

# **Town School – Athletic Participation Contract Student & Parent(s)**

## **Background**

We at Town School believe physical development directly correlates with intellectual development. Physical education and athletics are important elements of the curriculum. A sound physical condition is not only necessary for emotional and academic well-being, but it encourages each boy to explore all aspects of the human experience.

Athletic participation is an effective way to teach our students about good character, discipline, teamwork, and the benefits of a healthy, fit body. Participation in a sport is also a wonderful way for boys to represent their school and have fun.

## **Interscholastic Athletics – Purpose**

The primary goal of our Interscholastic Athletic Program is to provide an atmosphere that encourages all boys to participate, develop as athletes and sportsmen, and persevere regardless of ability level.

A secondary goal is for each student athlete to achieve their greatest potential. To that end, we will challenge our student athletes by playing the toughest competition that we can find via multiple athletic leagues.

Finally, an important underlying aspect of the Interscholastic Athletic Program at Town School is the growth of school spirit. We believe it is the direct result of the camaraderie, sportsmanship and enthusiasm that develops on both the practice and playing field.

## **Player Participation**

We expect each student athlete to “aspire to greatness.” Boys participate at levels that are commensurate with development and grade level.

Boys must arrive to school by 12 Noon to participate in weekday practices or games.

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## **Player Participation continued**

We firmly believe that the majority of learning (and improving in) a sport occurs during practice. We expect boys to attend ALL practices.

Playing time during the regular season is determined by attendance, effort and attitude. In the play-off season we emphasize player's ability, effort and attitude.

## **Coaches' Role**

The coaches will attend all practices and games. To encourage each player to reach his full potential, the coaches will give feedback (positive and areas of improvement) to each boy on a continuous basis. Mid-season coaches will sit down and have more in-depth discussions about a player's ability, effort, attitude and attendance.

Coaches of A teams will assign player positions. These positions will be assigned to benefit both the individual and team. Coaches of B and C teams may enable student athletics to make suggestions for individual positions. These positions too will be assigned to benefit the individual and team.

Players are encouraged to discuss coach comments with their parent(s).

Please review the attached Communication Protocol for the Athletic Department.

## **Parent Support**

The Athletic Program at Town School would not be possible without the direct support from parents like you.

We hope that you will work with the coaches to ensure that players arrive at practices and games on time. Most importantly, we hope you will work with the coaches to provide a positive, healthy experience for our student athletes.

Please review the attached **Code of Ethics** and **Protocol for Spectator Offenses** prior to the start of each season.

Town School – Athletic Participation Contract

**Student-Athlete Parent Agreement**

We have carefully read and discussed this contract and attachments. We understand the importance and privilege of membership with Town School teams. We will fully support the program.

**Please print athlete's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Athlete Signature**

**Parent(s) Signature**

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