

JERICHO ATHLETIC CONTRACT

PREREQUISITES FOR PARTICIPATION

In order to participate in interscholastic athletics, every student must pass a health examination. All students who are evaluated by their family physician must submit the appropriate, completed, school-issued Jericho Sports Physical form to the School Nurse. If you prefer to have your child examined by our school physician you may do so at our annual sports health examination on a Saturday in June. Please contact our School Nurse regarding any additional information.

A Parent Permission and a Health History Form for Interscholastic Athletics must be signed by every student athlete's parents/guardians within 30 days of the start of each season. Before any student will be permitted to participate in interscholastic sports, this information must be submitted to our Nurse's Office where it will be included in the student's health record. This parent permission and health history form must be submitted before the start of each season that he/she participates.

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 6 days a week.**
3. **Attendance at all games.**
4. Three unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the team.
5. **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 withheld.**

VACATION POLICY

Vacations by athletic team members during a sport season are discouraged. Parents and athletes who wish to go away during an athletic 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. Notify the coach on the 1st day of tryouts, failure to do so could result in removal from the team.
2. Varsity team members sit out one game for every practice/game missed over the vacation.
3. JV & JV9 team members sit out one game for every 2 practices/games missed over the vacation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Students must be present in school for 5 periods in order to participate in an athletic practice or game that day.

TRANSPORTATION

All members of athletic teams must travel to and from athletic contests in transportation provided by Jericho Public Schools. We do understand that there are *rare* occurrences in which an emergency comes up necessitating the need to take a child home. Such occurrences would be: School functions, religious obligations and medical emergencies. Every attempt should be made to schedule any medical or dental appointments on non-game days. Parents are never permitted to take home any other child than their own. 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 Jericho and their behavior and decorum will reflect on their team, coach and school.

Late buses leave at 5:45 PM and 6:30 PM on school days. When our athletic bus arrives at school after the 6:30 PM late buses have departed, the athletic bus will be responsible to transport the athletes to their regular bus stop. **Students are not permitted to drive their automobiles to away contests or offsite practices.**

ACCIDENTS, INJURIES and CONCUSSIONS

By signing below, I signify that I understand that there are risks inherent in permitting my son or daughter to participate in interscholastic athletics, including the risk of serious physical injuries, including but not limited to concussions. This consent to my child's participation is given with the knowledge that participation in interscholastic athletics can present inherent risks of injury that no amount of care, caution, instruction, expertise or supervision can eliminate. Mindful of these risks, I voluntarily give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in interscholastic athletics.

By signing below, I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the enclosed statements regarding concussions. I further agree to promptly inform the District in the event my child sustains a concussion outside of school so that appropriate safeguards can be taken with respect to his or her participation in interscholastic athletics.

Jericho High School Interscholastic Athletic Handbook Acknowledgement **Must be returned to your coach prior to the first scheduled contest**

Athlete's name (Print) _____ Grade _____ Sport & Level _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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. I give my son/daughter permission to participate. I have reviewed the rules and regulations with my child.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

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's Signature _____ Date _____