

**AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK,  
AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS**

I am aware that playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving MANY RISKS OF INJURY. I understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing to play/participate in athletics include, but are not limited to death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health and well-being. Understand that the dangers of playing or practicing to play/ participate in athletics may result not only in serious injury, but in serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.

Because of the dangers of participating in athletics I recognize the importance of following coaches; instructions regarding playing techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and I agree to obey such instructions.

In consideration of Kanawha County Schools permitting me to try out for athletics and to engage in all activities related to athletics, including, but not limited to trying out practicing or playing/participating in sport(s), I hereby assume all the risks associated with participation and agree to hold Kanawha County Schools, West Virginia, collectively and individually, its employees, agents, representatives, medical personnel, coaches, and volunteers, including managers and trainers, harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with my participation in any activities related to the Kanawha athletic team(s). The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, and for all members of my family.

Parents must provide a copy of their Health Insurance Coverage to their respective Coach before their child may practice or participate in extracurricular activities. A copy of the Parent/Guardian Health Insurance card will be sufficient to meet this requirement.

I specifically acknowledge that FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, SOCCER AND BASEBALL are VIOLENT CONTACT SPORTS involving even greater risk of injury than other sports.

Print Students Name

PLEASE PRINT

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

**CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS AT  
KANAWHA COUNTY SCHOOLS**

I have read thoroughly the information given in the Kanawha County Schools Student-Athlete Handbook I understand and agree to abide by the provisions contained therein. I also understand that participation in athletics at Kanawha County Schools is a privilege and not a right.

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Student-Athlete Signature

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Date

**PARENTS**

The parents of prospective student-athlete at Kanawha County Schools shall:

- Have read thoroughly the information contained in the Kanawha County Schools Student-Athlete Handbook.
- Understand and agree to help the Athletic Department in their endeavor to foster a proper climate for the athletic participation.
- Further agree to support and work with the athletic department in the enforcement of the codes of conduct upon our son/daughter if it becomes necessary.
- Realize that they represents the school just as definitely as does the member of a team, and, therefore, has an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through this behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
- Recognize that, since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
- Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them. If for any reason you that you cannot support the codes of conduct, please do not allow your son/daughter to try out of an athletic team at Kanawha County Schools.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT