West Broward Student-Athlete Policies and Agreement

**The last page of this agreement is a signature page which must be signed and returned before participating in a sport. Only one must be signed per year and applies to all sports.

The following general policies shall govern each student-athlete participating on any West Broward sports team.

I. Adherence to the Florida High School AthleticAssociation

The student will abide by all the rules and regulations of the FHSAA. In the event an athlete has been given a fine by FHSAA for their misconduct, the student is responsible to pay this fine. It is not fair, to other athletes, to have funds spent to cover a fine caused by an individual. Until the fine is paid – the suspension may be extended, and an obligation will be placed on the student.

II. Eligibility

The student must meet all of the age, enrollment, attendance, athletic forms, and scholastic requirements established by the FHSAA. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate in interscholastic athletics, and BE ON TRACK TO GRADUATE. Eligibility will be evaluated after the beginning of each semester.

Forgiveness coursework must be completed, and documented before the first day of school, or semester in order to be calculated for eligibility. Work posted after the start date will count on the next semester GPA.

III. Forms and Releases

Before a student may participate in any sport including conditioning and practices, he/she must have the following information to the Head Coach – which in turn will be turned in to the Athletic Director to verify eligibility. ALL LINES AND QUESTIONS MUST BE FILLED IN ON EVERY FORM.

- A. The Student–Athlete Policies and Agreement
- B. Fully completed EL 2 (Pre-participation Physical Examination)
- C. Copies of Birth Certificate and proof of current insurance.
- D. Fully completed EL 3 (Consent and Release from Liability Certificate/ Concussion/Heat Illness Consent and Release)
- E. Registration of Foreign Exchange/International Student Form (EL4) (if applies)
- F. Registration of Non-Traditional Students (EL 13), Home Schooled (EL7), Non-Member School (EL 12), Open Enrollment (EL14)
- G. Affidavit of Compliance Forms (GA4) (if applies)

IV. Attendance

A student is expected to attend all classes on his/her schedule in order to be eligible to participate in the contest/practice/ conditioning of the day. The athlete must be present for at

least half of the school day – by 11AM - on the day of the contest/practice/ conditioning, unless the student has been excluded from school attendance by the Athletic Director.

V. Attendance at Practice and Team Meetings

Team members are expected to be present at all practices, team meetings, contests, and special occasions unless excused by the head coach. If athlete is not able to attend a practice and/or contest, he/she needs to inform head coach at least 24 hours in advance. Rules pertaining to absences for individual teams will be determined by the Head Coach.

VI. Care of School Equipment

The athlete is responsible for all equipment/uniforms issued to him/her. Equipment must be returned no later than two weeks after the season ends. Lost, stolen, or damaged equipment/uniforms must be paid for by the athlete – an obligation form will be filled out by the Coach.

VII. Transportation to Athletic Contests

All team members will travel to and from away contests by means of transportation provided or organized by the coach and/or athletic director. Any plans for students to leave an athletic contest with a parent rather than team transportation must be approved by the coach. Students will only be released to travel with a parent or guardian – no one else.

VIII. Medical Release to Again Participate

If an athlete is seriously injured and is seen by a doctor, he/she must provide a doctor's release before he/she can return to practice or play in an athletic contest. The release must be on official medical practice stationary and may be written directly to the Trainer, coach, athletic director, or school principal. The student must get final clearance by the Trainer, once Doctor clearance has been turned in to staff.

The medical staff at South Florida Institute of Sports Medicine are West Broward's official sport medicine physicians, who are highly trained, and respected. Appointments can be made through our trainer to facilitate prompt treatment.

IX. Personal Conduct

Participation on an athletic team at West Broward High School is a privilege, not a right. All participants must earn the right to represent West Broward by conducting themselves is such a way that the image of West Broward would not be tarnished in any manner. Any participant whose conduct is judged to reflect a discredit upon himself/herself, the team, or West Broward will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Coach, the Athletic Director and/or the Principal. The use of social media is an area that athletes need to be aware is monitored by college staffs to evaluate potential scholarship awards. Posting of inappropriate, profane, or content which reflects poorly on your character may remove you from consideration.

X. Use of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs

Smoking, the use of chewing tobacco and smokeless tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, the illegal use of drugs by any athlete is prohibited both in and out of season and when school is not

in session. If an infraction has occurred, an athlete will be disciplined by the coach, Athletic Director or Principal.

XI. Quitting a Team

IF AN ATHLETE QUITS A TEAM, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE ON ANY OTHER SPORTS TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT SPORT'S SEASON.

If thoughts about quitting the team arise, The student athlete should discuss it with coach and/or the Athletic Director. An athlete who goes out for a sport and is "cut" would be eligible to try out and participate in another sport during that season.

XII. Team and Individual Discipline

Each coach will have discipline rules for minor infractions, such as inattention to directions, horseplay, tardiness to practice, etc. Serious infractions and behavioral issues will be reported to the Athletic Director.

XIII. Suspension or Removal from a Team or Squad

Suspensions and removal from athletic teams will be handled by the Coach and Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will confer with the coach before action is taken. Causes for temporary suspension or removal may include, but not limited to: grades, personal misconduct, FHSAA violations, unexcused absences from classes, meetings or practices, violation of athletic policies, or unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect, drug/ alcohol use, bullying, hazing/ harassment.

IX. Contacts Regarding Issues

From time to time questions, and concerns may arise on the part of the athlete, or the parent. In order to help take care of these issues, it is important to go directly to the source – the Head Coach. Until the Coach has been given the opportunity to address the issue – no one else can help – he/ she is the person with the insight/ knowledge of what the situation may be about.

As a member of the West Broward Athletic Program, 1,	
Name of Athlete	Date
Signature of Athlete	Date
Name of Parent/Guardian	Date
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