

VPS SPORTS PROGRAM ATHLETE AGREEMENT

We want to do the best we can with the abilities the Lord has given us. Win or lose, if we know we have maximized our talents and given it our best, then we can live with the outcome of any game. "Success is knowing you did your best + become the best that you are capable of becoming." John Wooden.

By accepting a spot on the team, I agree, to the best of my ability, to abide by the following:

1. I will remember that my personal testimony, the testimony of our team, the testimony of our school, and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ are all of greater importance than the outcome of any game.
2. I will remember the legitimate position of authority held by the officials over the game, and I will submit to that authority, no matter what anyone else may do or say, and no matter what my perception of the ability of the officials may be.
3. I will submit to the authority of the coaches in every matter concerning the team, including, but not limited to, who plays what position, how much each player plays, game strategy, practice format, etc. I understand that, while I will be listened to at the proper time when I have input to offer, the coaches are the ones who make the final decisions, and I will submit to those decisions without question and with the right attitude.
4. The Bible is very clear that all authority comes from God. If I am rebellious and argumentative toward officials or coaches, whether intentionally or not, I am rebelling against God Himself, since to rebel against those He has placed in authority is to rebel against His right to do so. (Romans 13:1-2)
5. I will show proper respect for my teammates, the officials, my coaches, my opponents, and all fans, regardless of which team they are supporting, and regardless of how they may choose to act. I need to see opposing coaches, players, and fans, not as my enemies, but merely as my opponents in a game. They are either my brothers or sisters in the Lord and should be treated as such, or they are lost sinners in need of the Savior, which necessitates a positive testimony on my part. Either way, irreparable harm can be done if I allow myself the luxury of acting foolishly.
6. I will accept responsibility for all my actions, including physical and mental errors, and I will refrain from blaming my teammates, the officials, or my coaches. I will be an encouragement to all of my teammates at all times. I will not "pout" when I make a mistake, but I will do my best to learn from it and work hard to do better the next time.
7. I will give team unity its rightful place, realizing that a unified team will ultimately do far better than a fragmented one. I realize that no player is bigger than the team, and that being part of the team means blending with my teammates in cooperation rather than attempting to do things my own way. Therefore, I will not only refrain from criticism of my teammates and coaches, but I will also actively seek to promote unity on the team, since I know this is pleasing to the Lord. (Eph. 4:1-3)

8. I understand that attendance at all practices and games is a commitment I make when I become a part of the team. I understand that I need to fulfill this commitment in order to avoid letting down my teammates. I will be on time for all practices, required meetings, and games, and I will notify the coach well in advance if I unavoidably must miss any of these.
9. I will come to all practices in the required practice uniform and appropriate shoes. I understand that I will not be allowed to practice if I do not wear what is required.
10. I understand that there will be penalties associated with breaking any team or school rules. I realize that the coach does not want to hear any reports of inappropriate behavior on the part of any player. I further understand that a negative attitude is a sign of failure to cooperate and is sufficient grounds for being benched, or if the situation is serious enough, for being dismissed from the team.
11. I understand that practice is very important, and that I am expected to work hard to help the team improve by giving 100% effort all of the time. I also understand that a major factor in determining playing time will be hard work and cooperation in practice.
12. I understand that there is more to the game than scoring and that defense is extremely important. "Offense wins games, defense wins championships." I understand that I must give 100% on defense if I expect significant playing time.
13. I understand that it is my responsibility to take care of my uniforms and that they should be washed in cold water and hung up to dry ~ not placed in the dryer.
14. GPA ~ Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (C) and NO "U's" in Social and Work Habits during season of play. An "N" or "D" will put athlete on probation with weekly check-ups. Athlete must be improving or could result in less play time or no play time. An "F" in any subject will suspend a player from the team until the grade is brought up.

Retain above portion for your records.



To be returned to Coach Augur ASAP.

I agree to all of the above (1-14). Please do not sign this intent unless it is the desire of your heart to live by the above stated requirements.

Signature of Player _____ Date _____

I have read all of the above (1-14) and agree to fully support the policies and procedures outlined.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____