

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
STUDENT PARENT'S/ATHLETE INFORMATION/AGREEMENT

I. ELIGIBILITY:

1. All students must pass a physical examination prior to participation in High School Athletics. A physical exam covers the student for 13 months from the exam date. A student's eligibility will terminate once a physical has reached the 13 month limit. No student is allowed to participate if they have not submitted an updated signed copy of their physical exam to their coach. Physical examinations must be performed by a duly registered Licensed Physician, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. **PENALTY:** A student in violation shall be suspended for the number of contests in which he/she participated without a proper physical.
2. All athletes must submit a complete Medical History Form, Parent/Athlete Agreement, Pre-Concussion Reporting Form and sign off and the Impact Consent Form. Coaches will make available all forms to all candidates. Students will not be allowed to participate until all forms have been signed and returned to respective coaches.
3. A student must not be in his/her fifth year of high school.
4. A student must not have reached 19 years of age by September 1st.
5. A student must meet all academic requirements outlined below. A student must have passed at least 20 credits or 20 periods of prepared work during the marking period preceding an athletic contest. A student cannot represent the school unless s/he is taking at least 20 credits or 20 periods of prepared work. To be eligible for fall sports, students must have final passing grades in full year courses and second semester courses in the required number of periods of prepared work (Grades 9-12 = 20 credits). Academic eligibility for all students will be determined and considered as official for that grading period on the date when report cards are issued to parents and students. **NOTE** – Students who repeat work for which they have received academic credit cannot include the subject a second time for eligibility. Students cannot count for eligibility any subject taken during summer vacation unless that subject has been previously taken and failed. Students receiving substantially or more restrictive Special Education services under Chapter 603 may be declared academically eligible by the Principal provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
6. Absences – Any student who is absent on a given day will not be allowed to participate in a practice or contest on that day. If extenuating circumstances are evident, approval to participate must come from the **PRINCIPAL, VICE PRINCIPAL OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**. If a student is absent from school on Friday due to illness, he/she must present a doctor's note to the coach if he/she wishes to participate in a weekend athletic contest. This note is to certify that the athlete is physically capable of participating. Tardiness and Dismissals – Coaches will not allow any student to participate in a game or practice if that student is not in attendance for five full class periods of that school day. If extenuating circumstances are evident, approval to participate must come from the **PRINCIPAL VICE PRINCIPAL OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**.
7. These regulations are in accordance with the rules set down by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.
8. Any student transferring into the district must meet with the Athletic Director prior to participation.
9. Any student participating in a non-traditional academic program (i.e. home schooling) must meet with the Athletic Director prior to participation.

II. ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE CODE:

1. Unexcused absence from scheduled athletic practice: 1st offense – suspension from the interscholastic athletic contest immediately following the violation; 2nd offense – immediate expulsion from the team for the season.
2. Intentional unexcused absence from a scheduled athletic contest: 1st offense – immediate expulsion from the team for the season.
3. A three-day extended detention or out-of-school suspension or a total of three cumulative days of extended detentions or out-of-school suspensions will result in suspension from an interscholastic contest either during the suspension of the athletic event or immediately following the suspension.
4. Chemical Health Rule: - Student Eligibility: Chemical Health/Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco.  
From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest), a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product; marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. This policy includes products such as "NA or near beer". It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor. This MIAA statewide minimum standard is not intended to render "guilt by association", e.g. many student athletes might be present at a party where only a few violate this standard. This rule represents only a minimum standard upon which schools may develop more stringent

requirements. If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again. First violation: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. During the suspension the disqualified student may not be in uniform and his/her attendance at the competition site is determined by the high school principal. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 25% of the season. Second and subsequent violations: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 60% of the season. If after the second or subsequent violations the student of his/her own volition becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum of 40% of events provided the student was fully engaged in the program throughout that penalty period. The high school principal in collaboration with a Chemical Dependency Program or Treatment Program must certify that student is attending or issue a certificate of completion. If student does not complete program, penalty reverts back to 60% of the season.

5. Theft or destruction of school athletic or personal property will result in immediate expulsion from the athletic program for a period of six weeks. It is the responsibility of the team members who are aware of such activities to report them to their coach or captain.

6. Use of foul language, obscene gestures or language or behavior which mocks, seeks to intimidate or actually hurts someone of a different race, religion, ethnic group or sexual orientation, will result in immediate removal from the interscholastic contest. Any such incident shall be immediately referred to the Administration.

### III. ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT:

1. I understand that in order to participate I have to be passing in at least 20 credit hours during each grading period.  
2. I understand that the Athletic Department does not condone the use of alcohol or drugs and that use of such will result in my being banned from participation in interscholastic sports for twenty five percent of the season for the first offense.

3. I also understand that my citizenship in school and in the community is expected to reflect positively on the Athletic Department.

4. Any student guilty of violating the rule prohibiting hazing will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season.

5. I also understand that I am subject to the Athletic Department rules and regulations as well as team training rules and that failure to abide by these rules may result in being banned from participation in interscholastic sports.

6. I recognize that the Varsity Letter Award is a symbol of my participation in interscholastic athletics at North Attleboro High School and remains the property of the school until my graduation. The wearing of the letter carries certain responsibilities, as stated above (2, 3 and 4) and the privilege may be withdrawn by school authorities.

7. I understand that athletic events/practices will occur during school vacation periods and my attendance is required.

8. I understand that participation in any interscholastic athletics, even observing all rules and safety precautions, could result in serious injury or even death.

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Date Athlete's Name Please Print

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Date Athlete's Signature

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Date Parent/Guardian Signature