

# STUDENT/PARENT ATHLETIC CONTRACT

## PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the athletic program in the Choctaw/Nicoma Park School District is to promote the physical, academic, social, emotional, and moral well being of the participants. It is hoped that athletics in our schools will be a positive force in preparing youth for an enriching and vital role in our complex society.

The athletic program is an important and integral part of the total school program and is open to participation by all students regardless of individual ability. Through voluntary participation, the athlete gives time, energy, and loyalty to the program. In order to contribute to the welfare of the group, the athlete must willingly assume certain obligations that may require the individual to make sacrifices not required of other school programs.

In addition to the rules and regulations in the student handbook, athletic participants are also under the guidelines of Choctaw/Nicoma Park Athletic Policies and the regulations of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association.

## PARTICIPATION

Each student that chooses to participate in school athletics must understand that he/she is engaging in a competitive inter-school activity. Athletes and parents must agree to accept the fact that because of the competitive nature of school athletics, **the coaching staff ultimately decides decisions relating to the degree of playing time of each athlete.**

## ATTENDANCE

All team members will attend all scheduled practices, meetings, and games. If circumstances arise whereby the athlete cannot attend a practice or meeting, the coach must be notified prior to the practice or meeting missed by personal contact, phone call, or written statement from parent or guardian. Any athlete, who cuts practice, fails to make scheduled team or individual meetings may be suspended from the team for a period of time to be determined by the coach. Excessive absences from practices, games, or meetings, may be cause for removal from the team unless prior arrangements are made with the coach or principal; an athlete must attend all classes the day of a game to be eligible unless preapproved through a principal. In some cases, practices or games may be required on weekends and school holiday breaks.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for athletics, the athlete must be in compliance with Oklahoma Secondary Schools Association policies. In general terms, the policy states that an athlete must be passing all classes he/she is enrolled in to be eligible. Grades will be checked on a weekly basis and also at the end of each semester.

## SPORT CHANGES

Student must have all equipment, uniforms and fees turned in or paid before being released for the next sport.

## REMOVAL FROM A SPORT OR ACTIVITY

If a student chooses not to complete a sport prior to the season's end or is removed by a coach, that student will be placed in ISI for the remainder of that season. Once the level of play the student competed on is finished, the student will be allowed to switch to a new sport. If the student is passing the sport at the time of removal, he/she will receive a No Credit (NC) for the sport. If he/she is failing, the failing grade will be recorded.

## TRANSPORTATION

Athletes must travel to and from contest, away from Choctaw/Nicoma Park Schools, in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions are:

- #1 injury to a participant, which should require alternate transportation,
- #2 prior arrangements between the participate/guardian and the coach (in the form a signed note) for the athlete to ride with a parent/guardian,
- #3 special arrangements approved by the transportation director and the athletic director.

## HELMET WARNING (FOOTBALL ONLY)

This is to certify that I have carefully read and fully understand the warning label attached inside and/or outside of the football helmet I have checked out from Choctaw/Nicoma Park Schools Athletic Department. The label reads:

## WARNING

### **NO HELMET CAN PREVENT ALL HEAD OR NECK INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT RECEIVE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL.**

Do not use the helmet to butt, ram or spear an opposing player. This is in violation of the football rules, and such use can result in severe head or neck injuries, paralysis or death to you, and possible injury to your opponent.

I also understand that football is a potentially injurious sport and agree to accept the risk of injury associated with competition in the sport. No helmet can prevent all such injuries.

## HOMECOMING PARADE

This form grants permission for my student/child to participate in the Homecoming Parade. I am aware that he/she is under supervision of the school-employed sponsors/chaperones just as he/she would be at school or a school site activity.