

**Northwest Local School District  
Athletic/Performing Groups' Participation Consent Form**

Northwest Board of Education policy, in accordance with Ohio High School Athletic Association Regulations and Ohio Revised Code, requires that the Participation Consent Form be signed and returned to the school before students may try out or participate in any Northwest Board of Education sponsored athletic/performing group activity. This form is valid for one school year (August 1 – July 31).

**General Code of Conduct for Athletes and Members of Performing Groups**

Violation(s) of any of the following rules may lead to the denial of the privilege of participating with a team or performing group.

1. All participants in athletic programs must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the OHSAA and Northwest Board of Education.\*
2. Athletes and members of performing groups are expected to exemplify good sportsmanship and follow the district code of regulations for conduct of students, however, the following prohibitions are expanded to cover all times that a student is a team member.
  - a. Possession/use/or under the influence of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs or other potentially dangerous substances.
  - b. Possession of or use of tobacco.(Athlete-all times; members of performing group while performing or practicing as a group member)
  - c. Acts of vandalism.
  - d. Possession of a weapon.
3. Participants are expected to follow all rules/regulations developed by the coaches/sponsors and approved by the building principal.
4. Students shall not wear clothing or jewelry that promotes alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances, nor shall students wear jewelry that creates a danger to the wearer or others. Students shall not wear articles of clothing that are adorned with sexually suggestive slogans, profanity, lewd pictures, or that which may be offensive to a student's religion, race or national origin.
5. Student athletes/performers are directed to wear school issued equipment/uniforms for practice and game competitions only. It is not to be worn at any social events, school use, or through the community unless permission is granted by the Athletic Director.
6. All participants in athletic or performing group programs are to be transported to and from away events only by school approved transportation. District transportation regulations will be in effect during all trips. (Occasionally participants may be permitted to use an alternate means of transportation after submitting the proper transportation waiver forms.)
7. The student must be in attendance for the majority of classes on the day of the performance or game to participate in the event. If a student is not in attendance for the majority of classes on the school day of the event, he/she may participate only with the approval of the athletic director and/or building principal. In the case of a Saturday event, the student must have been present for all classes on Friday. If the student was absent on Friday, the student can participate on Saturday only with the approval of the athletic director and/or building principal.
8. Any student disciplinarily removed from or quitting an athletic team after the season has begun, forfeits the right to all awards and participation fees connected with the program, and is ineligible to participate in other athletic activities or conditioning programs until the end of that sport season.
9. Participants are financially responsible for the Non-Refundable Pay to Participate fees and equipment and uniforms issued. Participants must return equipment and uniforms promptly after the end of the season. Those who fail to meet this obligation will have their awards and credits held and will not be permitted to try out for another team.
10. Neither the school nor the school district is responsible for money, clothes, or other items lost, stolen, or damaged while in the locker room.
11. Students must report all injuries to their coach/sponsor.
12. A doctor's release is necessary before a student will be permitted to participate after sustaining an injury/problem requiring a doctor's care.
13. Participants must remain on the sidelines (or bench) if there is an altercation on the field/court/mat/etc.
14. These rules and the coach's/sponsor's rules for each team or group will be a) given to each member of the team or group, b) discussed with participants, and c) posted in respective locker rooms.

*\*Ohio High School Athletic Association scholarship bylaw requires high school and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students to receive passing grades in a "minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent" to maintain eligibility.*

Copies of Board of Education policies, Ohio High School Athletic Association policies on Scholastic Eligibility and Athletic and Performing Groups' Disciplinary Procedures are available upon request from principals and/or athletic directors. We acknowledge that we are aware that

\_\_\_\_\_ may suffer serious injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures, brain damage, paralysis or even death, by participating in any of the following sports/activities: football, soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track, baseball, softball, diving, swimming, golf, tennis, bowling, gymnastics, cheerleading, wrestlettes, drill team, flag corps, statisticians, managers, student trainers, weight training, and in-season and out-of-season conditioning, or any other board approved activity. With full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury we grant permission to participate in any of the sports/activities mentioned above and available at the school. We are aware that when schools are closed for calamity days (such as inclement weather), all extracurricular activities will be cancelled during regular school hours. Principals may approve activities after regular school hours, however, no penalties will be assessed to students unable to attend the activities. We understand that first aid or emergency treatment may be provided by designated athletic trainers. **We also have adequate insurance to cover any injuries incurred by the student while participating in an athletic or performing group program.** We are aware that a policy is offered through the school at the beginning of the year. Furthermore, we will not hold any school organization responsible for injuries received while participating as a member of an athletic or performing group program. By signing this form, the parent(s) and student are acknowledging that they have read, understand and agree to follow the General Code of Conduct, are aware of the inherent dangers of participation in athletic/performing groups and are giving permission for the student to travel with the athletic or performing group. The parent and student also give permission for the student's name, photo, and performance statistics to be shared with the media and to be posted on the school, district and/or league websites.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_