

**NMSD ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION CONTRACT**  
**Middle School - High School Students Only**  
**2014-2015 School Year**

1. I agree to follow all NMSD school rules and team rules that may be stricter than the school rules.
2. I must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) each quarter to participate in athletics at NMSD. If I have 2 or more 'F' grades and/or 3 or more 'D' grades, I will not be eligible for the following quarter. Eligibility will be determined by the HS/MS principal based on the following criteria:
  - a. If I have one 'F' grade (but still earn a 2.0 GPA) on my quarterly grade report card, I will not be allowed to play in games until the following midquarter report card.
    - i. I will be placed on academic probation and required to complete weekly grade checks, due to the athletic coordinator every Friday afternoon by 2 p.m. I will be allowed to practice during the following week only if I have a 2.0 grade point average and have no 'D' or 'F' grades on my weekly grade check.
    - ii. If I improve my grades and do not earn any 'F' grades on my midquarter report card, I will be allowed to play in games for the remainder of the quarter, but I will remain on academic probation and be required to complete weekly grade checks. I will only be allowed to play in games if I have a 2.0 GPA and have no 'D' or 'F' grades on my weekly grade check.
    - iii. If I do not improve my grades and continue to show an 'F' Grade on my midquarter report card, I will lose eligibility for the remainder of the quarter.
    - iv. If my 'F' grade for the quarter also means an 'F' grade for the semester, I will be ineligible for the following quarter (entire quarter).
  - b. If I have two 'D' grades (but still earn a 2.0 GPA) on my quarterly grade report card, I will be placed on academic probation and required to complete weekly grade checks, due to the athletic coordinator every Friday afternoon by 2 p.m. I will be allowed to play in games during the following week only if I have a 2.0 grade point average and have no 'D' or 'F' grades on my weekly grade check.
  - c. For long-distance trips (those involving travel out of the state) and weekend tournaments/games, the athletic coordinator will gather my grades from my teachers 5 school days previous to the day of departure. If I have an 'F' grade or two 'D' grades, I will not be allowed to participate in the trip or in the weekend tournament/games. If I happen to have low grades, and thus, miss the trip, I may be required to reimburse NMSD for any travel costs that are not refundable.
3. I must attend all classes on time in order to participate in that day's game. If I am absent from any part of the school day, I will not be allowed to play in games or participate in practices scheduled for that day. However, for reason(s) such as counseling appointments, medical appointments, brief health center visits, or family/personal emergencies, I will not be considered absent. I must communicate any absences to my coach and my athletic coordinator, and bring a note from my doctor/service provider documenting the reason I

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was absent from class. I can only be absent for a maximum of 2 class periods to be allowed to participate in athletics that day.

- a. I must attend all classes on the day prior to and on the day of departure for long-distance trips (those involving travel out of the state). If I fail to do so, I will not be allowed to participate in the trip. If I happen to miss class and thus, miss the trip, I will be required to repay NMSD for any travel costs that are not refundable.
  - b. I must attend all classes on the day after returning from long-distance trips and weekend tournament/games. If I happen to miss class(es) upon my return to school after those trips/games, I will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game/match unless I bring a doctor's note documenting an illness or injury that prevented me from attending school on that day.
4. I must attend every practice and be on time. NOTE: My coach may have additional team rules about consequences for missing practice(s) or for arriving late to practice(s).
- a. I must inform (preferably 24 hours in advance) my coach when I need to miss practice(s) and/or game(s). I understand it is my responsibility to communicate with my coach.
  - b. If I miss a practice, I will not be allowed to play in any games scheduled for the next day. (For exceptions to this rule, I must communicate with the Athletic Coordinator and obtain permission.)
5. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, both on and off the field/court. I will respect my teammates, other students, coaches, opponents, game officials, and all faculty/staff. I will also encourage my parents and family members to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, both on and off the field/court. I understand that incidents of poor sportsmanship may result in consequences from my coach/athletic coordinator.
6. I will obey all NMSD school/team rules. Violations of rules regarding alcohol or drug use/possession will result in immediate dismissal from the team. Violations of other rules such as smoking, physical assault/bullying, hazing, unacceptable language, and sexual misconduct that result in suspension from school may mean additional consequences from the athletic department, including possible dismissal from the team. The athletic coordinator, along with the principal, will make the final determination of appropriate consequences for each incident.
- a. I understand that if I am dismissed from a team, I will be placed on behavioral probation during the next sport season.
  - b. I also understand that if I violate the school/team rules mentioned above during the off-season, I may not be able to participate in the next sports season.
7. I will be financially responsible for any lost/stolen athletic equipment and uniforms that are issued to me.
- a. I must make an agreement to reimburse the Athletic Department before I am allowed to participate in the next sport season and/or graduation.
8. If I quit my team, I must meet with my head coach and the athletic coordinator and state my reason(s) for leaving the team. I may be responsible to pay back NMSD for any out-of-state travel expenses spent on me by NMSD during the season. Without my coach's release, I will not be allowed to play during the next sports season.

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9. I agree to practice and play hard with respect and pride for my team, my coach(es), NMSD, my family, my opponents, and for myself.
10. I understand that I may be dismissed from my team for any violation of the rules/regulations listed above as well as any repeated incidents. I agree to comply by the decision of the Athletic Coordinator and/or the Principal regarding any disciplinary action(s) that may arise throughout the year.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Coordinator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE\*** Coaches are required to fully explain this contract as well as their own team rules to each athlete at the beginning of each sport season.