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Child/Children's Names if in School & Grade

Name	Grade
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The TC Sports Boosters are looking for some great people to assist in their mission to help the student-athletes. Even if you cannot attend the monthly meetings, you can still be a part of the Boosters. Please indicate if you are willing to lend a hand in any of the areas listed below:

<p><b>Booster Volunteer Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team Parent Representative</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Concession Stand Worker</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Saturday Invitationals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sell shirts/merchandise at events</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Call area businesses for advertising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work at Annual Golf Outing in August</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan and work on Annual Sports Ball</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Website Design &amp; Maintenance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Helping out the Athletic Department</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Taking</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Run scoreboard &amp; clock</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Keep Scorebook</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Timers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chain Gang</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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*The Boosters are not limited to parents but welcome grandparents, community members, sports fans, alumni or anyone interested in giving our student-athletes the tools necessary to be a success on the field or court.*

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Please return this completed form to the TCHS Athletic Office



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to have your daughter/son out for a sport in the Tri County athletic program. There are seven items that I would like to make you aware of:

1. Please be aware that the school does not carry insurance for athletic injuries. A plan to buy insurance through the school from First Agency can be provided which allows coverage at extremely reasonable rates and different plans are available to choose from. We want you to be aware that if an injury does occur, your family insurance will be the sole source of your coverage.
2. Again, for the 2009-10 school year, participation fees will be charged to participate in the Tri County athletic program. **These fees must be paid by prior to the first scheduled game or contest in the sport being participated in.** Failure to do so will result in athlete not allowed to participate unless arrangements have been made with the Athletic Director. Participation money should **not** be given to your coach, rather to the Athletic Department. Participation fees will not be refunded for those who quit a squad once the competitive season begins. Paying this fee **does not** guarantee playing time for your student-athlete. Money not collected may prevent participation. The fees are as follows:
  - \$40 for the first high school sport, \$40 for the second sport and \$20 for the third sport participated in during the school year by a student athlete.
  - \$30 for each junior high school sport except that only \$20 will be charged for the third sport participated in during the year.
  - A family maximum of \$175 for the school year with any combination of high school and junior high siblings.
3. This year, Tri County Schools will be providing two-way transportation to most games. For Saturday tournaments, Tri County will provide bussing to the events only.
4. The Code of Conduct attached is in effect during the year-round. Violations out of athletic season will have the same consequences as those in season.
5. The Athletic Department has issued a policy called a Gold Card. In order for your child to practice, they must pick up a Gold Card from the Athletic Department. In order to receive the Gold Card, the student-athlete must have their physical on file in the office, have this paperwork signed and in the office as well as meet the MHSAA eligibility requirements. Those student-athletes not meeting these three requirements will not be issued a Gold Card, therefore not being allowed to practice.
6. **All participants must be in attendance the entire day** at school to play in an athletic contest if school is in session that day. Only a doctor's note may allow student-athletes to participate in a sporting event.
7. Athletes are responsible for the returning their uniforms in at the end of the season, in the same condition that they were issued. Athletes must pay the cost to replace any article of uniform that was ruined, lost or stolen

*I have read and understand the meaning and purpose of the Athletic Eligibility Code and the contract. I agree to abide by the rules established and understand the penalties that will be administered for failure to abide by the rules.*

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Student-Athlete's Name

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Signature of Student-Athlete

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Grade

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Name of Parent or Guardian

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Parent's Email Address

### **Tri County Extra and Co curricular Contract**

1. I realize that it is a privilege to participate in extracurricular and co curricular activities.
2. I realize that attendance at all practices and meetings and being on time are important to morale and performance. I will make every effort to be in attendance and on time. Missing scheduled event (or tardiness) could affect my chances of participation and could result in suspension from the team/group.
3. I realize that my appearance is important and will keep myself clean and well groomed.
4. I realize that my general conduct in and out of school shall be such as to bring no discredit to my school, my team or myself.
5. I will work hard in the classroom and will conduct myself according to school rules.
6. I will conduct myself in an acceptable and sportsmanlike manner at all times.
7. I understand that all equipment and uniforms are the property of the school and are not to be worn except for approved events. Issued school uniforms cannot be worn as personal clothing.
8. I am responsible for the care and cleaning of all issued equipment and uniforms and will return all equipment and uniforms in good condition at the scheduled time after the conclusion of the season.

I understand that all disciplinary action will follow the guidelines established in the Athletic Eligibility Code.

## ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY CODE

Representing Tri County Area Schools through interscholastic sports is considered an honor. Once a student achieves a position on a team, that person must abide by certain conduct and eligibility requirements during the entire year (this includes vacations and summer time) and indeed during their entire participation in athletic programs at Tri County. These requirements are necessary because young men and women representing Tri County should be setting a good example for younger students as well as their fellow students and community as a whole. We are proud of our athletic teams and only those who maintain satisfactory scholastic standing and good conduct will be a part of them.

### RULES GOVERNING CONDUCT OF STUDENT ATHLETES

#### SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

- A. Any student who does not maintain a cumulative 1.5 GPA thereafter will not be able to participate in athletics. GPA's will be computed at the end of each trimester and a student will remain ineligible until his/her grades are returned to the required standard. (Any student coming from the Middle School will become immediately eligible and during the course of the first trimester must earn at least a 1.5 GPA.)
- B. The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires that a student pass 66% of their classes (four out of five). A student who does not pass 66% of their classes in any trimester shall be ineligible for 60 school days.
- C. Students failing more than one class on their weekly eligibility sheet will be ineligible for the next week of competition (the next week is defined as Monday through Sunday).
- D. A special education student who is making satisfactory progress in a prescribed school course may be exempt from the normal scholastic requirement. (Please note: students can never be exempt from the MHSAA rule of passing four classes per trimester.)
- E. Students that failed a class or lost credit may retake the same course to possibly regain eligibility. Any student with one E or two D's on their weekly eligibility sheet must attend study table on the particular day of tutoring in that subject. If the student does not attend a study table session, they will be ineligible for the following week.

#### CONDUCT

Scholastic eligibility is important and so is conduct either in or out of school. Young men and women participating in sports are expected to follow all school rules properly and maintain good conduct outside of school.

- A. Any student suspended from the regular academic program for a violation of school rules or discipline may not participate in the athletic program during the period of suspension. In addition, the student may be declared ineligible to participate in athletics for a period exceeding the period of the academic suspension pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in this athletic eligibility code.
- B. A student suspended from one Tri County School District school is ineligible to take part in athletics in another school until he presents a clearance card from the school from which s/he has been suspended.
- C. All participants must be in attendance the entire day at the school to play in an athletic contest if school is in session that day. The only accepted excuses (parent/guardian **must** notify school) will be: serious illness of a family member; death in the family; pre-existing medical condition; dental, pre-existing medical condition or medical services of the student (Parent/Guardian must notify school) for which a doctor's note is given to the Athletic Department; required appearance in court (court statement must be provided); required observance of a holiday or ceremony of the student's religion; or a planned absence approved by principal. Any other exception must be granted by the High School Principal (or Assistant Principal in his absence) before school is dismissed the day of the contest. Parents will be notified if the athlete is unable to participate.
- D. Athletes must be in school the day after a game played during the week. If they are out of school, they must have an excused absence from the parent or they will be ineligible for the next contest. Being tired is not an excuse.
- E. Athletes with a pre-existing medical condition must have a medical statement on file at the high school.
- F. Anyone quitting a team must consult with his/her coach and then turn in his/her uniform within one week. Any student failing to follow said procedure will be ineligible to participate during the next athletic season or sport for one game or contest for every week the equipment is late. An athlete cannot join another sport in the season in which they quit or participate in the next sport's preseason workouts.
- G. No student shall be allowed to wear an athletic uniform other than at an athletic contest connected with Tri County unless given permission by the coach of the team involved, subject to review by the Athletic Director and Principal.

County unless given permission by the coach of the team involved, subject to review by the Athletic Director and Principal. Use or possession of tobacco products, alcohol or other harmful substances and use or possession of narcotics or habit-forming drugs are prohibited.

H. Any conduct in or out of school that is detrimental to the school or to the team is prohibited. Examples might include, but not limited to: theft, insubordination, fighting, improper use of internet or technology, hazing\*, and destruction of property or arson.

I. Any athlete serving athletic code suspension will not be allowed to attend an overnight trip.

Any conduct beyond the scope of G, H and I may be referred to the Board of Education for further discipline.

### **PENALTIES FOR G, H, AND I ABOVE**

The following penalties are considered minimum penalties and may be increased if circumstances warrant.

**First offense:** Athlete shall be suspended for one-quarter (25%) of the contests in the sport they are presently participating in.

**Second offense:** Athletes shall be suspended for two-thirds ( $66 \frac{2}{3}\%$ ) of the contests in the sport they are present participating in.

**Third offense:** Suspension from participating in all athletic programs for a period of one full calendar year.

**\* All hazing incidents will be referred to the Board of Education for determination of penalty.**

#### **General Penalty Guidelines:**

Any athlete turning themselves in for an athletic code violation will have their penalty decreased by 10% on a first or second violation only.

Any athlete serving suspension will not be nominated for all-conference, all-area or all-state recognition.

Any Tri County student convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to a felony will lose their eligibility for the remainder of their time at Tri County. If final sentencing is less than a felony, the penalty will be reconsidered if requested by the athlete or their parents, to the Superintendent. A committee comprised of three (3) Board Members, the Athletic Director, and the Superintendent will make the final determination.

If suspension cannot be fully served during present sport season, it will carry over into the next sport season the athlete participates in.

If violation occurs when the athlete is not currently participating in a sport, the suspension will be served during the next season that the athlete participates in.

During suspension, athletes will be required to participate in all practices and attend all games (out of uniform). The athlete will not be allowed to participate, however, on any days s/he is suspended from school.

### **DUE PROCESS AND PROCEDURE**

The coach of the sport in question (Principal and Athletic Director for alleged out-of-season violation) will conduct an investigation and review of any allegation of a violation of the above rules of conduct, excluding questions of scholastic ineligibility. This investigation and review may include consultation with the student under investigation and his/her parents or guardian. If a student is reasonably suspected of being in a violation of a rule, the student shall be notified of the charges against him/her and given an opportunity to respond. The student may be temporarily suspended from the team pending an immediate investigation and review. The student and parents or guardian shall be informed of any temporary suspension.

The investigation and review will be completed by the coach as soon as is reasonably possible. Upon completion of his investigation and review, if a violation is found to exist, the coach will report to the Athletic Director and Principal. If the investigation and review result in discipline being imposed, the student and/or the student's parents or guardians will be given written notice of the nature of the violation, a brief summary of the evidence in support of the finding of a violation, and notice of the penalty to be imposed.

The student and/or the student's parents or guardians will be given an immediate opportunity to meet with the Superintendent or his designee, if they so request. At such meeting, the student and/or the student's parents or guardians will be afforded the opportunity to present the student's side of the story on the charged violation itself and to present evidence in an extenuation and mitigation of any violation. Upon the conclusion of this review, the Superintendent or his designee may then affirm, modify or vacate the charged violation and/or the penalty, in whole or in part. The

Superintendent's decision is final. Athletic Code Violation Report forms are available from the Athletic Director for any person wanting to report a violation of the Athletic Eligibility Code.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Rules governing eligibility for non-athletic department extra-curricular activities are determined by the Board of Education. In the absence of Board of Education policy, rules governing eligibility is determined by the high school administration.

In general, the eligibility guidelines for participation in school clubs, groups, organizations, events, and activities other than sports are similar to the rules for participation in interscholastic athletics. The code of conduct is the same for both types of activities.

### **ATHLETIC/EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

#### **Athletics:**

Baseball  
Basketball (B&G)  
Competitive Cheer  
Cross Country (B & G)  
Football  
Golf (B&G)  
Soccer (B&G)  
Softball  
Track (B&G)  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

#### **Extracurricular:**

Bowling  
Chess  
Debate  
Odyssey of the Mind  
Poms  
Quiz Bowl  
Spanish Club  
Student Council

### **ATHLETIC AWARD POLICIES**

Varsity and Junior Varsity letters and class numerals may be earned by following the regulations listed below.

#### **General:**

- A. Attend practices regularly.
- B. Complete the full season of play and turn in all equipment.
- C. Abide by all the rules and regulations stated in the policy for participation in athletics at Tri County as well as any specific rules for individual sports required by the coach. The coach will decide what award an individual has earned.
- D. Any student who is injured and remains with the team during the time of the injury and fulfills other requirements to be a part of the team to the best of his ability will be considered a team member.

#### **Varsity Letter Awards:**

- A. Not more than one varsity letter will be given to an athlete.
- B. Certificates and pins will be awarded for additional successful seasons on the varsity level.
- C. If an athlete has previously earned a varsity letter, but not a junior varsity letter, s/he will receive a junior varsity letter in place of a pin for one award.

### **TWO SPORT/SAME SEASON ATHLETES**

- A. Must have an agreement between athlete, Athletic Director and both coaches for that season.
- B. Competition supersedes practice; league competition supersedes non-league competition; varsity sport supersedes JV sport or a club sport.

### **TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

Students are expected to ride the bus to and from all athletic contests when a bus is provided. A student wishing an exception from this policy must present to the coach in charge, a note signed by the Athletic Director explaining the reasons for the exception and who will be transporting the student. The note must be given to the coach and verified prior to the beginning of the trip. Under **no** circumstances will an athlete be allowed to ride to or from a contest with another student.

**COUNTERACTING PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS: ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION**

With all the recent attention on performance enhancing drugs in professional and international sports, and with concern that both over-the-counter and illegal substances are being used at both the college and high school levels and, at the high school level, by athletes and non-athletes alike and, for different reasons, by males and females alike, the MHSAA provides these reminders of state laws:

**PUBLIC ACT 31 REQUIRES NOTICE THAT POSSESSION/USE OF STEROIDS IS A CRIME**

Public Act 31 requires athletic service providers – including both educational and recreational athletic facilities – to post notice that warns that any person who uses or knowingly possesses any androgenic anabolic steroid violates Michigan law and is punishable by imprisonment and fine.

**PUBLIC ACT 187 PROHIBITS PROMOTION/DISTRIBUTION OF PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUPPLEMENTS**

Michigan public school employees and volunteers are prohibited by Public Law 187 from promoting or supplying dietary supplements which carry claims of enhanced athletic performance. The Law covers adrostenedione, creatine, and any compound labeled as performance enhancing.

To this end, in order to prevent the practice of performance enhancing drugs at Tri County Public Schools, the purpose of this addendum to the Tri County Athletic Code of Conduct is to inform both student-athletes and parents alike, that use of and/or distribution of any type or form of Performance Enhancing Agent will be treated in the same manner as any other illegal drug or substance. Any legal agent used by SA with Doctors' written consent is permissible (i.e. inhaler).

Due to the vast amount and quick evolution of PED's, the best policy is to contact the athletic office **PRIOR TO USE OF ANY SUPPLEMENT/SUBSTANCE THAT LABELS ITSELF AS A PERFORMANCE ENHANCER! REGULATIONS CHANGE ON PED'S BY THE DAY!**