Pasco County Schools Athletic Information for Students and Parents

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: In order to participate in high school interscholastic athletics, a student must currently have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 un-weighted scale. The athletic director and/or coach will verify all grades within a five-day period subsequent to team tryouts. Failure to have and maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average will result in immediate dismissal from any interscholastic athletic team. Middle school students must have a 2.0 grade point average for the previous semester in order to be eligible.

ATHLETIC TRANSFER VERIFICATION: Any middle or high school student who has been *authorized* to transfer from one school to another must meet the athletic transfer verification requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, students who were previously enrolled in public schools, private schools, charter schools, home schools, magnet schools and alternative schools. For more information on this procedure, visit your school or district athletic website or contact your school athletic director. The verification policy/procedures can be located at the following web address: http://www.neola.com/pasco-fl/

ATHLETIC FEES: There are no try-out fees. Once a student is selected for a team a fee will be due: \$80.00 for high school students; \$60.00 for middle school students. The fee for the second sport is \$50.00 for high schools; \$40.00 for middle schools. The total family fee (for the same school) is \$200.00 for high schools; \$150.00 for middle schools. The individual cap for high schools is \$130.00. The individual cap for middle schools is \$100.00. A student will not be allowed to dress out, participate in a game or be considered part of the team until the full fee is paid. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF TRYOUTS.

STUDENT STATEMENT: As a student athlete, I agree to maintain athletic eligibility, comply with training rules, and conduct myself so as to bring pride to my school, my team, and my family. I understand I, as well as my parent(s)/guardian(s), are responsible for any uniforms, equipment, and / or supplies issued to me while participating in interscholastic athletics. I agree to repair or replace any damaged item and replace any lost item. I understand suspension from school, in or out, will result in suspension from practices or games during the time of the suspension.

EVENT SECURITY PROCEDURES: All bags are subject to search upon entry. Bags and items not permitted on Pasco County Schools property must be returned to the patron's vehicle. ONLY clear plastic, clear vinyl, or clear Ziploc bags are permitted inside an event venue. Student athletes are permitted to bring bags. These bags are subject to search. Small clutch or wallet style bags no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches are permitted for entry but will be subject to search. All other styles of bags such as backpacks, fanny packs, purses and duffle bags are not permitted. An exception will be made for medically necessary items, diaper bags, and properly credentialed school and professional photographers' camera bags. These bags will be subject to search prior to entry, unless the item meets the clear bag guidelines. Please refer to the "Event Security Procedures" document on the district website for more details pertaining to this countywide policy.

<u>PAYMENT OF FHSAA FINES</u>: As a student athlete I am representing my school and my school district. I am responsible for my conduct in the athletic program. I will follow guidelines and rules outlined in the District School Board of Pasco County's Code of Student Conduct, Security Procedures and the FHSAA Handbook. In the event of an ejection or disqualification while participating in athletics my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I agree to pay the FHSAA fines, which are assessed by the FHSAA (Example: \$250.00 gross unsportsmanlike conduct).

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I understand I won't be able to participate in any athletic contests until all fees have been paid to my school and I am subject to additional disciplinary action by any school administration depending on the severity of my actions.

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| Student Signature | Date | |
| Parent/Guardian Signature | Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |