*Coaches have the discretion to award a varsity letter with the permission of the athletic director or principal.

Awards Program – At the conclusion of each season, a sports awards program will take place to recognize the athletes and coaches for their efforts throughout the season. Date and time will be determined on a season-by-season basis depending on when the seasons end. Awards will be given for athletic achievement.

Patches – Patches will be awarded from the Athletic Department to anyone who earns the following:

Team Awards	**Individual Awards**
Conference Champs	All EIAC
Conference Sectional Champs	Sectional
Regional Champs	Regional
Semi-State Champs	Semi-State
State Champs	All State

Performance Awards – Each program has awards that they give at the end of the season. They vary from program to program, but include such awards like Most Valuable, Most Improved, and Mental Attitude. Other awards are given based on statistical performance. For a list of what awards are available in a particular sport, see the head coach.

Academic Awards - The South Dearborn Athletic Department will issue the E.I.A.C Academic Honor Award at the conclusion of every school year. The top 5% of male and top 5% of female athletes from grades 10, 11, and 12 who participated in athletics during each school year with an E.I.A.C Academic All-Conference Award. The award will include a certificate and a patch. Those student athletes who earn the award will be recognized during our SDHS Awards Day Ceremony.

SOUTH DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT FORM

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the provisions set forth in the pages of this athletic handbook. I realize that being an athlete at South Dearborn High School is a privilege and I pledge to abide by the Knight Code and do my best to represent my school with the utmost dignity and class.

_____ _____ Date: _____

Athlete's Name (Printed) Athlete's Signature

As a parent/legal guardian of _____, I understand the rules, regulations and expectations as set forth by the South Dearborn High School Athletic Department, South Dearborn School District, the IHSAA and the NFHS. I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in athletics at South Dearborn High School and will do my best to see to it that he/she follows all the rules and policies as set forth in this handbook, knowing that violations may result in suspensions or dismissal from a program. I further understand and take responsibility for any financial obligations that may accompany his/her participation as well as the responsibility of returning school-issued uniforms and equipment in good condition. I pledge to be supportive of my son/daughter so he/she has a positive experience through his/her athletic participation.

_____ _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) Parent/Guardian Signature