

STUDENT ACTIVITIES POLICY

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPANT'S CONTRACT

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

SCHOOL: SDMS SDHS GRADE: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

SEASON(circle one): FALL WINTER SPRING

SPORT(circle one): SOCCER CROSS COUNTRY BASKETBALL

CHEERING BASEBALL SOFTBALL

TRACK OTHER: _____

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

This contract entered into by you, the student, parent/guardian, and the school/District identifies areas of responsibility for students participating in interscholastic athletic activities associated with Searsport District Middle or High School. Please read this document carefully and sign wherever indicated. Failure by either the student or parent/guardian to sign as required or the student to abide by the requirements of this policy/contract will result in the immediate loss of the student's privilege to participate in the activity.

Best wishes for a successful season!

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ HOME TEL: _____

WORK TEL: _____ EMERGENCY TEL: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY / POLICY NUMBER: _____

PROOF OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION MUST BE ATTACHED

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

This page is to be completed front and back and returned to the approved staff supervisor of the activity.

**PARENTAL PERMISSION, WARNING NOTICE OF RISK,
AND
AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS
AND REPORT INJURIES**

I, (student name)_____ have read the contents of this participant's contract and hereby agree to abide by and support the enforcement of the rules, regulations, and policies described herein. I am aware that playing or practicing in any interscholastic athletic activity can be dangerous and may involve serious risks of injury. I understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing in the activity indicated on page one (1) of this contract include the risk of serious injury to my body, general health and well-being.

Because of the dangers of participating in the indicated sport, I recognize the importance of following the instructions of the supervisor(s) regarding playing and training techniques, team rules, etc. and agree to obey such instructions.

I agree to report all incidents of injuries involving myself to the appropriate supervisor(s) within 24 hours of their occurrence.

I understand that this form is to be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian and returned to the appropriate supervisor(s) before any participation in the indicated activity.

Student Signature:_____ DATE:_____

I, (parent/guardian name)_____, the parent/guardian of

(student name)_____, have read the contents of this contract and understand the dangers and risks involved in the indicated activity. Recognizing those dangers and risks, I give permission for my student to participate in all aspects of the activity including, but not limited to, trying out for, practicing, and playing/participating in the indicated activities.

I understand that this form is to be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian and returned to the appropriate supervisor(s) before any participation in the indicated activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ DATE:_____

Although co-curricular activities, and interscholastic athletic activities specifically, are considered an important component of the overall District *Vision*, participation is a privilege rather than a right. Participation will be permitted only as long as the student adheres to the areas of responsibility included in the participant's contract. Due to the high visibility of interscholastic athletic activities, participants and supervisory staff have a responsibility to promote good sportsmanship at all times.

I. General Requirements:

- A. Parent/Guardian must grant permission for a student to try out and be a participant in any interscholastic activity.
- B. All participants will have written evidence of a physical examination given by a health professional within one calendar year of the start of the activity in order to participate in any interscholastic athletic activity.
- C. Individual medical insurance coverage is mandatory.
- D. A participant may join an interscholastic athletic activity once the season is underway ONLY with the express permission of the principal.
- E. A member of a team will travel to and from events by school transportation unless a written request is presented to the coach/co-curricular coordinator/principal for the team member to travel with his/her parent/guardian or with another adult approved by that parent/guardian.
- F. All participants are to respect the personal property of others and all District facilities or those facilities in other school systems. Cleats are not to be worn inside the school building. Participants will be required to make restitution for any damage and may be subject to additional penalties as established by the principal.
- G. Participants should refrain from bringing valuables to school. If it becomes necessary to do so, then it will be the participant's responsibility to arrange for the security of such valuables.
- H. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.
- I. A participant must report immediately any injuries to the appropriate supervisory staff.
- J. The participant will be required to adhere to any rules and regulations developed by the supervisory staff as approved by the Co-Curricular Coordinator or principal.
- K. Participants absent due to illness or unexcused reasons for part or all of the school day will not be permitted to participate in any interscholastic activity (practice or contest) on that day.
- L. A participant who has not completed the season will not be eligible for activity awards.
- M. A participant who is determined by the principal to have violated any portion of this contract would be ineligible to participate in any interscholastic activities. The principal's decision may be subject to review by the Superintendent of Schools, whose decision shall be final.

II. SDHS Requirements

- A. A SDHS student wishing to participate in interscholastic athletic activities must meet the pupil eligibility requirements of the Maine Principals' Association. Students must be regularly enrolled at the school that they wish to represent or be home schooled and choose to participate in the sport (Students who are enrolled in Home School programs must meet the eligibility requirements established through state and MSAD #56

regulation and policy); be under 20 years of age at the time of participation; have yet to complete 8 semesters at an approved secondary school or its equivalent; **AND MEET THE LOCAL ELIGIBILITY RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.**

- B. No participant will participate in an activity while outstanding penalties for inappropriate behavior remain from the school day.
- C. Any student who leaves the activity during the season will be ineligible to participate in another interscholastic athletic activity until the first activity season has been completed or until five school weeks (25 school days) have elapsed whichever is longer.
- D. A student cannot participate in more than one interscholastic athletic activity during a season unless permitted by the principal.
- E. No student will be permitted to participate in another school system's interscholastic athletic activity as a representative of that school. No student will be permitted to participate in another school system's interscholastic athletic activity as a representative of Searsport District High School or as an individual without obtaining the express permission of the principal.
- F. Any member of the team or coaching staff who is ejected from a regular season or tournament game is ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled game.
- G. Criminal Charges. Student participants in interscholastic and extracurricular activities are expected to conduct themselves so as not to discredit themselves, their team or activity, or their school. If a student is charged with a crime, he or she may in the sound judgment of the Superintendent of Schools be suspended from participation in the activity until the case is adjudicated. A student convicted of a crime will be suspended from participation in interscholastic and extracurricular activities for at least 12 months following the conviction. At the end of the 12 month period, the student will meet with the Superintendent and other appropriate administrators and the Superintendent will make a determination as to whether the student will be reinstated to participate in any interscholastic and extracurricular activities.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to modify these requirements when, in the sound discretion of the Superintendent, they would clearly constitute an injustice to the student based on the particular circumstances of the case.

III. Additional Regulations

Nothing in this policy is intended to prevent the coach and/or co-curricular coordinator, with approval of the school principal, from making additional regulations which govern interscholastic activities. Additional regulations shall be subject to review by the Co-Curricular Coordinator and the Superintendent of Schools.

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