



LIFE OF AN ATHLETE

A Program of NHIAA

PARENT CODE OF COMMITMENT

As a parent who is also committed to the education, maturity and athletic success of your child, I encourage you to make a formal commitment as described below. Our partnership together will increase the likelihood of a successful season, regardless of the final win/loss record of the team. I also ask you to note any expectations, goals or questions you have on the reverse side of this form so that I can consider them and respond where needed.

Coach _____ Sport _____

Parent's Commitment

I understand that as a parent I play a vital role in the development of my child's athletic ability and character, and therefore in the success of the School's Athletic Program. Recognizing this role, I therefore commit to the following as a parent of a member of the (boys or girls) _____ team:

- Be a positive role model so that through my own actions I can help to make sure that my child has the best athletic experience possible.
- Be a "team" fan, not a "my kid" fan.
- Weigh what my child says in any controversy, since it is normal for youth to tend to slant the truth to their advantage.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
- Be respectful of all officials' decisions.
- Not instruct my child before or after a game, because it may conflict with the coach's plans and strategies.
- Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people.
- Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the sport.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Help my child learn that success is experienced in the development of his/her skills, and that he/she can feel positive about their skill development during the season, regardless of the team's record.
- Take time to talk with coaches in an appropriate manner, including proper time and place, if I have a concern. I will respect the coach by following the designated chain of command.
- Support the alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free policies of our School by refraining from the use of any such substances during athletic contests. I will also support my child and hold him/her accountable for their commitment to non-use of substances as outlined in the Code by not hosting parties that have alcohol or drugs or allowing my child to be at a party with alcohol or drugs.

My signature below indicates my commitment to the above.

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

My Son/Daughter is: