

ATHENIAN ACADEMY

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Academia Athenian

2015-2016 Athenian Academy Olympians

Letter to Middle School Athletes and Parents

Welcome all 2015-2016 Middle School basketball, volleyball players and parents! Thank you for making the decision to participate in and support Athenian Academy Athletics. We are looking forward to the upcoming inaugural seasons of Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Basketball and Boys' Basketball.

If there are volunteers who wish to become Head or Assistant Coaches for any of these teams, please contact your Athletic Directors, Dimitrios Fakitsas or Christopher Devlin so that we may assign you to a team before classes start in 2016. Before the season begins, we wanted to touch on a few expectations we have of our "Olympian Athletes." These are put in place to ensure that the season is successful and enjoyable for everyone!

As a Middle School athlete here at Athenian Academy, students are committing to the following:

- 1.) Attending all practices and games. Please inform the coach at the beginning of the season of any pre-existing conflicts. This way, they can plan ahead and are not surprised by last minute changes. Additionally, we do understand that things come up (sickness, injury, family emergencies, etc.) and will support you however we can!
- 2.) Traveling by bus or car with the team to away games.
- 3.) Maintaining a positive, respectful attitude with coaches.
- 4.) Maintaining a positive, supportive attitude during games/matches.
- 5.) Maintaining a "team" attitude and helping take care of equipment and facilities pick-up after practices and games.
- 6.) Having Fun!!

Individual coaches may have additional expectations or guidelines they will provide prior to the beginning of the sport season. Overall, the goal of our Middle School athletic program at Athenian Academy is to provide a safe environment for students to try new things, learn what it means to be committed to a team, and grow in their athletic knowledge and experience! Parents, please feel free to communicate with your student's coach with any questions or concerns throughout the season. Additionally, you may contact your Athletic Directors with any comments or issues you may have. We are looking forward to a wonderful season with you all!

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ATHENIAN ACADEMY SPORTS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Please review and complete the applicable sections below and sign in the spaces provided to indicate your agreement with all statements made in such sections.

We (I) give permission for the student listed below to participate in sports offered by Athenian Academy.

Student's Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Sport(s): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Grade _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Parents (Guardian): _____

Parent E-mail Addresses: _____

Parent Contact Numbers: _____

Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

We (I) assume all responsibility for any medical or medical-related costs that may result from an injury whether or not my child is covered by a health insurance policy.

Is Child Covered under a Health Insurance Plan? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, provide the Carrier name and Policy number: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Known Allergies: _____

Physician Information -Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Preferred Hospital: _____

PLEASE READ THE REMAINDER OF THIS FORM CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT. NOTE: THIS FORM INCLUDES A RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITYI, the parent or guardian of the child named above, authorizes the participation of my child in Athenian Academy's Competitive Sports Program. My child will participate in one or more sports offered by the League. I understand that this is a sports program for youth and that my child's participation is voluntary and not essential to completion of requirements of the school or any program. I further understand and agree that my child's participation in athletic and other activities of the League necessarily involves the risk of injury and even death from various causes, including but not limited to accidents, falls, strenuous and prolonged physical activity, dehydration, illness, collision or dispute with other participants, weather related injuries, playing area and equipment defects, and negligence of coaches and referees. On behalf of my child, me, and my family, I assume these risks. In consideration of the privilege of my child's participation in the League, and on behalf of my child and me as parent/guardian, I hereby release, discharge, hold harmless and indemnify, and covenant not to sue Athenian Academy, its Landlord, and any of their directors, officers, employees, independent contractors, volunteers, insurers, agents and representatives, and all other persons associated with the Athenian Academy's Sports Program (including without limitation any other participating schools, sponsors, parents, vendors, coaches and other game and event workers, officials, drivers, and organizations) as to any and all claims of my child, me and other family members for any illness or personal injuries suffered by my child, property damage, medical expenses, and economic loss arising directly or indirectly out of my child's participation in the League, and any first aid, medical care or treatment provided to my child in the event my child is injured or becomes ill while participating in League activities, and excepting claims that may not be released under applicable law. This Release of Liability shall be as broadly construed as allowed by law to include all claims and rights that the child, that I as parent/guardian, and that other family members may have. I am a legally responsible parent or guardian of my child. If any provision of this Release of Liability is deemed invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. This Release of Liability shall be binding on me, my family, heirs, next of kin, legal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and assigns. I hereby authorize Athenian Academy to use, reproduce, distribute, display, and to license others to use, reproduce, distribute, and display, my child's image, and photograph, as well as any video, digital, or audio recording or reproduction, in connection with external and internal communications of Athenian Academy for the sole purpose of advancing Athenian Academy Schools' programs.

PARTICIPATION AND SAFETY

I understand that participation in the League may involve strenuous and prolonged physical activity. I agree that my child is healthy and able to participate in the League activities. I understand that my child must undergo a sports physical before being eligible to play on a team. I understand that Athenian Academy or any of their representatives may request additional health information concerning my child. If a representative of Athenian Academy determines that my child does have a physical, mental or other condition that may affect his/her ability to safely and appropriately participate in League activities (or that may affect the ability of other children to participate safely), the representatives of the League may determine that my child cannot be permitted to participate. I understand and agree that, while Athenian Academy desires that all children will be able to participate, such decisions may have to be made out of concern for the best interests of my child and other participants.

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

In the event my child is injured or becomes ill in League activities, and if I, the parent or guardian of the above named child, am not present to make medical decisions, I hereby authorize Athenian Academy their staff members, volunteers including volunteer parent participants, coaches, assistant coaches, and referees, supervisors and drivers, to arrange for and consent on my behalf to emergency medical and dental care and

treatment, including tests and radiological exams, and surgery, and hospital care and treatment, and to consent to medications for pain and other conditions as prescribed by medical personnel attending my child.

I give consent to transport my child by ambulance if the situation warrants it. I am responsible for payment of any medical and medical-related charges or expenses incurred because of an injury whether or not my child is covered by an insurance plan. I understand that I am responsible to update any change to the insurance information provided above. My signature below indicates that all information provided in this form is true and accurate, and that I fully agree to all statements made on the form, including but not limited to the Authorization and Release of Liability, Participation and Safety-Medical Conditions, and Consent to Medical Treatment. Each responsible parent/guardian should sign.

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

If only one parent/guardian signs this form, the following must also be signed: I affirm that this form was signed by only one parent/guardian because (1) I am the sole parent/guardian responsible for the care and custody of the child due to death or incapacity of the other parent/guardian or court order, or (2) I have made a good faith effort to obtain the signature from the other parent/guardian but have not been able to do so due to causes beyond my control, and I am not aware of any reason that the other parent/guardian objects to the child's participation in the League.

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION

We (I) hereby give permission for my child to travel by the Athenian Academy's designated transportation, including by bus and/or coach-approved drivers, as part of the league's games and programs. We (I) understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my child (children) at the Athenian Academy campus upon the student's return from games and/or competitions. Return destinations and times will be provided and pick up must be within fifteen minutes of return time or end of game/practice if at an away site. Any late pick up will result in a late fee of \$1 per minute. If picking the student(s) up at the game or competition venue, the Athletic

Director must be informed in advance so the coach(es) can be notified. When taking a student from a game or competition venue, the parent must sign the athlete out on the coach(es) transportation list.

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

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STUDENT – PARENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION AND PERMISSION FORM/CONTRACT

Philosophy

Interscholastic athletics supplement and support the academic mission of the school system and assist students in their growth and development. Athletics aid in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Interscholastic athletics is highly competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play. Student-Athletes are held to a high standard and must abide by *Athenian Academy Code of Conduct* and conduct themselves in a manner both on and off the field that reflects positively on themselves and Athenian Academy.

Sportsmanship

An important mission of the interscholastic athletics program is to teach and reinforce values relating to sportsmanship, competition, and fair play. It is expected that team personnel, parents, and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events. Displays of poor sportsmanship such as arguing with opponent, referee, coach or spectator could warrant removal from game, suspension or expulsion from team.

Student Eligibility Requirements

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate. Participation of ineligible students shall result in individual and team sanctions, including forfeits for the team.

1. Student must be enrolled in grades 6, 7 or 8 before the season begins to be eligible to play.
2. All participants are required to have proof of school approved insurance, all shots updated and submit a valid annual medical evaluation/physical before they are allowed to participate.
3. Students selected for a team must pay a **non-refundable \$75.00 Participation fee**. Students may not participate until they have paid the activities fee. This fee will help pay for uniforms, referees and other expenses throughout the season.
4. Students must achieve a **minimum C average in all Core Classes** for the most recently completed marking period. Academic eligibility is determined on the date report cards are issued, and remains until the next progress report/report card is issued.
5. Grades recorded as I (Incomplete) shall be considered passing until changed. Incomplete grades must be made up within two weeks after the close of the marking period.
6. Students must attend all of their scheduled classes in order to participate in a contest on that day. If the principal or designee grants an excused absence in advance for a prescheduled activity, or an unforeseen emergency, the student may participate on that day.

7. In addition to other infractions, a student may be suspended or removed from a team for unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to classes or team practices.
8. A student may not participate in practice or a game when he/she is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension. The student will be **suspended 1 full game** if given an ISS. Student serving an OSS will be **suspended for a minimum of 2 full games**. Student who is assigned OSS must schedule a meeting with the Athletic Directors to discuss their reinstatement. If student does not schedule meeting with Athletic Directors before 2 game suspension ends they will not be eligible to participate. **Pending review and results of meeting student may be reinstated after 2 games**. School leader, Kathy Hershelman or Middle School Dean, Suzanne Mizzi, has final say on student reinstatement.
9. Parents/Guardians' of each participant must volunteer to help a **minimum of 10 hours combined** during practices, games (home and away) and/or fundraising events to have student-athlete remain eligible for participation. Coaches, Team Mom's and Concessions Volunteers will be largely comprised of Parents/Guardians' of participants.
10. Parents/Guardians must pick student or arrange for pick up from games or practices they do not attend, within a limited timeframe.

Assumption of Risk

Participation in interscholastic athletic activities often includes intense competition and poses the potential for serious or life-threatening injury. Participants and parents acknowledge there are inherent risks and hazards associated with athletic participation. Risks vary from sport-to-sport and can occur under direct supervision and with use of proper safety equipment.

Hazing

Hazing is prohibited at all times. Hazing involves any act that subjects teammates to mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. In some instances hazing constitutes a criminal act. Hazing may lead to immediate dismissal from a team.

Participation Standards

Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. Accordingly, students must meet certain standards in order to earn the privilege of participation. At a minimum, the following standards are required of all student-athletes.

1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, school, and community. Athletes should not be engaged in any activity that would result in criminal charges.
2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to teammates and the coach.
3. Exert efforts to maintain a high level of academic achievement.
4. Comply with all team, school, and school system rules, regulations, and policies.
5. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all team and school-related activities.
6. Attend all team functions unless ill or given prior permission to be absent by the coach.
7. Respect and comply with decisions made by the coach and athletic department.
8. Respect calls and decisions made by game officials.
9. Display good sportsmanship at all times.
10. Report to the coach any issues or developments that may affect eligibility status.

Dismissal From or Quitting a Team

Once an athlete begins practice in a sport and his/her squad membership is terminated for a reason other than being cut due to lack of ability, he/she is ineligible to participate in any other sport during that season unless he/she is given prior approval by the athletic director and/or the administration after a thorough investigation of the case with all involved parties. Once an athlete is on a team and voluntarily quits that team, he/she is

ineligible to participate in any other sport during that season unless he/she is given prior approval by the athletic director and/or the administration.

Participation on Outside Teams-

While participating on a school team, athletes are permitted to participate in the same sport outside of the school during the sport season. The outside participation may not conflict with the team schedule of the school. This includes practices, games, and playoffs.

Absences-

- Students with excused absences from practice sessions or games shall not be penalized.
- Students with an unexcused absence from a practice session may not be allowed to participate in the next practice or contest, whichever occurs first.
- A students with 2 or more unexcused absences from games or practices will be suspended from the team until the player and his/her parents meet with the coach and athletic director to find a solution to the excessive absences. (This penalty does not carry over from season to season.)
- If the student-athlete is absent from school for more than half of the school day he/she may not participate in the game or practice that day.

***Excused absences and unexcused absences are defined in the Athenian Academy Student Code of Conduct**

Discipline:

- Receipt of two lunch detentions and/or one after school detention (ASD) during school or during an after-school function will cause the student-athlete to be suspended for one full game.
- Out-of-school (OSS) or in-school suspension (ISS) from school will result in the student-athlete being suspended for minimum of 2 games.
- Two out-of-school/ in-school suspensions during the course of the season is cause for permanent removal of the player from the team.

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Gaurdian

Date

