

# Cumberland County High Schools

## STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY and PERMISSION FORM

This form must be completed and filed in the office of the Athletic Director before the student/athlete will be allowed to participate in any athletic activity.

(Please Print All Information)

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the rules of the NCHSAA, I hereby give my consent for the participation of my student athlete named below for the following activities circled below:

- |              |               |            |               |
|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Baseball     | Football      | Softball   | Cross Country |
| Basketball   | Golf          | Swimming   | Soccer        |
| Bowling      | Indoor Track  | Tennis     | Wrestling     |
| Cheerleading | Outdoor Track | Volleyball |               |

Others (School may list): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT/ATHLETE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Student/Athlete Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Home Work Cell  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Parent/Legal Custodian: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Home Work Cell  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

We (Student/Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian), certify that the above information is accurate and that the home address on all forms/records is the sole bonafide residence of the student/athlete and that we will notify the school/principal immediately of any changes in residence, since such a move may alter the eligibility of the student/athlete. Falsification of residence information will result in loss of eligibility for 365 days.

**Signature of Student/Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Legal Custodian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY**

- AGE (cannot become 19 years of age before August 31 of current school year)
- ATTENDANCE (in attendance at least 85% of the previous semester – absent no more than 55 class periods (block schedule))
- ACADEMICS (must pass Block Schedule – 3 out of 4, Traditional – 5 out of 7, A/B Schedule – 6 out of 8 during the preceding semester)
- Must have a weighted 2.0 GPA or a 77 average for the previous semester. (Effective 2nd Semester 2016: Must have a weighted 2.0 GPA or 70 average for the previous semester)
- EIGHT SEMESTER RULE (cannot participate for a period lasting longer than 8 consecutive semesters beginning with first entry in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or on High School team)
- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEASONS (Four separate seasons – 1 per year)
- PASS PHYSICAL EXAM (a physical must be done for each school year)
- VOLUNTARY TRANSFER students cannot participate in sports for 365 days from the first approved date of the first year of eligibility.

**Signature of Parent/Legal Custodian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**North Carolina High School Athletic Association Eligibility and Authorization Statement**

This document is to be signed by the participant of an NCHSAA member school and by the participant's parent.

I have read, understand and acknowledge receipt of the eligibility rules of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. I understand that a copy of the *NCHSAA Handbook* is on file with the principal and athletic administrator and that I may review it, in its entirety, if I so choose. All NCHSAA bylaws and regulations from the *Handbook* are also posted on the NCHSAA web site at [www.nchsaa.org](http://www.nchsaa.org)

I understand that an NCHSAA member school must adhere to all rules and regulations that pertain to the interscholastic athletics programs that the school sponsors, but that local rules may be more stringent than NCHSAA rules.

I understand that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege not a right.

**Student Code of Responsibility**

As a student athlete, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

I will **respect the rights and beliefs** of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.

I will be **fully responsible** for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.

I will **respect the property** of others.

I will **respect and obey the rules** of my school and laws of my community, state and country.

I will **show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules** of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.

I understand that a student whose character or conduct violates the school's Athletic Code or School Code of Responsibility could be deemed ineligible for a period of time as determined by the principal or school system Administration

I understand that if I drop a class, take course work through Post-Secondary Enrollment Option, or other educational options, this action could affect compliance with NCHSAA academic standards and my eligibility.

**Informed Consent**— By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and transmission of infectious disease such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have a responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily. **PARENTS, LEGAL CUSTODIAN'S OR STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT WISH TO ACCEPT RISK DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS FORM. STUDENTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN NCHSAA-SPONSORED SPORT WITHOUT THE STUDENT'S AND PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE.**

I understand that in the case of **injury or illness requiring treatment by medical personnel and transportation to a health care facility**, that a reasonable attempt will be made to contact the parent/legal custodian in the case of the student-athlete being a minor, but that, if necessary, the student-athlete will be treated and transported via ambulance to the nearest hospital.

I consent to medical treatment for the student following an injury or illness suffered during practice and/or a contest.

I understand all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. Further I understand that if my student is removed from a practice or competition due to a suspected concussion, he or she will be unable to return to participation that day. After that day, written authorization from a physician (M.D. or D.O.) or an athletic trainer working under the supervision of a physician will be required in order for the student to return to participation.

I have received, read and signed the **Gfeller-Waller Concussion Information Sheet**.

I consent to the NCHSAA use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletic-related information in reports of contests, promotional literature of the Association and other materials and releases related to interscholastic athletics,

By signing this document, we acknowledge that we have read the above information and that we consent to the herein named student's participation.

**Must Be Signed Before Participation**

**Student's Signature                      Birth date                      Grade in School                      Date**

**Signature of Parent or Legal Custodian                      Date**

**Cumberland County HIGH SCHOOLS  
ATHLETIC CODE of CONDUCT**

Participation in any athletic activity is an important part of the educational experience in the Cumberland County Schools. A primary goal of such activities is to teach students character and self-discipline skills that will enable them to develop to their highest potential. As role models for their peers and younger students, students who participate in athletic activities ("participating students") are held accountable for their actions at a higher standard than other students. Because of the public nature of the athletic programs sponsored by the Cumberland County Schools, participating students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect the high standards and ideals of their school and community. The participating student athlete becomes subject to this Code of Conduct upon the student's signature and date below and continues until graduation from high school. Participating student athletes are subject to this code at all times during the calendar year, including summer months, whether on or off campus. For summer month violations, any discipline or punishment imposed would go into effect at the next scheduled athletic activity by the student athlete. This Code of Conduct is, in addition to, any specific team/activity rules or regulations established by the individual programs.

**\*1. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

The possession, use, distribution and/or sale of illegal or counterfeit drugs/alcohol, including possession of paraphernalia for ingestion of such substances by participating students is not acceptable and prohibited. If school officials receive credible evidence, such as a police report or criminal charges related to a drug or alcohol offense, or have a reasonable suspicion that a violation under this section has occurred, the school officials will investigate. If after investigation of the charges, school officials determine that the participating student committed the violation, he/she shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below.

Every effort will be made by the school and individual activity programs to make participating students aware of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Students and/or parents of students suspended under this section will receive information regarding counseling. Any participating student found in violation of this offense at any time while on any school premises, including activity buses or other school-approved transportation, will be suspended from further participation according to the Cumberland County Student Code of Conduct. All offenses occurring off campus will be determined as specified below:

**First Offense:** The principal will suspend the student athlete for a minimum of 20% of the next consecutive athletic/extra-curricular contests, not to include scrimmages. The suspension may require being served over two seasons if the incident occurs near the end of the first season. At the discretion of the principal in consultation with the athletic director and/or coach, the student athlete may practice with the team during this suspended time frame and/or be allowed to travel with the team, as well as on the sideline or bench with the team in appropriate attire.

With the first violation, the student athlete must be evaluated by a drug/alcohol counselor as recommended by the school, must comply with all recommendations and treatment programs, and must furnish a negative drug test (at the student athlete's cost) prior to resuming participation.

Additionally, the student athlete must agree to be drug tested for a period of 365 calendar days following the violation of the drug and alcohol policy.

He/she must agree to pay for any random drug tests selected by the school representatives.

**Second Offense:** The student athlete will be suspended from all athletic activities for a period of 365 calendar days from the first day of the offense. To be allowed to participate again, the student athlete must have completed an approved county counseling program on substance abuse.

**Third Offense:** The student athlete will be excluded from all athletic activities for the remainder of his/her high school career in the Cumberland County Schools.

**\*2. TOBACCO USE (Principal's decision is final)** Participating students found to have used tobacco while subject to this Code will be suspended from participation as outlined:

**First Offense:** The student athlete will be suspended for a minimum of 10% of the next consecutive athletic contests, not including scrimmages. The suspension may require being served over two seasons if the incident occurs near the end of the first season. At the discretion of the head coach, the student athlete may practice with the team during this suspended time frame and be allowed to travel with the team. Also, at the head coach's discretion, the student athlete may be on the sideline or bench with the team in appropriate attire.

**Second Offense:** The student athlete will be suspended for a minimum of 20 % of the next consecutive sports season games/contests, not including scrimmages. The suspension may require being served over two seasons if the incident occurs near the end of the first season. At the discretion of the head coach, the student athlete may practice with the team during the suspended time frame and be allowed to travel with the team. Also, at the head coach's discretion, the student athlete may be on the sideline or bench with the team in appropriate attire.

**Third Offense:**

The principal will suspend the student athlete from all interscholastic activities for 45 days or the remainder of the season whichever comes first.

**\*NOTE:** These rules are meant as minimum consequences. The principal, athletic director or coach has the discretion to increase the consequences as he/she feels is most beneficial to his/her athletic program or team.

**3. CRIMINAL CHARGES**

A participating student athlete charged with a criminal offense, misdemeanor or felony, other than a minor traffic offense, will be suspended from athletic participation until further review by the principal and director of student activities. A student convicted of a felony offense will be immediately suspended from all athletic participation according to the NCHSAA policy. The participating student athlete must inform his or her coach or appropriate staff of any criminal charges against them as soon as practicable, but no later than the student's next participation in any athletic event, to include practices, rehearsals, etc. Failure to do so may result in further disciplinary action.

**4. REVIEW PROCEDURE**

i. A participating student may request a review of the disciplinary action involving items 1, 2, & 3 by providing written notice to the Superintendent or his designee within two (2) school days of the date of the Principal's notification to the student and/or parent. The notice shall state the reason for the review.

ii. The Superintendent, or his designee, will review the record of the disciplinary action and issue a decision within five (5) school days of receipt of the request for review. The Superintendent or his designee will inform the student and parent of the decision of whether to uphold, modify, or overturn the disciplinary action. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

iii. Any disciplinary action, including suspension from participation, will remain in effect during the review process.

iv. Failure by the participating student to adhere to appeal content requirements and timelines as set forth will result in immediate dismissal of the appeal. We, the parent/legal custodian and the student/athlete, have read and understand the Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to comply. We also understand that participation in athletic activities is a privilege and participating students possess no property right to continued participation. We also understand that the student athlete is a representative of the school and role model to others at all times, whether on or off campus. The parent/legal custodian and participating student/athlete further understands that inappropriate behavior, whether illegal or not, may result in suspension from athletic participation.

**5. SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS**

- A. In-School (full day or days) or out of school short-term (10 days or less) suspensions – ineligible to participate in any athletic activity on the day(s) the student is serving suspension.
- B. Out of School Long-Term (11 days or greater) – ineligible to participate in any athletic activity for the remainder of semester or suspension period (whichever is greater).
- C. Disciplinary assignment to alternative school or character academy – ineligible to participate in any athletic activity for the remainder of semester or completion of assignment (whichever is greater).

**6. INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

A participating student athlete who engages in any conduct or behavior, which is inconsistent with the student's position as a role model or representative of the Cumberland County Schools, is subject to disciplinary action, including suspension as determined by the Principal. Coaches or school officials may also establish additional training regulations and rules of conduct. Inappropriate social media behavior falls within this category.

7. The decision of the school principal is final for items 5 & 6 as it relates to athletic participation.

**Signature of Student/Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent/Legal Custodian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE INSURE THE HIGHLIGHTED AREAS OF THIS FORM ARE SIGNED BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE SCHOOL. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE INVALID & RETURNED TO THE STUDENT.**

**NOTE:** This statement is valid for one school year only.