



STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT for 2021-22 **CENTRAL ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. Students wishing to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them by the Central Islip School District must show a commitment to the athletic program by regular attendance at practices and contests, as well as conformity to the rules established by the District and coach. The privilege of competing in interscholastic athletics in the Central Islip UFSD requires that each athlete adhere to a number of conditions that enhance their commitment to his/her school and community, family, coaches and himself/herself. **Failure to comply with the Interscholastic Athletic Handbook and/or this Contract will result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the team.**

Concussion

- I received the NYSPHSAA information sheet about concussions and understand more detailed information is available on the district website and/or upon request from the athletic office.

Eligibility

- An athletic candidate must be a bona fide student and adhere to the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. rules and regulations.
- All athletic candidates must have completed a sports physical prior to participation. For those students utilizing their own physician, school forms must be used.
- A student shall be eligible for interscholastic competition four years once entering 9th grade and until his/her nineteenth birthday. If the age of nineteen years is reached on or after July 1, the student may continue to participate during that school year in all sports.
- A student in grade 7 or 8 who is selected to participate at the Varsity or Junior Varsity level must pass the Athletic Performance Process (APP) before being able to compete.

Substance Abuse

Smoking, being in possession of or drinking alcohol, or becoming involved with narcotics or controlled substances of any kind, at any time or any place, will result in disciplinary action. This may include the suspension from the team for a period to be determined by the Athletic Director and/or the building Principal. (Suspensions may carry over to the next sports season in which the student participates).

In addition, the athlete may be subject to the disciplinary provisions of Education Law 3214.

Hazing – Initiation Ceremony (A Crime in New York State)

“A person is guilty of hazing... when, in the course of another student’s entry into or affiliation with any team or club, he/she intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a risk of physical injury, emotional harm or a feeling of intimidation toward another student or students.” This includes, but is not limited to physical harm, threatened harm, harassment, ridicule, criticism and causing the victim to damage public or private property. Any type of “initiation or hazing” is prohibited. Athletes who violate the “hazing” rules will be subject to severe discipline and may be subjected to criminal action.

Academics

It is recognized that the primary function of the school is to provide each student with a basic education. Therefore, the principal reserves the right to remove a student from a team if that student is not performing academically as expected.

Transportation

All players will ride to and from games on the team bus, under the supervision of a coaching staff member. Proper conduct is expected at all times while riding on school transportation. There may be times when it becomes necessary for a parent to pick up an athlete after a game. This must be cleared with the coach in writing in advance (prior to the day of the contest).

Attendance

- If any athlete is absent or suspended from school, he/she may not participate in any practice, scrimmage, or game on that day.
- If any athlete signs in after 2nd period, they may not participate in any practice, scrimmage, or game on that day.
- Each athlete is expected to accept responsibility for his/her attendance and behavior at all times.

Student Responsibilities

Students earn the privilege of participating in athletics based on good school citizenship, accepting responsibility and maintaining appropriate behavior in school and at school events. The Board of Education, faculty, staff and administration of the Central Islip School District strongly believe that all students should be accountable for their actions. Those students who exhibit a failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may be excluded from all extracurricular activities. Athletes are responsible to review the Interscholastic Athletic Handbook and school district Code of Conduct.

Equipment

The care of team equipment is each athlete's responsibility. Each piece of equipment issued to an athlete must be returned. Any athlete who "owes" the return of a piece of equipment or payment for a piece of equipment should contact the athletic office.

Injuries

All injuries should be reported to the coach as soon as possible so that treatment may begin immediately and necessary insurance regulations complied with.

Conduct of an Athlete

Student-Athlete conduct is a reflection on the educational institution. The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that behavior be above reproach in all the following areas:

On the Field – In the area of athletic competition, an athlete must not use profanity or illegal tactics, understand that losing is part of the game, and be gracious in defeat and modest in victory. The student athlete is always courteous, makes no excuses, and congratulates the opponent on a well-played game.

In the Classroom – In the academic area, an athlete strives to become a good student. If you are not productive and responsible in class, you will likely be the same on the practice field or floor and never reach your full potential. As an athlete, you must plan your schedule so that you give sufficient time and energy to your studies to ensure acceptable grades. In addition to maintaining good scholarship, an athlete should give full attention to classroom activities and show respect for other students and faculty members at all times. An athlete should have a good attendance record, never cutting class or school.

Parental/Guardian Conduct

It is expected that the conduct of parents and guardians of student athletes at athletic contests will reflect a respect for all the participants involved. This includes the athletes, coaches, officials and spectators. Any conduct deemed abusive may lead to ejection from a contest; or dependent upon prior misconduct a permanent suspension from a season's contests.

Assumption of Risk

Injury, including paralysis or death, is an unfortunate risk that must be assumed when engaging in sports. The possibility of contracting COVID-19 is also a risk when engaging in sports. It is acknowledged that the athlete assumes the risk of such injury, death or COVID-19 and in consideration of the Central Islip School District permitting participation in interscholastic athletics, the student athlete and his/her parents/guardian agree not to hold the district liable for any such injury, death or contracting COVID-19.

I have read, fully understand and agree to fully abide by the terms of the Student-Athlete Contract:

DATE:

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE:

PARENT'S (Guardian) SIGNATURE

DATE:

COACH'S SIGNATURE

- A copy of this contract may be obtained from your coach or in the athletic office