

NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT for Students and Parents

PREREQUISITES for PARTICIPATION

In order to participate in interscholastic athletics, every athlete must have a current physical form and a parent permission slip on file in the athletic office. **In addition, this Athletic Policy Acknowledgement must be signed by both the parent and the athlete before an athlete may compete.** Please go www.ncrams.com and read the Student/Parent Handbook section. **The completed Acknowledgment Form must be submitted to the appropriate coach prior to the first practice session of each season.** This contract describes specific student/parent commitments and those responsibilities which accompany participation in our interscholastic athletic program.

RESPONSIBILITIES of STUDENT ATHLETES

In order to participate in our interscholastic sports program, each student athlete must assume responsibility for the following:

1. Appropriate, considerate and responsible behavior at all practice and game situations.
2. Attendance at all practices - up to 6 days a week.
3. Attendance at all games.
4. Three unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the team.
5. Appropriate maintenance of equipment and uniforms in order to assure that both are returned in acceptable condition.
6. The athlete is responsible for reimbursing the District for missing equipment or uniforms. Until reimbursements are made or the article is returned, the athlete's eligibility for athletic participation is temporarily suspended. Also report cards/diplomas will be held up.

VACATIONS

Vacations by athletic team members during a sport season are discouraged. Parents and athletes who wish to go away during a particular season may want to defer participation so as not to create conflicts. In the event that a family vacation is unavoidable, an athlete must:

1. Contact the coach at the start of the season.
2. EVERY TWO DAYS OF PRACTICES OR GAMES THAT ARE MISSED WILL RESULT IN SITTING OUT ONE GAME WHEN THE ATHLETE RETURNS.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Students must be present in school for a minimum of 5 periods in order to participate in an athletic practice or game that day.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

We encourage all parents to attend games and to model constructive support and guidance when students experience either success or failure in game situations. Most important, we ask parents to help us reinforce the inherent values of striving for individual and team progress, good sportsmanship and commitment to maintaining team morale. We have a hierarchy of coach- parent communication described in our handbook. Please familiarize your self with our procedure.

TRANSPORTATION

It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that athletes behave responsibly and in accordance with the school district's bus safety guidelines. Athletes should be reminded that as team members they are representing New Canaan and their behavior and decorum will reflect on their team, coach and school. A coach must accompany the team on the bus.

All members of athletic teams must travel to and from athletic contests in transportation provided by the New Canaan Public Schools. In rare circumstances, parents may be permitted to drive their children to and/or from contests with written permission of the Athletic Director. **Students are not permitted to drive their automobiles to away contests or offsite practices.**

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

All student athletes are expected to report all injuries sustained, no matter how minor, to their coaches. A student athlete that requires treatment by a physician must file an accident report with the Certified Athletic Trainer. Those student athletes under a physician's care must obtain a written and signed release from the physician before subsequent participation. The physician's release must authorize our school to allow the student athlete to participate in interscholastic competition. This release must be submitted to the Certified Athletic Trainer. Athlete will then be subject to return to play guidelines

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the guidelines, procedures, training rules and commitment necessary for athletic participation and have reviewed the rules and regulations with my child.

I give my son/daughter _____ permission to participate.

Parent/Guardian's Signature /Date

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the guidelines, procedures, training rules and commitment necessary for athletic participation. I agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in order that I may participate.

Athlete Signature /Date
