

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Denver Public Schools/East High School  
Student-Athlete Participation Agreement**

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Denver Public School/Denver East High School sponsored athletic and activity programs and in accordance with applicable Board of Education Policies, I understand and agree to the following:

**General Expectations**

- From the day a student first participates in a Denver Public Schools/East High School sponsored athletic or activity until that student graduates from high school, these rules are in effect, throughout the school year, including weekend, vacations, and holidays and regardless if the student is on or off school district property.
- The consequences outlined in this Agreement are in addition to, not instead of, those the student may receive under the districts' student conduct and discipline, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) By-laws, coaches' team rules or other sources. They represent minimum sanctions; the Principal or his/her designee may increase or modify these consequences in particular cases or in general as he/she deems appropriate.
- Students are considered to be representatives of himself/herself, fellow team members, coaches, sponsors, teachers, the school, its student body and the Denver Public Schools/East High School. For these reasons, the participating student is expected to display the highest form of character, behavior and sportsmanship. If at any time, a student's actions bring harm or discredit to the organization of which the student is a member or to the school, the student may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from the team/group.

**Eligibility**

- All athletes must meet state and district eligibility requirements.
- Academic eligibility shall be determined by a weekly check of grades. Certification period of ineligibility will be from Monday through Saturday of each week.
  - Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 25 unique Carnegie units each semester
  - Students may not have more than 1 F
  - Student grades should be changed only if one of the following conditions is met:
    - A teacher has made a mistake and submits paperwork via e-mail to the AD confirming their posted grade was inaccurate.
    - If a student has an excused absence and makes up missed work within the school approved guidelines for submission of that make up work.
- Specific semester, recertification and weekly grade details and requirement are available in the Athletic Director office.
- Athletes must attend a minimum of 50% of their academic schedule the day of a contest or the Friday before a Saturday contest unless otherwise excused by the principal or his/her designee. Athletes failing to do so are ineligible until reinstated by the principal or his/her designee. Unexcused absences may also result loss of playing time.

**Pupil Conduct in the Program of Athletics**

- Policies and rules that apply to general pupil conduct also apply to the program of athletics.
- Every pupil has the privilege to try out for an authorized sport unless under disciplinary action.
- An athlete shall be ineligible during any period of out of school suspension from school and may not participate in practice or scheduled contests until reinstated and attending classes.
- Any athlete who is found to be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct on the date of (but not during) the contest will be subject to the CHSAA Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule.
- When an athlete receives a second unsportsmanlike conduct offense during the same year, the incident will be investigated by the Director of Athletics during the ineligible period and he/she may assess an additional penalty.
- Coaches may have additional training rules of their own that, if broken, could carry the penalty of suspension from the team.
- Use or possession of tobacco (smoking, chewing or snuff), use or possession of alcohol, illegal use or possession of other harmful substances, or possession of narcotics or habit-forming drugs is forbidden.

**Procedures:**

- With the importance of maintaining a high standard of pupil conduct within the athletic program, it is expected that the administrator designated by the principal will review the evidence and determine that the student did, in fact, violate a league rule. It must be clearly understood that the penalty will be final and binding on the athlete and all members of the coaching staff.
  - **First offense:** A student who violates any of these policies will not be allowed to compete in any league, non-league or post-season contests from the time of the infraction until he/she has missed 25% of allowable contests. The number of contests to be missed per sport is as follows:
    - Baseball- 5 games, Basketball-6 games, Cross country-3 meets, Field hockey-4 games, Football-3 games, Golf (holes)- 50 holes, Gymnastics-3 meets, Lacrosse-4 games, Soccer-4 games, Softball-5 games, Swimming-3 meets, Tennis-3 matches, Track-3 meets, Volleyball-5 matches, Wrestling-8 points
    - ***Note:*** If no games remain in the season, the remaining contests will be applied to the next sports season in which the athlete competes. The athlete may remain on the team and may practice during the period of suspension.
    - Strict probation will be in effect regardless of the penalty for 1 year from the date of the infraction.
  - **Second offense:** Athletic suspension for the remainder of the school year.
  - **Third offense:** Automatic suspension from athletics for 1 year from the date of the third infraction.

As evidenced by our signatures below, we acknowledge and agree we have read the terms and conditions of the above-referenced Denver Public School/East High School Participation Agreement, and understand and agree that all participating students are subject to the terms and condition contained in this Agreement, as well as the provisions of applicable school board policies while participating in these district programs.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date