North Star Charter School Athlete-Parent Handbook 2017-2018



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North Star Participation Form 2017 - 2018

Student's Name		Birth Date	Grade Level in 17-18
Parent/Guardian Name	Phone	Email	
Your child has expressed a desire to par you have any questions please contact y child is allowed to participate, you are reappropriate adviser or coach.	our student's activity	adviser, coach, or the	school athletic director. Before your
Notice of Risk: Both students and parents/understand the risk involved and I desire my child	to participate in North Star	that enrolling/participating Athletic Programs.	g in certain activities involves a risk of injury. I
participating in a school program or acti the undersigned Parent/Guardian agrees from the students participation in any po of parent/guardian AND student) 2. Recognizing that, as a result of participation	for any medical, dental, or how the vity. All injury related expenses to indemnify and hold harmogram or activity which is the stining in a school activity, emustion in a school activity, emustion in a school activity, emustical in a school activity in a school activ	nses shall be the responsib mless North Star Charter So he subject matter of this Po ergency medical care may	result of injuries sustained by a student while ility of the student's parents/guardian. Further, chool from any and all liability that may arise articipation Form/(Initial be necessary and that school personnel may be
tests, x-rays, surgery, and hospital care (Initial of parent/guardian AND student) 3. Insurance waiver (parent/guardian Initia a	for my child as may be deen al one) rance that will pay for medic we insurance for my child an	med necessary and agree t all expenses if my child is in d understand that the scho	ance to such emergency medical care, including to be responsible for and pay all costs incurred. Injured while participating in a school activity and is NOT responsible and WILL NOT pay any
b. Most school activities require Athletic Director's office.	ortation to other schools for the use of private carriers w	activities upon payment of	hool activity. f corresponding transportation fee. ator vehicle form completed and on file in the activities to promote the program and by signing
this form, I consent to all use of photog		use priotographs taken at a	scuvices to promote the program and by signing
I give permission for my child to participate in the participating in this school year.	following activities/program	s. Please circle and initial	the programs/activities the student plans on
Volleyball Cross Country C	heerleading Bask	etball Track	Ski Club
Open Gyms Conditioning programs	Track		
 Prior to being eligible to practice, each s interim questionnaire filled out by the p. All students are expected to conform to Activities Association, North Star Charte preseason meetings. 	arent/guardian. the rules of scholastic eligit	oility, participation, and train	ngs as prescribed by the Idaho High School
I have carefully read, understand, and wand hereby agree to indemnify and hold from my child's participation in any activ	harmless the North S	tar Charter School fro	m any and all liability that may arise
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Signa	ature of Student	
Date: _			

Concussion Consent Form 2017 - 2018

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment Form

I,		reby acknowledge that North Star
11 1	ubsection (3) of section 33-162 and information that identified the nature and risk of concussion	
have had adequate time to revie personnel or other appropriate m	w the materials and to have all nedical personnel. I acknowledg oms of concussion, and the risk	ated in the above paragraph, that I of my questions addressed by schoo e that I understand the nature of s of allowing a student athlete to
Student Name (Please Print)	Student Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	



CONCUSSION INFORMATION

Concussions are a type of brain injury that can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Concussions can occur in any organized or unorganized sport or recreational activity and can result from a fall or from players colliding with each other, the ground, or with obstacles. Concussions occur with or without loss or consciousness but the vast majority occurs without loss of consciousness.

In accordance with Section 33-1620, Idaho Code the Idaho High School Activities Association has provided information on its website for coaches, parents, and athletes, concerning the Identification and Management Strategies regarding concussions. The IHSAA encourages all coaches, parents, and athletes to educate themselves about the recognition and treatment of concussions. Please take the time to visit our website at www.idhsaa.org. If you have any questions or need of further information, please contact your school or the IHSAA Office at admin@idhsaa.org.

It is the wish of the IHSAA that you have a safe and enjoyable sport or activity season.

Idaho High School Activities Association



HEALTH EXAMINATION and CONSENT FORM

It is required all students complete a history and physical examination prior to his/her first 9th and 11th grade practice in the interscholastic (9-12) athletic program in the State of Idaho. The exam is at the expense of the student and may not be taken prior to May 1 of the 8th and 10th grade years. This examination is to be done by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner under optimal conditions. Interim history forms are required during the 10th and 12th grade years and must be submitted to the school administration prior to the first practice.

Name:		Sex:	M / F Date of birth: Age	:
Address:	Ph	one:		
School:	Sp	orts:	Participation Grade	:
MI	EDICA	LF	HISTORY	
Fill in details of "YES" answers in space below:	Yes	No		Yes
1. Have you ever been hospitalized?			6. Have you ever had a head injury?	
Have you ever had surgery?			Have you ever been knocked out or unconscious?	
2. Are you presently taking any medication or pills?			Have you ever been diagnosed with a concussion?	
3. Do you have any allergies (medicine, bees, other insects)?			Have you ever had a seizure?	
4. Have you ever passed out during or after exercise?			Have you ever had a stinger, burned or pinched nerve?	
Have you ever been dizzy during or after exercise?			7. Have you ever had heat or muscle cramps?	
Have you ever had chest pain during or after exercise?			Have you ever been dizzy or passed out in the heat?	
Do you tire more quickly than your friends during exercise?			8. Do you have trouble breathing or do you cough during	or
Have you ever had high blood pressure?			after exercise?	
Have you been told you have a heart murmur?			9. Do you use special equipment (pads, braces, neck rolls,	
Have you ever had racing of your heart or skipped heartbeats?			mouth guard or eye guards, etc.)?	
Has anyone in your family died of heart problems or a sudden			10. Have you ever had problems with your eyes or vision?	
death before age 50?			Do you wear glasses, contacts or protective eyewear?	
5. Do you have any skin problems (itching, rash, acne)?			11. Have you had any other medical problems (infectious mononucleosis, diabetes, ect.)?	
12. Have you had a medical problem or injury since your last	evaluation	n?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
13. Have you ever sprained/strained, dislocated, fractured, broken	or had rep	eated	swelling or other injuries of any of bones or joints?	
☐ head ☐ back ☐ shoulder ☐ forearm ☐ ha	ınd 🗌 hi	p [knee ankle	
☐ neck ☐ chest ☐ elbow ☐ wrist ☐ fin	nger 🗌 th	igh	shin foot	
14. Were you born withou a kidney, testicle, or any other organ?	☐ Yes	□ N	No	
15. When was your first menstrual period?				
When was your last menstrual period?				
What was the longest time between your periods last year?				
Explain "YES" answers:				
C	ONSE	ΝΊ	FORM	
(Parent or gu	ardian and st	udent	permission and approval)	
I herby consent to the above named student participating in the interscholar contests and practice sessions. I further consent to treatment deemed necesparticipation. I also consent to release of any information contained in this	ssary by phys	icians	designated school authorities for any illness or injury resulting from	d from athletic his/her athletic
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE			DATE:	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE This application to compete in interscholastic athletics for the above school eligibility rules and regulation of the State Association.	is entirely vo	luntar	y on my part and is made with the understanding that I have not vio	lated any of th
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT			DATE:	

PHYSICAL	EXAI	MINATION FORM		Name:				<u></u>
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1,	, by signing below, nereby
	Charter School has provided me with the
website. I acknowledge that in a	book, pages 1 through 21 as posted on the school addition to receiving the information in the Athletic quate time to review the materials and to have all ppropriate school personnel.
Parent Name:	
Parent Signature:	
Date:	

Athletic Fee Schedule:

Due to our desire to have a quality athletic programs, fees are required to offset the costs of officials, coaching staff, uniforms, and equipment. Fees along with facility rental income are necessary to cover these cost so that educational funding is not utilized.

• All athletes will have to the option purchase the North Star Activities ID card.

You will recieve a 10% discount on each Pay to Play fee, free entrance to all high school sporting events, and discounted activities tickets.

All middle school sports - \$150.00 per sport, \$30 Activity ID Card

High School Sports - \$175.00 per sport, \$60 Activity ID Card

Forms necessary for Participation:

These forms are **required prior to the first PRACTICE**:

IHSAA Health Exam form 9th & 11th grades [completed after May 1st of the previous school year] IHSAA Interim Questionnaire – All grades Participants Form Concussion Consent Form

These forms are **required prior to the first contest**:

Athletic Fee **Paid** or arrangements made Transportation Agreement Signed

Your transportation fee will be due at the end of the season if there has not been enough fundraising to offset this cost.

NO REFUNDS of athletic fees after the date of the <u>first</u> contest.

North Star Athletic Philosophy

The athletic philosophy of **North Star High School** is three-fold.

First, offer a program in which interested student-athletes can try-out and work toward improving their skills;

Secondly, provide a setting that encourages team members to use their skills in competition with others; and

Thirdly, develop individual character traits and leadership skills in each student athlete.

The high school athletic program at North Star offers the opportunity for all students to try out but the number of participants and team selection will be based upon the skill level of participants, adequacy of facilities, costs of equipment and uniforms, and the availability of qualified coaches. Teams <u>may</u> be formed on various levels in sports officially sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association and available in the 1A Western Idaho Conference including cross country, girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track, softball, baseball, golf, and tennis.

Each team has a regularly scheduled sport season featuring games or meets against other schools and culminates with the opportunity to participate in District and State competition. These contests are highly competitive and allow students the chance to display their level of skill and development. Athletics also provides a bond to the school not only for the athletes, but for the student body and community as a whole. School spirit is aroused and there is unification toward the common goal of success as people become involved and show their support for the various athletic teams.

High school athletic coaches may reduce or cut participation at all levels of participation. Large numbers of participants competing, a shortage of space within existing facilities, costs of equipment and uniforms, and shortages of qualified coaches may prompt such action.

Procedures for Reducing Participants:

The evaluation process of high school athletes is a year long process that culminates in a tryout at the beginning of the season. During this year long process, the coach will evaluate in open gyms before and after the season, summer league when it applies, summer camps, and conditioning programs. Other methods of evaluation will include attitude, tactical ability, work ethic, academics, physical conditioning, skill, and the specific needs of the team.

When a student athlete is not selected for a team, that athlete should be informed by the coach before the selection of the team is publicly announced and given to the athletic director.

The athletic philosophy of **North Star Middle School** is three-fold.

First, offer a program in which interested student-athletes can try-out and work toward improving their skills;

Secondly, provide a setting that encourages team members to use their skills in competition with others; and

Thirdly, develop individual character traits and leadership skills in each student athlete.

The middle school athletic program at North Star offers the opportunity for all students to try out but the number of participants and team selection will be based upon the skill level of participants, adequacy of facilities, costs of equipment and uniforms, and the availability of qualified coaches.

Each team has a regularly scheduled sport season featuring games or meets against league schools and culminates with the opportunity to participate in Playoff competition at the 8th grade Varsity level. These contests are highly competitive and allow students the chance to display their level of skill and development. Athletics also provides a bond to the school not only for the athletes, but for the student body and community as a whole. School spirit is aroused and there is unification toward the common goal of success as people become involved and show their support for the various athletic teams.

Middle school athletic coaches may have to reduce or cut participation at all levels of participation. Large numbers of participants competing, a shortage of space within existing facilities, costs of equipment and uniforms, and shortages of qualified coaches may prompt such action.

Procedures for Reducing Participants:

The evaluation process of middle school athletes is a year long process that culminates in a tryout at the beginning of the season. During this year long process, coaches will evaluate in open gyms before and after the season, summer league when it applies, summer camps, and conditioning programs. Other methods of evaluation will include attitude, tactical ability, work ethic, academics and the specific needs of the team.

When a student athlete is not selected for a team, that athlete should be informed by the coach before the selection of the team is publicly announced and given to the athletic director.

North Star Athletics and Activities Grades 7-12 Athletic Eligibility

- 1. Athletes must have earned five credits the previous semester on a traditional schedule and six credits on an A-B block schedule.
- 2. An athlete must have an IDHSAA physical on file at the school. A new physical is required the freshman [9th] and junior [11th] years.
- 3. Athletes must follow all IDHSAA guidelines, rules and regulations.
- 4. Sub-Varsity and Varsity athletes must adhere to the **Academic Eligibility Policy.**
- 5. A student must have ten days of <u>practice</u> prior to the first interscholastic athletic competition in a sports season.
- 6. Each individual coach will set standards for their team as to behavior in the classroom, practice rules, and team policies. Athletes must abide by these standards to be eligible to play.

Attendance on the day of an activity

A student must be present for at least four full periods [2 on block schedule] during the day of the event, evening performance, game or function to be able to participate in that performance or function unless deemed an extraordinary absence. A student suspended in school for more than one period or out of school on the day of an activity will not be allowed to participate in that activity, game, or practice.

Forms

The Idaho High School Activities Association requires that an athlete receive a physical examination **and** have on record **with the school the interim questionnaire prior to his/her first practice** in any IDHSAA sponsored sport (grades 9-12). Physicals are required prior to the first day of practice in the 9th and 11th grades. A student will not be required to have an additional physical examination during the 10th and 12th grades unless:

- 1. The physician recommends the student have an additional physical exam.
- 2. The parents request an examination via the Interim Questionnaire.
- 3. Affirmative answers on 1-9 of the Interim Questionnaire indicate a possible need for a repeat physical examination.

NOTE: The physical examination must **not** be completed before May 1 of the athlete's 8^{th} , 9^{th} , 10^{th} or 11^{th} grade year.

Physical examination forms are available on the website, http://www.idhsaa.org/. The Interim Questionnaire is a consent form that **must be completed each year** of participation by the parents/guardians of the athlete. The original, completed Idaho Health Examination and Consent form must be on file at the school **prior to the first day of practice**.

Middle School athletes <u>do not</u> need to complete a physical exam.

Transportation

Students leaving for school-sponsored activities on a school day or who meet at the school prior to leaving must utilize the school transportation to the activity. Students who utilize school transportation to an activity must return to school on school provided transportation. Students may ride home with their parents, provided one parent makes personal contact with one of the activity sponsors. Students are required to pay the transportation fee associated with the sport in which they have chosen to participate.

Activities Substance Policy

It is the policy of North Star Charter High School to prevent and prohibit the possession, use, sale, distribution, and/or intent to distribute any illegal or controlled mood-altering chemical, medication, look-alike drug or abused chemical by any student. This also includes possession or use of alcohol, tobacco and tobacco products. Consequently, should any member of the school's administration, faculty, staff, or coaching staff witness or have evidence that a student is using, in possession of, or under the influence of any of the previously mentioned substances, that student will be dealt with according to the following procedure.

- 1. **First Offense**: A student will be ineligible to participate for a minimum of 25% of the total regular season contests, a minimum of three weeks of activities, or a maximum of six games/activities. A student must attend practice and complete the current season; the time of ineligibility will begin with the first scheduled event after the infraction. Should a student violate the Code of Conduct between seasons, including the summer, ineligibility will begin at the beginning of the next sport in which the student participates. When figuring a percent of the season to be missed, any part of a contest will be rounded up to the next whole number, i.e. 25% of 13 regular season contests = 3.25; contests missed = 4.
- 2. **Second Offense**: A student will be ineligible to participate for a minimum of 50% of the total regular season contests. The time of ineligibility will begin with the first scheduled event. These consequences are in effect for the entire school year.
- 3. Third Offense: The student will be ineligible to participate in any athletic activity for a minimum of one year from the date of infraction; the police will be notified. Cumulative offenses will carry through one calendar year, from the date of the first infraction

Academic Eligibility Policy:¹

- 1. **To start a season:** Student-Athlete must satisfy criteria of the grade policy from the semester/grade check period immediately prior to the season.
 - **Step One:** If a student passed the minimum required classes at the previous semester but scores below a 2.0 GPA **or** receives a F grade in the most recent grade check period, that student will be placed on <u>Probation</u>.
 - **Step Two:** If a student passed the minimum required classes at the previous semester but scores below a 2.0 GPA **and** receives a F grade in the most recent grade check period, the student will start the season on Suspension 1.
- **2. During the season:** Student-Athlete must satisfy criteria of the grade policy at the appropriate grading periods (quarter, semester) as defined by the Athletic Director.
 - **Step One:** If a student scores below a 2.0 GPA **or** receives a F grade, that student will be placed on "Probation".
 - **Step Two:** If a student fails to meet the criteria of 2.0 GPA **or** a F grade after "Probation", that student will be placed on "Suspension 1".
 - **Step Three:** If a student fails to meet the criteria of 2.0 GPA **or** F grade after "Suspension 1", that student will be placed on "Suspension 2".
- **3. Probation:** Students may practice and play in games but will spend time in study hall, tutoring, or an improvement plan, as defined by the Head Coach. The student will be given ten (10) school days to improve grades. If the student fails either grade criteria after ten (10) days, that student will move to "Suspension 1". Students who satisfy the Eligibility Policy on or before the ten (10) days may be removed from "Probation".
- **4. Suspension 1:** Student may practice but not play in games. Student will be given ten (10) days to improve grades to meet the Eligibility Policy. The student will spend time in study hall, tutoring, or improvement plan, as defined by the Head Coach. If the student fails to achieve either grade criteria after ten (10) school days, that student will be moved to "Suspension 2". Students who satisfy the Eligibility Policy on or before the ten (10) days may be removed from "Suspension 1".
- **5. Suspension 2:** Student may not practice or play in games. Student will spend time in study hall, tutoring, or an improvement plan as defined by the Head Coach. The student will be given ten (10) school days to improve grades to meet the Eligibility Policy. The student will not be eligible to participate until all criteria have been met and will remain on "Suspension". Failure to achieve the criteria of the Eligibility Policy will result in removal from the team for the remainder of the season.

*Any extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the Administrative Team.

¹ These standards are the minimum standard and individual coaches will have the discretion to make their programs more stringent.

Sportsmanship

The skill of the contest is talent. The art of the contest is sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.

- Play fair, take loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating
- Respect others and one's self
- Impose self-control, be courteous, and gracefully accept results of one's actions
- Display ethical behavior by being of good character and actions by doing the right thing
- Be a good citizen

Sportsmanship is vital to students' learning about the other values of the game or activity in which they participate. It is a life skill that will help throughout one's life. Teamwork, dedication to practice, the satisfaction of contributing to a team effort, maturity, diversity, and leadership are all virtues gained by participation activities.

The opponent should be treated as a guest, greeted cordially on arriving, and accorded respect, honesty, and generosity.

Respect officials -they are arbitrators, they are impartial and are trained to know the rules and rules emphasis changes annually. The "way we've always done it" doesn't apply from year to year. Sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials of the contest and the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.

Student participants should always remember that it is a privilege and not a right to represent one's school and accept seriously the responsibility of performing for his/her school, teammates, and community. Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion never being boastful or bitter, and resolve to continue working for personal excellence.

Maintaining self-control is an educational tool of competition. It helps overcome bias and/or prejudice and the ability to prevent the desire to win at the risk of surrendering appropriate behavior.

NORTH STAR ATHLETE INTERNET POLICY

Social networking sites such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, email, or any other forms of electronic communication or social media can be an important part of a young person's life and also pose a serious danger.

Since participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right, an athlete needs to accept responsibility for appearing or posting on Web sites.

This policy complements North Star Internet and Email policy.

When visiting or posting on any Internet site, athletes at North Star Charter School will maintain acceptable standards. You are liable for what you post on your own site and the site of others. Some guideline to use when posting:

- Do not use comments intended to provoke other students.
- Do not use language that would not be acceptable for a school environment.
- Be fair and accurate, do not spread information that has not been confirmed as true – do not spread rumors.

Any posting or communication via social networking Web sites which disrupts either the educational or athletic environment or which advocates the violation of any school or team policy would be unacceptable. This would include but not be limited to:

- The consumption of alcohol or the use of illicit drugs.
- Posting of negative comments about the team, your coaches, other players, or the school – take your concerns directly to those you have an issue with.
- Inappropriate sexually-oriented material
- Activities involving bullying, hazing or harassment

It is the intent of North Star Charter School to provide leadership, education and protection of athletes from the dangers involved with some internet sites and to maintain the positive aspects of an education-based athletic program.

Violation of this policy may result in the athlete being suspended or removed from the team.

Parents are expected to:

- accept responsibility for the education and training of their children
- understand the purpose and philosophies of the athletic program
- allow the coaches to coach their children
- cooperate in helping their children embrace their part in helping the team reach its fullest potential
- challenge their children in learning how to communicate concerns directly player to coach
- model a positive approach to conflict resolution, showing respect for coaches and staff at all times
- Take your specific concerns to the coach first using the following guidelines:
 - has my child made this concern know to the coach first
 - confronting a coach before or after a game or practice is not appropriate, set an appointment to meet with the coach and identify your concern
 - concerns about playing time or position should be a discussion between player and coach only
- make any concerns which would affect a student's well being or performance known to the coach
- communicate in advance to the head coach any known future absences
- respect the officials and set a good example, losses are never caused by the officials, remember a bad official is bad for both teams
- be a positive role model in cheering for and supporting all players, refrain from making negative comments about opposing players taking the "high road" at all times

Athletic Uniforms:

- Athletic uniforms will be issued prior to the first contest.
- Uniforms remain the property of North Star Charter School and are to be worn for athletic contests only and are not practice wear.
- Students will sign out uniforms and any questions or changes that need to be made, please work with your coach.
- Uniforms need to be maintained within the following guidelines.
 - Wash in Cold water
 - Use mild detergent
 - DO NOT bleach or use fabric softener
 - For Best results, uniforms should be allowed to air dry
- Your coach will establish a uniform check-in day at the conclusion of your season. YOU MUST RETURN YOUR UNIFORM TO YOUR COACH AT THIS ESTABLISHED TIME.
- Team uniforms come in sets and often the style is discontinued within one to two years making the uniform irreplaceable and rendering the team set unusable. Uniforms that are missing, stained, or in unusable condition will be charged a replacement fee.

Current Uniform Replacement Fees

	X- Country	Volleyball	Basketball	Track
Jersey	\$65	\$90	\$100	\$65
Shorts			\$90	
Warm-up shirt		\$60	\$75	

Guidelines for Varsity Letter:

- 1. The student must complete the entire season.
- 2. The student must attend all practices unless excused by the coach for illness or an emergency beyond the student's control.
- 3. Student must have returned all equipment loaned to him/her in all years of participation.
- 4. Meet the standards of the respective sport letter guidelines.
- 5. The head coach has the prerogative to issue or withhold a letter for extenuating circumstances such as early season injuries, value to the team without having played enough, team or district violations, etc.
- 6. Coaches must provide documentation of these circumstances to the athletic director and administrator. In all cases, students must complete the season as a member of the team in order to letter.
- 7. Specific Lettering requirements
 - a. Volleyball and Basketball player be a participant for at least 50% of the varsity season and play in at least 50% of the remaining contests
 - b. Cross-Country and Track athlete must compete in more than 50% of the available contests.