

# Student – Athlete and Parent / Guardian Participation Contract

This contract needs to be reviewed and signed by all participants and parents or guardians of each sport at the beginning of the season. This contract details the responsibilities of student – athletes and their parents or guardians of all member schools. It also ensures that a high level of sportsmanship will be maintained at all school sites before, during and after athletic competitions. Athletic competitions are educational opportunities for student – athletes to develop as individuals and as a team and they should be treated as such.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Parents / Guardians and Student – Athlete:

Read and understand the ***Statement of Athletic Philosophy*** of the TVAL.

*“We hold the philosophy that participation in interscholastic athletics should be enjoyable with the purpose of benefitting students. Our league sports are developmental and competitive with goals of fostering the value of participation without overemphasizing winning. Additional goals of our league are to develop skills and an understanding of the chosen sport, develop an appreciation / respect for TEAM as well as school, opponents and officials. We understand that the essential elements of character building and ethics in TVAL sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.”*

### Student – Athletes:

- Meeting and maintaining your school’s academic requirements throughout the sport season.
- Citizenship standards of your school and the TVAL are expected to be met at all times.
- Participate fully in athletic competition with a positive attitude and understand that participating in your chosen sport is a privilege. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of your sport.

### Parents / Guardians:

As a parent / guardian you have great influence over your child and his or her feelings about athletic competition. You also play an important role in ensuring that high levels of sportsmanship are upheld before, during and after a contest is played.

1. Show respect for all participants involved in the athletic competition.
2. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the sport.
3. Maintain self control at all times. Sportsmanship requires one to understand his or her own bias or prejudice and the ability to prevent the desire to win from overcoming rational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized.
4. Remind other parents and spectators of above expectations.

### Parent / Guardian

### Student - Athlete

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