

2022-2023 NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

APPENDIX

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter _____ to participate in interscholastic athletics in the North Branch Area Schools Athletic Program during the year. Our family carries accident and/or health insurance with:

and are satisfied that this type of insurance gives sufficient coverage for participation in the interscholastic athletic program (information regarding insurance coverage can be obtained from the school office). We accept full responsibility for any injury that might occur to our son/daughter by reason of such participation, including medical bills that might rise in excess of any insurance coverage and are fully apprised that the North Branch Board of Education or any person associated with the school's athletic department are not liable under law and cannot legally accept responsibility and pay for such injury from the operating funds of the school district.

WARNING – By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes a risk of injury which may range in severity from minor to long term catastrophic including loss of life. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate this risk.

Participants can have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. **Players must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily.**

By signing this permission form, we acknowledge that we have read and understand this warning. **In order to participate in North Branch Area Schools Interscholastic Athletic Program the parent/guardian and student must sign and turn in this form.**

PARENT CONSENT FOR TRANSPORTATION

This is to certify that my son/daughter has permission to make all trips to games, contests, and tournaments during the school year with the North Branch Area Schools Athletic Teams. I understand that transportation will be by bus when practical and possible. Team size and type of contest may necessitate transportation by van or car driven by a licensed adult driver.

EQUIPMENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Each student-athlete in the North Branch Area Schools is responsible for his/her athletic equipment issued to them by the Athletic Department. This equipment is worn only for practices or competition in the sport for which it was issued. This equipment represents a large expenditure of money by the Athletic Department and is to be returned upon completion of the sport specific season (within one week). If equipment is stolen, lost or not returned, the student-athlete/parent will be held responsible for the cost of replacement of the equipment and must reimburse the Athletic Department before further equipment/uniform being issued.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Student-athletes, coaches, and parents should set a good example in the matter of sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct is never excusable.

1. Remember that a student spectator represents his/her school the same as the student-athletes.
2. The good name of your school is far more valuable than any game won by unfair practices or methods.
3. Respond enthusiastically to the call of your cheerleaders and yell in support of the team.
4. Express disapproval of poor sportsmanship on the part of either players or spectators.
5. Accept decisions of officials without questions.
6. Extend every possible courtesy to the visiting team, their cheerleaders and their followers.

NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC POLICY AGREEMENT

NAME OF

ATHLETE _____ **GRADE** _____ **DATE** _____

STUDENT:

I have received and read the 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook. I understand that I am expected to follow the regulations contained therein and I agree to do so. As a participant in the Athletic Program I recognize my responsibility is to set a positive example for anyone who observes my behavior and performance. This includes the school day, community activities and my actual participation in athletic contests. I have passed a complete physical examination performed by a Physician, had my parent/guardian review and sign my physical card and have turned it in to the Athletic Director's office. I also understand that should I suffer a concussion, I must obtain unconditional clearance from a physician (MHSAA form) and also understand that both parent and I must sign the Post-Concussion Consent form.

Signature **DATE** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I have read the contents of the 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook and have read the agreement, which my son/daughter has signed. I agree to support the Athletic policies of the North Branch Area Schools and I have also reviewed by son's/daughter's physical examination card and have signed the form. I also understand that should my child suffer a concussion, I must obtain unconditional clearance from a physician (MHSAA form), and also understand that both my student-athlete and I must sign the Post-Concussion Consent form.

Signature **DATE** _____