

2008-2009 Ohio High School Athletic Association Eligibility and Authorization Statement

This document is to be signed by the participant from an OHSAA member school and by the participant's parent.

I have read, understand and acknowledge receipt of the OHSAA brochure entitled "Your Athletic Eligibility," which contains a summary of the eligibility rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. I understand that a copy of the *OHSAA Handbook* is on file with the principal and athletic administrator and that I may review it, in its entirety, if I so choose. All OHSAA bylaws and regulations from the *Handbook* are also posted on the OHSAA web site at www.ohsaa.org.

I understand that an OHSAA member school must adhere to all rules and regulations that pertain to the interscholastic athletics programs that the school sponsors, but that local rules may be more stringent than OHSAA rules.

I understand that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege not a right.

Student Code of Responsibility

As a student athlete, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration

I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions

I will respect the property of others

I will respect and obey the rules of my school and laws of my community, state and country

I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country

I understand that a student whose character or conduct violates the school's Athletic Code or School Code of Responsibility is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by the principal

Informed Consent – By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and transmission of infectious disease such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have a responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily. **PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT WISH TO ACCEPT RISK DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS FORM. STUDENTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN OHSAA-SPONSORED SPORT WITHOUT THE STUDENT'S AND PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE.**

I understand that in the case of injury or illness requiring transportation to a health care facility, that a reasonable attempt will be made to contact the parent or guardian in the case of the student-athlete being a minor, but that, if necessary, the student-athlete will be transported via ambulance to the nearest hospital.

To enable the OHSAA to determine whether the herein named student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in an OHSAA member school I consent to the release to the OHSAA any and all portions of school record files, beginning with seventh grade, of the herein named student, specifically including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, birth and age records, name and residence address of parent(s) or guardian(s), residence address of the student, academic work completed, grades received and attendance data.

I consent to the OHSAA's use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletic-related information in reports of contests, promotional literature of the Association and other materials and releases related to interscholastic athletics.

By signing this we acknowledge that we have read the above information and that we consent to the herein named student's participation.

***Must Be Signed Before Physical Examination**

Student's Signature

Birth date

Grade in School

Date

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

