

**CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS AT
KANAWHA COUNTY SCHOOLS**

I have read thoroughly the Information given in the Kanawha County Schools Student-Athlete Handbook. I understand and agree to abide by the provisions contained therein. I also understand that participation, in athletics at Kanawha County Schools is a privilege and not a right.

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

PARENTS

The parents of prospective student-athlete at Kanawha County Schools shall:

- Have read thoroughly the information contained in the Kanawha County Schools Student-Athlete Handbook.
- Understand and agree to help the Athletic Department in their endeavor to foster a proper climate for the athletic participation.
- Further agree to support and work with the athletic department in the enforcement of the codes of conduct upon our son/daughter if it becomes necessary.
- Realize that they represent the school just as definitely as does the member of a team, and, therefore, has an obligation to be a true sportsman; encouraging through this behavior and the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
- Recognize that, since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
- Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.
- I/We understand that the risks include a full range of injuries, from minor to severe. I/We realize that neither the protective equipment and padding used in athletics programs, the safety rules and procedures of the various sports, the coaching instruction received, nor the sports medicine care provided to athletes will guarantee safety or prevent all injuries he/she might sustain. I/We agree to accept these risks as a condition of my/our child's participation in this program.
- If for any reason that you cannot support the codes of conduct, please do not allow your son/daughter to try out for an athletic team at Kanawha County Schools.

Parent/guardian signature

DATE