

KITTATINNY STUDENT/ATHLETE CONTRACT

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Athletes, Parents, and Coaches working together for harmony and success

GENERAL ATHLETIC TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

PROCEDURES

- All participants must hand in a **hard copy** of a *Physical Exam Form and/or Health History Update Form* in addition to registering online for their sport.
- Athletes must meet the KRHS and NJSIAA eligibility requirements (as found in the KRHS Student Handbook and NJSIAA Handbook) and must have a good citizen status at KRHS.
- Athletes must abide by all school policies; these policies are located in the Student Handbook. *
- All injuries are to be reported immediately to the Coach and also to the Athletic Trainer for proper examination and if needed, referral to the appropriate medical personnel or services.
- Students are to be in school by 11:00 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 Main Office Administrator.
- If signing out of school early, the student must sign back in to school before 2:15 p.m. OR present a doctor's note in order to be eligible for participation in after-school athletics that day.

CONDUCT

- Athletes are representatives of KRHS and must present themselves at all times in a positive and sportsmanlike manner.
- ***All athletes, spectators and coaches must show proper respect for the opposing teams, coaches, and officials alike.***
- Bus behavior will be beyond reproach. Student appropriate demeanor and reasonable volume must be maintained at all times. No abusive, distasteful, or obscene language and/or actions will be permitted. ***All athletes are expected to leave 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 individual student 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 building Principal. That will include the written parental permission form, a detailed rationale for the exemption, and the name(s) of the assigned driver(s) who will be responsible for the student's safety. ***We encourage all team members, whenever it is possible, to use the assigned school transportation. This promotes team unity, ensures appropriate supervision and allows for greater safety of our students.***
- **HAZING:** KRHS will not tolerate hazing 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 the appropriate school disciplines set forth by the Assistant Principal.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to decide which student-athlete will participate, at which level of play, as well as the amount of playing time the student-athlete 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. If these concerns are not addressed in a satisfactory manner, the next course of action is to meet with the Athletic Director; then if needed, with the appropriate Assistant Principal (depending upon the grade); then if needed, the building Principal. Finally if necessary, a request can be made in writing to meet with the School Superintendent.
- Athletes will arrive on time for practice and be prepared for practice every day. They should prioritize their affiliations with community teams, placing the needs of the Kittatinny team first.
- Athletes are responsible for all equipment issued and for the care of said equipment. All equipment and uniforms are to be worn or used **ONLY** at KRHS events. Student-athletes will be held accountable for any equipment and uniforms mistreated and not returned.
- On game dates when the contests run later than the late bus departure time, participants are required to have pre-arranged their transportation home from school. Every effort should be made to have that transportation waiting at the school for student-athlete pick up.
- Failure to comply with requirements stipulated in the KRHS Handbook, or any of the rules stated above or attached to this contract that have been stipulated by a Coach regarding curfews, detentions, etc., will result in disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal for a designated time as determined by the Head Coach and/or the policy set forth in the Student Handbook.

Attached to this contract will be information regarding practice/game schedules and policies specific to your son/daughter's team.

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, all athletes are required to be alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and drug-free twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (24/7) 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 or in the Kittatinny Student Handbook.

Student-athlete attendance at parties or gatherings where alcohol, tobacco, or drugs are present is strictly prohibited. The student-athlete must depart from such affairs or situations immediately once these substances are discovered. This rule doesn't restrict the student-athlete from attending family functions where alcoholic beverages are present. The purpose of this rule is to try to deter all underage drinking and/or substance abuse.

GO COUGARS!