

Harford Christian School Athletic Participation Form

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

Sports participation is viewed as a means to an end and not an end itself. A vast amount of Biblical truth and application can be communicated to athletes through participation in sports. Strength and discipline in adversity, the value of work ethic, and being a light in a dark world are among some of the many spiritual opportunities.

The well being of each athlete must be prioritized over winning. For many athletes, having fun is more important than winning. We firmly believe that when "athletes first, winning second" is being practiced, the winning will take care of itself.

In order to assure the successful functioning of Harford Christian School Athletics it is necessary to formulate policies and regulations to govern sports participation. Parents should be aware that Harford Christian School sports participation is a privilege.

Please read carefully the conditions of participation. Please complete and sign Section V and return this form to the appropriate coach or the Athletic Director **prior** to your student's taking part in any sport-related activity. We look forward to your child's active participation in our athletic program and an excellent season!

Section I – Guidelines for Participants

For students to be eligible to participate in the Harford Christian School Sports Program they must have on file proof of meeting the following requirements. Requirements are to be met prior to the first practice for any sport.

- A. An up-to-date physical examination by a physician. (Good for one year.)
- B. Parental permission as provided below.

Section II – Academic Requirements

For a student to be eligible to participate in athletic activities, a cumulative average of not less than 74% or 1.1 GPA must be maintained. A student failing any major required course is not eligible for athletic participation until the teacher reports a grade average above failing. Averages will be checked at the time of distribution of progress reports and report cards. After being declared ineligible, the student will not be allowed to participate in any athletic event (pending eligibility) until the date of the next report. Grades will not be averaged between these established intervals. In the event of failing a required course, when the teacher reports a passing grade average, the athlete is eligible (assuming cumulative average is not below 74%). Students who fall behind on required work for any teacher may be temporarily or permanently removed from athletic eligibility. A student who finishes a school year with less than 74% grade average on the 4th quarter report card or final year grades (whichever is higher will count), or has failed a major required course is not eligible for fall sports participation until the 1st progress report for the next year's 1st quarter renders her/him eligible.

Section III – Behavioral Eligibility

- A. Any student who demonstrates behavior problems in school is subject for review by administration and the athletic director to determine eligibility for sports participation.
- B. Any unsportsmanlike or team misconduct in practices or games is cause for lost playing time, game suspension, or removal from the team. The administration, athletic director and coach will determine the severity of the penalty.
- C. Practice and game attendance requirements are at the discretion of the head coach.
- D. Unexcused late arrivals to school may result in loss of sports participation privilege for any athletic activities for that day.
- E. Unexcused absence on the day after a game may result in a one game suspension.

Section IV – Coach/Parents/Participants

- A. Coaches have the authority over who becomes a member of the team, which students play, and who is removed from the team. Coaching strategy is determined by the coaching staff. Accepting a position on a team includes acceptance of these procedures by both the student and the parent/guardian.
- B. Coach, athlete, parent meetings are encouraged to resolve any other issues creating concern or dissatisfaction. Such meetings must be arranged at a mutually acceptable time and place.
- C. Parents and athletes should note that some athletic events may end after 11:00 p.m.

Section V – Agreement

I (we) as parents, understand that Harford Christian School does not have a health/accident insurance program for participants in its athletic program. There is a possibility that a student may suffer injury, including permanent paralysis or death, as a result of participation in athletic activities.

I (we) further understand that Harford Christian School disclaims any financial responsibility for the costs of medical treatment, hospitals, ambulances or paramedics, etc. arising out of or by virtue of an injury to my (our) child while participating in interscholastic competition or preparation therefore.

I (we) acknowledge that before my child can participate in such school-sponsored sports, this consent must be executed by me (us) and filed at the school athletic office along with the results of a physical examination indicating that my child is medically cleared to participate in such school-sponsored activities.

PLEASE PRINT

Student: _____ Insurance Co.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade: _____ Sports Interested in Playing: _____

I (we) have read and understand the above policies and expectations. I (we) understand that no further warning is required. I (we) understand that administration, athletic director and coach have the right to determine the appropriate disciplinary action for violation of the policies and regulations. By signing below, I (we) give permission for my child to participate in athletics at Harford Christian School and agree to abide by the included policies and expectations and will work with HCS to maintain a high standard of quality for all of the sports programs.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) _____
(Date)

(Student Signature) _____
(Date)

(Home Phone Number) _____
(Mother's Cell Number) _____
(Father's Cell Number)

