FAU SCHOOLS
STUDENT–ATHLETE POLICIES AND AGREEMENT

**The last page of this agreement is a signature page which must be signed and returned before participating in a sport. Only one must be signed per year and applies to all sports.**

The following general policies shall govern each student-athlete participating on any FAU High School/A.D. Henderson Middle School sports team.

I. Adherence to the Florida High School Athletic Association
The student will abide by all the rules and regulations of the FHSAA.

II. Eligibility
The student must meet all of the age, enrollment, attendance, athletic forms, and scholastic requirements established by the FHSAA. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate in interscholastic athletic. Grades are checked after every nine-week grading period. Eligibility will change after the end of each semester.

III. Forms and Releases
Before a student may participate in any sport including conditioning and practices, he/she must have the following information to the athletic director.
- A. FAU Schools Student–Athlete Policies and Agreement
- B. Fully completed EL 2 Pre-participation Physical Examination
- C. Fully completed EL 3 Consent and Release from Liability Certificate
- D. Fully completed EL03CH Concussion/Heat Illness Consent and Release
- E. Registration of Foreign Exchange/International Student Form (EL4) (if applies)
- F. Academic Performance Contract for Athletic Eligibility Form (EL5) (if applies)
- G. Affidavit of Compliance Forms (GA4) (if applies)

IV. Attendance
A student is expected to attend all classes on his/her schedule the day of a contest in order to be eligible to participate in the contest of the day. The athlete must be present for at least half of the school day on the day of the contest, unless the student has been excluded from school attendance by the school administration.

V. Attendance at Practice and Team Meetings
Team members are expected to be present at all practices, team meetings, contests, and special occasions unless excused by the head coach. If athlete is not able to attend a practice and/or contest, he/she needs to inform head coach or athletic director at least 24 hours in advance. Rules pertaining to absences for individual teams will be determined by the Head Coach in conjunction with FAUS Athletic Department policies.

VI. Care of School Equipment
The athlete is responsible for all equipment issued to him/her. Equipment must be returned no later than two weeks after the season ends. Lost, stolen, or damaged equipment must be paid for before any grades are issued.
VII.  Transportation to Athletic Contests
All team members will travel to and from away contests by means of transportation provided or organized by the coach and/or athletic director. Any plans for students to leave an athletic contest with a parent rather than team transportation must be approved by the coach.

VIII. Medical Release to Again Participate
If an athlete is seriously injured and is seen by a doctor, he/she must provide a doctor’s release before he/she can return to practice or play in an athletic contest. The release must be on official medical practice stationary and may be written directly to the coach, athletic director, or school principal.

IX.  Personal Conduct
Participation on an athletic team at FAU Schools is a privilege, not a right. All participants must earn the right to represent FAU Schools by conducting themselves is such a way that the image of FAU Schools would not be tarnished in any manner. Any participant whose conduct is judged to reflect a discredit upon himself/herself, the team, or FAU Schools will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the coach, the athletic director and/or the school principal.

X.  Use of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs
Smoking, the use of chewing tobacco and smokeless tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, the illegal use of drugs by any athlete is prohibited both in and out of season and when school is not in session. If an infraction has occurred an athlete will be disciplined by the school administration.

XI. Quitting a Team
IF AN ATHLETE QUITS A TEAM, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE ON ANY OTHER SPORTS TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. If thoughts about quitting the team arise, student athlete should discuss it with coach and/or athletic director. An athlete who goes out for a sport and is “cut” would be eligible to try out and participate in another sport during that season.

XII. Team and Individual Discipline
Each coach will have discipline rules for minor infractions, such as inattention to directions, horseplay, tardiness to practice, etc. Serious infractions and behavioral issues will be reported to the Athletic Director and/or school administration.

XIII. Suspension or Removal from a Team or Squad
Suspensions and removal from athletic teams will be handled by a school administrator. The athletic director and/or administration will confer with the coach before action is taken. Causes for temporary suspension or removal may include, but not limited to: grades, personal misconduct, FHSAA violations, unexcused absences from meetings or practices, violation of athletic policies, or unsportsmanlike conduct.

PLEASE TURN TO NEXT PAGE FOR SIGNATURES.
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As a member of the FAUS Athletic Program, I, ________________________
(athlete), agree to abide by the above policies.

By signing below, we are acknowledging that we have read and agree to follow
the policies described in the Student-Athlete Policies and Agreement
document.

Name of Athlete ____________________________ Date __________
Signature of Athlete __________________________ Date __________

Name of Parent/Guardian __________________________ Date __________
Signature of Parent/Guardian __________________________ Date __________