



BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT/ATHLETE AGREEMENT

(This Agreement shall apply for all sports, all seasons)



"Athletes, Parents and Coaches working together for a Better Belleville"

PROCEDURES

- The Athlete Agreement must be on file in the Athletic Office in order to participate in interscholastic sports programs.
- Athletes must meet Belleville and NJSIAA eligibility requirements (as found in the Belleville High School and the NJSIAA Handbooks) and must have a good citizen status at Belleville High School. Athletes must abide by all school policies, which are located in the Student Handbook.
- All injuries are to be reported immediately to your Coach and to our Athletic Trainer for proper examination and if needed, a referral to appropriate medical personnel or services.
- Students are to be in school by 10:00 a.m. if they wish to participate in a scheduled practice or game on that day. Any exception must be approved by the Athletic Director or a building administrator.

CONDUCT

- Athletes are representatives of Belleville High School and at all times must present themselves in a positive and sportsmanlike manner. *All athletes, spectators and coaches must show proper respect for opposing teams, their coaches and officials alike.*
- Bus behavior will be beyond reproach. Appropriate demeanor and reasonable volume must be maintained at all times. No abuse, distasteful or obscene language or unsafe actions will be permitted. *All athletes are expected to arrive and return to the school as part of the team.* The coach may allow a student athlete to return home from an away event Only after a parental release form is signed in front of the coach. At this point, the parent of that child will assume all responsibility. At no time are students allowed to drive themselves to or from athletic contests. Any other arrangement must be made prior to the beginning of the day through the office of the Athletic Director or the building Principal. That will include written parental permission and a detailed rationale for exemption. *We encourage all team members, whenever possible, to use the assigned school transportation. This promotes team unity, ensures proper supervision and allows for greater safety of our students.*
- Harassment /Intimidation/Bullying: BHS will not tolerate HIB of any kind to our student athletes. Students who disregard this rule are subject to suspension and/or expulsion from their team, as well as appropriate school consequences set forth by the Administration.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to decide which student/athlete will participate and at which level of play, as well as the amount of playing time that the student will have. Questions regarding this area will be addressed directly to the Head Coach in a mutually acceptable timeframe and in an appropriate, professional manner (see Parental/Coach Communication section in the Handbook).
- Athletes will be on time for practice and will be prepared for practice every day. They should prioritize their affiliations with community teams, placing the needs of the BHS team first.
- Athletes are responsible for all equipment issued and for the care of said equipment. Equipment and uniforms are to be worn and used only at BHS events. Athletes will be held accountable and submit restitution for any equipment/uniforms mistreated or not returned.
- On practice/game dates, participants are required to have prearranged transportation home from school. Every effort should be made to have the transportation waiting at the school for student/athlete pick-up.
- Failure to comply with requirements stipulated in the BHS Handbook or any of the rules stated in this contract or stipulated by the Coach regarding curfews, detentions, etc., will result in disciplinary action which may include suspension or dismissal for a designated time as determined by the Head Coach and/or the policy set forth in the Student Handbook.

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, all athletes are required to be alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and drug-free throughout their season. Student/athletes who use and/or are in possession of these items are subject to disciplinary action as outlined by Board of Education Policy and Procedures (#5530) in the Belleville High School Student Handbook. Attendance at parties or gatherings where alcohol, tobacco or drugs are present is discouraged. The purpose of this rule is to deter under-age drinking and/or substance abuse.

Signatures below indicate that the Handbook has been read, understood, and agreed upon by all parties. A strict adherence to the Policies set forth in this Handbook is imperative to the success of the Athletic Department and overall enjoyment of interscholastic sports at Belleville High School. Cooperation from all parties is necessary.

Remember:
Everything you say and do should be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character:
Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES IN THIS HANDBOOK AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM
Student/Athlete & parent/legal guardian must sign this document prior to issuing a uniform or adding the student's name to the team roster

SPORT(S) _____

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Date Received (For office use only): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____