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Athletic Handbook



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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

1-1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Harrisburg Middle School athletic rules and regulations is to encourage, regulate, and give direction to wholesome amateur athletic competition for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who participate in HMS contests.

All athletic competition coming under these guidelines shall be both subservient to and complementary to the academic function of the school and shall follow the guidelines recommended by the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association (SIJHSAA) for Middle School competition.

These rules and regulations will determine guidelines for individual qualifications of students participating in the athletic programs, state the philosophy at these grade levels, and establish standards for eligibility, competition and sportsmanship. These rules and regulations are binding where applicable on all students involved in any capacity with the athletic programs of the Harrisburg Middle School.

1- 2 SPORTS OFFERED AT HMS/COACHES

Fall Season Sports

Boys' Baseball	Coach - Jay Thompson
Girls' Softball	Coach - Alicyn Dowdy
Boys' and Girls' Cross Country	Coach - James Herren

Winter Season Sports

Boys' Varsity Basketball	Coach -
Boys' Jr. Varsity Basketball	Coach -
Girls' Varsity Basketball	Coach - Hannah Bartok
Girls' Jr. Varsity Basketball	Coach -
Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Coach -
Girls' Jr. Varsity Volleyball	Coach -
Boys' and Girls' Bowling	Coach -
Cheerleading	Coach - Jordan Case & Emma Pappenfuss

Spring Season Sports

Boys' Track	Coach -
Girls' Track	Coach -
Boys' and Girls' Golf	Coach - Jake Dixon

1-3 TRYOUT INFORMATION

- ❖ **All tryouts will be closed to spectators.**
- ❖ **Physicals/Participation in Athletics Form/Concussion Policy:** Before trying out or participating in any sport, each student athlete must have the following:
 - A **CURRENT PHYSICAL EXAM** on file - Athletic physicals are valid for 395 days from the date of the physical. **If a physical expires before the end of the sport season, the athlete must get a new physical and will not be allowed to participate until it is on file.** Please make a copy of your physical before turning it in. The school will not be responsible for providing you with a copy.
 - **PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS FORM** - This form contains two important pieces of information:
 - Verification of Insurance and
 - Parental Permission to Participate. If a student needs insurance, an inexpensive school policy may be purchased online. Contact the HMS office for more information.
 - **HARRISBURG CUSD#3 CONCUSSION POLICY FORM** - HMS follows the IHSA guidelines to concussion awareness for student athletes. The form simply states that you have read the policy and understand it.
- ❖ **Attendance at Tryouts:**
 - The number of days for tryouts will vary with each sport. Coaches will talk to students who are trying out for their teams about the expectations that they have for their athletes before tryouts begin.
 - Each athlete **must** attend all days of tryouts to be considered for the team. Exceptions will only be made due to an injury, illness or other reason approved by the Principal.
 - In the event that an athlete was a member of the team the prior year and cannot attend tryouts due to the above reasons, the coach may judge them on their performance from the prior season or request a separate tryout.
 - In the event the athlete was not a member of the team the prior year and cannot attend tryouts due to the above reasons or in the event of a transfer student who transfers after tryouts are complete, a make-up tryout **may** take place no later than two weeks (14 calendar days) from the date of the first practice. Students will not be allowed to try out for the team after this time.
 - Students who do not have a current physical and/or the required paperwork are still required to attend the first day of tryouts and observe. The athlete will NOT be given an extra day. In the event the student does not have a physical by the second day of tryouts they will not be eligible to tryout.
 - **Approximate tryout dates** for all sports are listed below. Specific tryout information will be sent by text to parents at the phone number they have on file with the district, posted on the district app and on the HMS Facebook page.
 - Boys' Baseball - The last week of July/first week of August
 - Girls' Softball - The last week of May/first week of June
 - Boys' and Girls' Cross Country - The first two weeks of school
 - Cheerleading - May

- Jr. Varsity/Varsity Boys' Basketball - First week in October
- Jr. Varsity/Varsity Girls' Basketball - Last week in September
- Volleyball - Last two weeks of January
- Boys' and Girls' Track - Middle of March
- Boys' and Girls' Golf - Middle of March

1-4 SELECTION OF TEAM MEMBERS

Team members will be selected at the scheduled tryouts solely on the basis of demonstrated ability as determined by the coach. If a coach wishes to maintain an alternate list, a dismissed team member may be replaced from that list at the coach's discretion. Any alternate list must be provided to the Athletic Director and/or Principal once the team is posted.

1-5 PARENT MEETING

After the team has been selected, it is recommended that the coach hold a parent meeting. This meeting should take place within a couple of days after the team is chosen. Topics covered at the meeting will include:

- ❖ Contact number and email address for the coach, athletic director and principal
- ❖ Practice and game schedules
- ❖ Coaching philosophy and style
- ❖ Playing time expectations
- ❖ Expectations of athletes
- ❖ Expectations of parent(s)/guardian(s)
- ❖ Athletic Handbook
 - Eligibility
 - Attendance at practice/games
 - Transportation
 - Procedure for complaints

At the conclusion of the meeting, parent/guardian will sign the Acceptance of Conditions of Athletic Programs form. Parents who do not attend the meeting will also be required to sign this form and it will be assumed that they have read and that they understand the Athletic Handbook.

1-6 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (SIJHSAA)

Eligibility for most athletics is also governed by the rules of the SIJHSAA and, if applicable, these rules will apply in addition to this Athletic Handbook. In the case of a conflict between the SIJHSAA and this handbook, the most stringent rule will be enforced.

CHAPTER 2

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2-1 PARTICIPATION/ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility Checks

- ❖ Eligibility checks will be completed on the last school attendance day of each week at 3:30 pm. The results of the eligibility check will take effect the following Monday.
- ❖ Eligibility checks will begin immediately after the team is chosen unless the team is chosen within the first two weeks of a new quarter in which case, the eligibility check will begin at the end of the second week of the quarter. For fall sports, the first eligibility check will take place on the last attendance day of the second full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year.
- ❖ To participate in any athletic event, a student must have passing grades in all subjects in which they receive a grade at the time of the grade check.
- ❖ A failing grade in any subject will result in a student being placed on the ineligibility list for one week.
- ❖ **The ineligibility period runs from Monday to Sunday.**
- ❖ Ineligible students **MUST** practice with the team and attend home athletic contests but **MAY NOT** attend out of town athletic contests.
- ❖ The coach, athletic director, or Principal retains the right to remove the student from the team after three eligibility violations.

School Attendance

- ❖ **A student must attend school the entire day to participate in a scheduled athletic practice or contest that day or on the weekend immediately following the absence.** Personal (with approval of the building principal), medical, and dental absences are excluded from this rule. Medical and dental absences must be accompanied by a doctor's note. The principal or assistant principal on an individual basis may grant exceptions to this policy.
- ❖ Students who are absent from school for five consecutive days or who are physically unable to practice for five consecutive days due to illness or injury must provide a medical statement from a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine releasing the student to resume participation in athletic activities.
- ❖ **If a student is unable to participate in PE due to an injury, failure to bring proper clothing or shoes, or other school-related behavioral issues, the student will not be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities that evening.**

2-2 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- ❖ All students must wear the school provided uniform unless otherwise agreed upon by the athletic director and administration.
- ❖ **All uniforms and equipment provided to the student athlete must be returned no later than one week after the last scheduled contest of the season. In the event a student is removed from a team or quits a team, the uniform and equipment must be returned no later than the next school day after removal or quitting.**
- ❖ Uniforms must be clean when returned. The uniform should be placed in a bag clearly labeled with the student's name and returned either to the coach or the athletic director.
- ❖ Lost, stolen or damaged items are the responsibility of the student, and he or she must pay the current replacement cost of any items issued and not returned or returned damaged. Payment will be expected within two weeks after the last scheduled contest of the seas
- ❖ **Any student who fails to turn in uniform(s) or equipment will not be allowed to try out for another sport at HMS until such uniform or equipment is returned or the current replacement cost has been paid.**

CHAPTER 3 PRACTICES AND GAMES

3-1 PRACTICES

Closed Practices

Practices are closed to observers.

Attendance

Attendance at practice is required and practice times vary from immediately after school to early evenings. Teams may practice Monday - Saturday. There will be no practice held on Sunday (unless approved by Administration for unexpected circumstances) or on the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Day, or Easter.

Transportation for Practice The place for practice varies by sport. Practice for cross country, basketball, cheerleading, and volleyball are at HMS. Practices for baseball and softball are at Harrisburg Park and Jay Thompson Field (Doris Heights), practice for golf is at the Shawnee Hills Country Club and practice for track is at the HHS football field/track. **Transportation is not provided for practices that take place at Jay Thompson Field, the Harrisburg Park, Shawnee Hills Country Club or Taylor Field.** Parents are responsible for providing transportation for students to those practices. They are not allowed to ride a bus due to space limitations.

3-2 STAYING AFTER SCHOOL FOR PRACTICE OR GAMES

Practice

If practice begins before 3:30, student athletes will be dismissed at 2:50 pm. No student athlete should leave the classroom prior to 2:50 for any reason. Student athletes are not allowed to visit teachers or sit in a

teacher's room until practice begins. Student athletes are required to wait in the commons area until all bus riders have left the gym unless a coach is present and supervising them. When waiting in the commons area, students are required to be seated and clean up any messes made from eating snacks or meals.

Practice may not begin until all bus riders have left the gym. All student athletes must sit in a designated area on the bleachers after they have changed and until practice begins.

Under no circumstances are student athletes allowed to begin warm-ups or practice until a coach is present.

If practice begins after 3:30, student athletes are to go home and return for practice unless a coach is present for supervision from the time of dismissal from school until practice begins.

Away Games

If the bus leaves prior to dismissal, student athletes will be dismissed 15 minutes before departure to get dressed. If the bus leaves after school is dismissed, student athletes will be dismissed at 2:50 pm. If the bus leaves after 3:30, students are to go home and return to catch the bus unless a coach is present for supervision from the time of dismissal from school to the time of departure.

Home Games

Unless student athletes are required by the coach to be at the school by 3:30 for the game and the coach is present for supervision, they are required to go home and return when it's time for the game.

3-3 EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In case of an emergency school closing, games and practices may be canceled. In the case of a multiple day closing, HMS administration will decide if practice can be held starting on the second day. HMS Administration will work closely with HHS Administration and the Superintendent to determine if games and practices will be canceled and an announcement will be made as soon as a decision is reached.

3-4 CONFLICT WITH NON-SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

Student athletes are expected to attend all practices and athletic events unless he/she has an excused absence (ie student illness, family emergency, or other excuse approved by the Principal). **Missing practice for any reason other than those specified including for vacation or to attend a non-school related activity (ie, gymnastics, dance, theater (not related to HMS) , club sports teams, etc.) WILL BE CONSIDERED AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. Students may be removed from a team for unexcused absences.**

3-5 CONFLICT WITH SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

When a student is involved in two school related activities that fall on the same day, the student will have the right to decide in which activity he/she wishes to participate, except in the case of cheerleading and theater as stated below. Under no circumstances shall there be any repercussive action taken against the student athlete after he/she has made the decision. Game participation will have precedence over practice situations. HMS athletic events and other school activities take precedence over club athletic events and non-related school activities. Academic events will take precedence over all athletic events and other non-academic school activities. If there is a conflict between a student, parent/guardian and/or coach/director over which activity

takes precedence under this section, the final decision will be made by the Athletic Director and Principal/Assistant Principal.

Cheerleaders

Cheerleaders will cheer at all boys' basketball games and **will not** be allowed to participate on athletic teams during their cheering assignment. This does not preclude cheerleaders from trying out for volleyball while boys' basketball is in season but they **may not practice or play volleyball until boys' basketball season has ended.**

Theater

When students are participating in theater and athletics, the Athletic Director, Principal or Assistant Principal, coaches and musical director will agree on a schedule that works best for both activities. In general, games/production will take precedence over practice/rehearsal but the final decision will be made by the Athletic Director and Principal/Assistant Principal.

3-7 TRANSPORTATION TO GAMES

Transportation to away athletic contests will be provided and all student athletes are expected to ride school-provided transportation both to and from away contests. Exceptions may be made in an emergency or hardship, or other approved situations with written consent by parents or guardians approved by the athletic director or HMS administrator prior to the athletic event. Students may only ride home from away contests with a parent, guardian or a person listed on the emergency contact list at HMS. Transportation request forms are available in the HMS office.

3-8 QUITTING A TEAM

Any athlete quitting a team will not be eligible for an award, and will not be permitted to participate in another sport that particular sport season and/or the following sport season in the event the athlete quits a sport near the end of the season. All decisions regarding participation in another sport after quitting a team will be made by HMS administration and the HMS athletic director.

3-9 ABSENCES FOR ATHLETICS - HOMEWORK

It is the responsibility of any student athlete who misses one or more classes to attend an athletic event to get their assignments for the missed classes AND turn in assignments prior to leaving for the event. The assignments are due on the stated due date and students may not be allowed extra time to complete assignments.

CHAPTER 4

RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

4-1 RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT ATHLETES

All student athletes accept the responsibility of representing Harrisburg Middle School in the home community and at away athletic events. Student athletes are expected:

- ❖ To exhibit responsible behavior that will reflect a positive light upon the school at all times.
- ❖ To maintain academic and behavioral eligibility.

- ❖ To attend all practices and contests unless he/she has an excused absence.
- ❖ To treat coaches and officials with respect, obeying the rules of the sport.
- ❖ To show positive behavior and sportsmanship in competition.
- ❖ To communicate with the coach respectfully if problems or conflicts should arise.

4-2 RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES

The role of the coach is to be a teacher and mentor. It is a position of responsibility, trust and respect. All coaches are expected to:

- ❖ Know and teach the proper rules for their sport and show proper respect for the officials.
- ❖ Teach the basic skills and strategies of the sport, allowing for learning and mistakes.
- ❖ Exhibit and teach good sportsmanship and etiquette, putting winning into its proper perspective.
- ❖ Exercise good judgment and fairness in deciding issues among players.
- ❖ Know and abide by all SIJHSAA rules and the expectations in this handbook.
- ❖ Be in charge of team management such as scheduling practices, picking choosing teams, and determining starting line-ups, etc.
- ❖ Ride the bus to and from all the away contests they coach.
- ❖ To supervise student athletes at all times before, during and after practices and home and away contests until students are picked up by a parent or guardian.
- ❖ To issue, maintain, collect, and inventory all uniforms and equipment for each sport they coach and to turn in documentation of any missing uniforms or equipment to the athletic director within ten (10) days after their season ends.
- ❖ To hold a tryout prior to the beginning of the season and to make the final decision regarding who is kept on any team.

4-3 RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND ADMINISTRATORS

- ❖ The Athletic Director is responsible for sports management, such as scheduling games, booking officials, managing gym time, etc.
- ❖ The Athletic Director and Administration (or their designees) are responsible for supervision of contests.
- ❖ The Athletic Director and Administration will mediate or settle disputes between players (or their parents) and coaches, when necessary.
- ❖ Administration will determine activities in the event of any school delay or closing.
- ❖ Administration has the right to make final decisions in all cases.

4-4 RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The attitude of student athletes toward sports is often shaped by the attitude of their parents. It is important for parents to be positive role models and supporters of their children by doing the following:

- ❖ Arrange for the student athlete to have a current physical examination prior to tryouts.
- ❖ Complete all required paperwork in a timely manner.
- ❖ Attend the parent meeting, if scheduled, for each sport.
- ❖ Attend contests whenever possible.
- ❖ Model respect for coaches and officials. Exhibit proper sportsmanship and etiquette during contests.
- ❖ Emotionally support your child in winning and in losing, and help provide proper perspective.

- ❖ Be on time to pick your child up after practices and contests. **Student athletes MUST be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the end practice or arrival at the school following an away contest.**
 - 1st Time - Warning
 - 2nd Time - Student athlete will have a one contest suspension.
 - 3rd Time - Student athlete may be removed from the team.

CHAPTER 5

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

5-1 CODE OF CONDUCT

This Athletic Activities Code of Conduct applies, where applicable, to all school sponsored athletic activities. This Code does not contain a complete list of inappropriate behaviors. See the HMS Student Handbook, Chapter 6 for a complete list. Violations will be treated cumulatively, with disciplinary penalties increasing with subsequent violations. A student may be excluded from athletic activities while the school is conducting an investigation into the student's conduct.

The student shall not:

- ❖ Violate the school rules on student discipline including policies and procedures on student behavior
- ❖ Ingest or otherwise use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute a beverage containing alcohol;
- ❖ Ingest or otherwise use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute tobacco or nicotine in any form;
- ❖ Ingest or otherwise use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute any product composed purely of caffeine in loose powdered form or any illegal substance (including mood-altering and performance enhancing drugs or chemicals) or paraphernalia;
- ❖ Use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute any object that is or could be considered a weapon or any item that is a look alike weapon. This prohibition does not prohibit legal use of weapons in cooking and in athletics, such as archery, martial arts practice, target shooting, hunting, and skeet;
- ❖ Attend a party or other gathering and/or ride in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors;
- ❖ Act in an unsportsmanlike manner;
- ❖ Violate any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism and reckless driving;
- ❖ Haze or bully other students;
- ❖ Violate the rules of the coach for the athletic activity;
- ❖ Behave in a manner that disrupts or adversely affects the group or school;
- ❖ Be insubordinate or disrespectful toward the coach; or
- ❖ Falsify any information contained on any permission form required to participate in the athletic activity.

Hazing is any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a team or group, regardless of his or her willingness to participate. **Bullying** includes cyber-bullying (bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication) and means any physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- ❖ Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
- ❖ Causing a detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
- ❖ Interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
- ❖ Interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

Due Process Procedures

Students who are accused of violating the Code of Conduct are entitled to the following due process:

- ❖ The student should be advised of the disciplinary infraction with which he or she is being charged.
- ❖ The student shall be entitled to a hearing before the building principal or assistant principal.
- ❖ The student will be able to respond to any charges leveled against him or her.
- ❖ The student may provide any additional information he or she wishes for the principal or assistant principal to consider.
- ❖ The principal or assistant principal, with the help of other staff members if needed, may interview material witnesses or others with evidence concerning the case.
- ❖ **Consequences:**

If the principal or assistant principal find, after reviewing the evidence, that the violation occurred, she will impose sanctions on the student as follows:

- Sanctions for violations other than nicotine, drugs and alcohol will be based on the nature of the offense and the number of offenses, and may include suspension from all athletic events for one of the time periods described below:
 - Consequences as outlined in the Harrisburg Middle School Student Handbook;
 - A specified period of time or percentage of performances, activities or competitions;
 - The remainder of the season or for the next season; or
 - The remainder of the student athlete's career at Harrisburg Middle School.
- Sanctions for nicotine violations, in any form, including vaping and possession of vaping devices, will be based on the following:
 - **First Violation:**
 - Suspension for 20% of the season.
 - The student athlete will be required to practice with the team unless suspended or expelled from school.
 - **Second Violation:**
 - Suspension for 50% of the season.

- The student athlete will be required to practice with the team unless suspended or expelled from school.
- **Third Violation:**
 - Suspension for the remainder of the season.
- Sanctions for alcohol and other drug violations, including mood-altering or performance enhancing drugs, products composed purely of caffeine in a loose powdered form, paraphernalia or any other illegal substance, will be based on the following:
 - **First Violation:** A suspension of 6 months.
 - **Second Violation:** Suspension for one calendar year.
 - **Third Violation:** Suspension from athletic activities for the remainder of the student athlete's career at Harrisburg Middle School
- Sanctions for attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors (where there is no evidence the student consumed alcohol and/or controlled substances):
 - **First Violation:**
 - Suspension for 20% of the season
 - The student athlete will be required to practice with the team unless suspended or expelled from school.
 - **Second Violation:**
 - Suspension for 50% of the season.
 - The student athlete will be required to practice with the team unless suspended or expelled from school.
 - **Third Violation:** Suspension for the remainder of the season

The principal or assistant principal will make a report of her decision and rationale. The student may appeal the decision to the principal or assistant principal. All student athletes remain subject the Harrisburg Middle School student handbook.

5-2 SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL - OSS or ISS

Athletic Participation is a Privilege. Student athletes who are suspended from school (out-of-school suspension) or assigned to in-school suspension **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in practices or contests during the day(s) of the suspension.

5-3 SOCIAL SUSPENSION

Student athletes who are placed on the Social Suspension List will not be allowed to practice or participate in any athletic event for as long as they remain on the Social Suspension List. See the HMS Student Handbook 6-8.

CHAPTER 6

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

6-1 DISPUTES

If a dispute or conflict should arise between an athlete or parent and coach, the following steps should be taken:

- ❖ The athlete or parent should speak privately with the coach at a time other than during a contest. Coaches are instructed not to confer with parents or players regarding disputes or conflict immediately before, during or after a contest.
- ❖ If a parent wishes to discuss a concern with the coach, they must schedule an appointment with the coach. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or immediately after a contest or practice. These can be busy and emotional times for both the parent and the coach, and this period does not promote objective analysis of the situation.
- ❖ If the athlete or parent does not feel they have achieved a satisfactory resolution, they should contact the Athletic Director. If necessary, the Athletic Director may confer with the Assistant Principal or Principal.

CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS

7-1 EXCLUSION FROM SPORT/FUTURE SPORT SEASONS

The decision to exclude a student from a sport and/or from future sport seasons will be determined by a coach, athletic director, and HMS administration and student athletes may be removed from a team or excluded from participating in future sport seasons for inadequate grades, behavior, quitting a team before the end of a season (see 3-7 of this handbook) or other reasons agreed upon by the coach, athletic director and HMS administration.

7-2 GAME SUPERVISOR

The game supervisor has the authority to institute adequate team and crowd-control measures at all contests where Harrisburg Middle School teams participate to assure that the school's participants and fans conduct themselves in a proper and sportsmanlike manner.

7-3 OFFICIALS

The officials in all interschool contests requiring officials should hold current licenses from the Illinois High School Athletic Association and be contracted by the athletic director.

All licensed officials should wear the current official's insignia on the prescribed uniform.

7-4 STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES

Student athletes must comply with Illinois' Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act and all protocols, policies

and bylaws of the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association before being allowed to participate in any athletic activity, including practice or competition.

A student who was removed from practice or competition because of a suspected concussion shall be allowed to return only after all statutory prerequisites are completed, including without limitation, the School District's return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols.

**HARRISBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AND
AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Student: _____

Sports I Plan to Participate in (check all that apply):

- ☐ Baseball/Softball
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Bowling
- ☐ Cheerleading
- ☐ Cross Country
- ☐ Golf
- ☐ Track
- ☐ Volleyball

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT ATHLETE BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN A SPORT
EACH YEAR**

I have read, understand, and agree to the information provided in the Harrisburg Middle School Athletic Handbook and I will abide by all conduct rules of Harrisburg Middle School.

I desire to become a member of the Harrisburg Middle School athletic program and I have read the Athletic Handbook, which governs athletics at Harrisburg Middle School.

I understand that participation in the athletic program is a privilege, and not a right.

I understand that the Athletic Handbook is in effect for the entire year, including summer months.

I understand that, if I do not abide by the code of conduct as outlined in the Athletic Handbook, I may be removed from the athletic team according to the procedures included.

I understand that if there is a lost or damaged uniform, I will be held responsible to pay for it.

Student Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date