

# Agenda for Mandatory Preseason Meeting

## GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING

### I. Overview

- A. Welcome and introductions by superintendent, principal and/or athletic administrator
- B. Introduction of coaches/athletic trainers/sponsors and/or administrative staff
- C. District program philosophy
  1. Sporting conduct
  2. Citizenship
  3. State and school eligibility standards
  4. Expectations of student participants, their parents and coaches
  5. Special concerns/responsibilities of athletes and parents

### II. Information

- A. Show OHSAA DVD (20 minutes) with emphasis on the following essential eligibility standards:
  1. Must be currently enrolled
  2. Must have passed five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent in the preceding grading period - high school
  3. Must have received passing grades in a minimum of five subjects that receive a grade or a pass/fail in the immediately preceding grading period - 7th-8th grade school
  4. **Do not drop a class or change a schedule without checking with either the principal or athletic administrator**
  5. Parents must live in Ohio
  6. If a student changes schools (transfers) after establishing eligibility in grade 9, the student will be ineligible for one year unless one of the exceptions applies
  7. A student is entitled to eight semesters of participation opportunity at the high school level once enter grade 9 and whether participate or not
  8. Age requirement: 19 prior to August 1 means ineligible for high school; 15 prior to August 1 means ineligible for grades 7th-8th (but could compete at high school for eight semesters)
  9. During the sport season, may not participate on a non-school team in the same sport in which you are participating for the school
    - a. If play on non-school team and then want to join school team:
      - Must quit non-school team six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the state tournament in order to be eligible for OHSAA tournaments
      - Those on a school team in the individual sports of bowling, cross country, golf, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling and then violate this regulation after the six weeks (42 days) deadline will lose eligibility for OHSAA tournaments
  10. Questions to the OHSAA related to rules and regulations may only be communicated by the principal or athletic administrator
- B. Other topics
  1. Required school forms
  2. School athletic code of conduct
  3. School academic requirements (district GPA, no/pass no play, may be more stringent than OHSAA's, etc.)
  4. Sporting behavior and expectations of coaches, student-athletes and parents/fans towards each other, opponents and their fans and contest officials

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5. Attendance requirements for participation in practices and/or contests
  6. Participating in more than one sport at the same time
  7. Practice and contest guidelines when school is postponed, on holidays, etc.
- C. Health and medical/injury issues
1. Required preparticipation evaluation and parental consent forms
  2. Athletic trainers and team doctors procedures and policies
  3. Concussion management protocol
  4. Heat management guidelines
  5. Communicable disease and skin infection procedures
  6. Reporting injuries, failure to report injuries and procedures for game participation if no participation in practice
  7. Lightning and inclement weather policies
- D. Athletic participation insurance
1. School policy, availability
  2. Procedure for reporting injuries and submitting claims
- E. Activity fees and/or pay to participate
- F. Information for college bound student-athletes

**Adjourn To Individual Sport Meeting**

# Student Participant Contract *(Sample)*

I \_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to participate in

(Student's Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ at

(Sport)

\_\_\_\_\_ School.

(School Name)

I commit myself to continuously work toward the goal of top physical fitness. To do anything which would harm my body would not be in my best interest or the best interest of my team and school.

I agree to remain free from tobacco, alcohol, steroids and other performance-enhancing or recreational drugs during my sports season and throughout the entire school year. I fully understand this pledge extends to seven days per week.

If I have a problem or I need help fulfilling this contract, I understand the coaches, administrators and/or counselors will be available to help me.

I have read and understand the athletic policies/code of conduct and the consequences for violations of these policies or codes.

I pledge to follow all the rules and policies and to help all my teammates abide by the same athletic rules and policies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

(Student's Printed Name)

I understand and support this contract and pledge that my student has signed. Optimum health and education are the goals of our athletic program, and I support the school in its efforts to attain these goals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Coach's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## **Sporting Behavior**

The administration of this school is committed to the practice of sporting conduct and ethical behavior during all interscholastic competition. To be successful, it is critical that everyone consistently behaves in a manner that is respectful and reflective of the values of sporting conduct. Unfortunately, the failure on the part of one individual or any group can undermine the effort of all others.

Sporting conduct is defined as those qualities of behavior which are characterized by generosity and a genuine concern for others, and that would include our own coaches, student-athletes and fellow fans; the opposing team, coaches and fans; the contest officials, and the administrators conducting the contests.

Remember, there's nothing wrong with striving to be the best. But school sports exist to help develop all participants to be their best — their best as individuals, as students, as teammates, as members of the community — not just their best as athletes.

So when our opponents visit our school, treat them as our guests. To you parents, please fill our stands in support of your sons and daughters. We encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors and attend what we believe is always one of the best shows in town as well as an educational experience for our students. And to both our parents and our students, please remember to show your team spirit in a way that reflects positively on our teams, our school and our community.

## **Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs *(Sample Script)***

Participation as a member of one of our athletic teams at this school will provide you with many positive and educational experiences. In order for our teams to achieve their fullest potential, students will need to practice hard, work together and maintain a healthy lifestyle that is free of tobacco, alcohol, steroids and both performance-enhancing and recreational drugs. Students cannot expect to attain peak performance if they are under the influence of these dangerous and often illegal substances.

We strongly believe that parents must be partners in efforts to prevent alcohol use among our students, and highly encourage parents to demonstrate this commitment by participating in parent networks and promoting alcohol-free and other drug-free events for our high school students.

**(Provide examples of organizations/activities from the school/community here.)**