

**Fairfield Local Middle School and High School
Athletic Department**

**Fairfield Local School District
Athletic Participation Consent Form**

The Fairfield Local Board of Education policy, in accordance with Ohio High School Athletic Association Regulations and Ohio Revised Code, requires that the Participation Consent Form be signed and returned to the school before students may try out or participate in any Fairfield Local Board of Education sponsored athletic activity. This Participation Consent Form is valid for one school year (August 1 – July 31).

General Code of Conduct for Athletes

Violation(s) of any of the following rules may lead to the denial of the privilege of participating with a team.

1. All participants in athletic programs must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Fairfield Local Board of Education.
2. Athletes are expected to exemplify good sportsmanship and follow the district code of regulations for conduct of students, however, the following prohibitions are expanded to cover all times that a student is a team member.
 - a. Possession of or under the influence of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs or other potentially dangerous substances.
 - b. Possession of or use of tobacco.
 - c. Acts of vandalism.
 - d. Possession of a weapon.
3. Participants are expected to follow all rules and regulations that have been developed by the coaches/sponsors and approved by the building principal and/or athletic director.
4. Students shall not wear clothing or jewelry that promotes alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances, nor shall students wear jewelry that creates a danger to the wearer or others. Students shall not wear articles of clothing that are adorned with sexually suggestive slogans, profanity, lewd pictures, or that which may be offensive to a student's religion, race or national origin.
5. Hair must be kept clean and worn in a style which does not create a distraction to the educational environment and learning climate.
6. All athletic participants are to be transported to and from away events only by school approved transportation. District transportation regulations will be in effect during all trips. A written request must be submitted from the athlete's parent(s) in order to be allowed to use an alternate means of transportation.
7. The student must be in attendance for all classes on the day of a game to participate in the event. If a student is not in attendance for all classes on the school day of the event, he/she may participate only with the approval of the athletic director and/or building principal. In the case of a Saturday event, the student must have been present for all classes on Friday. If the student was absent on Friday, the student can participate on Saturday only with the approval of the athletic director and/or building principal.
8. Any student who is removed from a team for disciplinary reasons after the season begins, forfeits the right to all awards and participation fees connected with the program, and is ineligible to participate in other athletic activities or conditioning programs until the end of that sport season.
9. Athletes are financially responsible for equipment and uniforms issued. Equipment and uniforms must be returned promptly after the end of the season. Those who fail to meet this obligation will have their awards and credits held and will not be permitted to try out for another team.
10. Neither the school nor the Fairfield Local Board of Education is responsible for money, clothing and other personal items lost, stolen or damaged while in the locker room.
11. Athletes must report all injuries to their coach/sponsor.
12. A doctor's release is necessary before a student will be permitted to participate after sustaining an injury or a health problem requiring a doctor's care.

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STUDENT ATHLETE PLEDGE

As a student athlete, I know I am a role model. I understand the spirit of fair play while playing hard. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language, taunting, trash talking, hazing and unnecessary physical contact. I know the behavior expectations of my school, my conference, and the OHSAA, and I hereby accept the responsibility and privilege of good sportsmanship and of representing this school and community as a student athlete.

X Student Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT ATHLETE'S PARENT PLEDGE

As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and support groups. I will participate in cheers and support, encourage and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our conference, and the OHSAA. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a role model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.

X Parent Signature _____ Date _____