

I have read the **NJEC** Eligibility Rules printed on the reverse side of this "Consent and Release Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and the **Charter School Athletic League (CSAL)** and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from parent(s)/guardian(s), I release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials and the **NJEC** of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such participation and agree to take no legal action against the **NJEC** because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I further hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I understand that this authorization is voluntary and that I may revoke it at any time by submitting the revocation in writing to my school. Furthermore, I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising and promotional materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

**I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE.**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2. Parental/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release**

**(to be completed and signed by all parents/guardians; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign).**

A. I/we hereby give consent for child/ward to participate in the following interscholastic activities I have marked

Flag-Football (fall)    Basketball (winter)    Soccer (spring)    Step/Dance (spring)    Quiz/Debate (winter)

B. I/we understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes.

C. I/we consent to the disclosure, by my child's/ward's school, to the **NJEC**, upon its request, of all detailed (athletic or otherwise) financial, scholastic and attendance records of such school concerning my child/ward. I/we furtherer hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I/we understand that this authorization is voluntary and that I/we may revoke it any time by submitting the revocation in writing to my child's/ward's school.

D. I/we know of and acknowledge the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from parent(s)/guardian(s), I release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials and the **NJEC** of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such participation and agree to take no legal action against the **NJEC** because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. I furthermore authorize emergency medical treatment for my child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while m child/ward is under the supervision of the school. Furthermore, I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising and promotional materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

E. Please check the appropriate box(es):

\_\_\_\_\_ My/ our child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan which has limits not less than \$25,000.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My/our child/ward is covered by his/her school's activities base medical insurance plan.

**I/WE HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

## Attention Student

To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, you:

1. Must be regularly enrolled and in regular attendance at your school.
2. Must enroll in school within 10 days of the beginning of **each semester** to be eligible for **that semester**. If not, you must make up all work missed and be in attendance a minimum of one day for each day missed due to late enrollment before your principle can declare you eligible.
3. Must maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale through the end of the previous semester as required by New Jersey Statutes. The GPA must include all courses taken since you entered high school. For K-8 graders you must have been regularly promoted from the previous grade, carry a normal course load, do satisfactory classroom work and maintain a satisfactory conduct record.
4. Must not have graduated from a high school or its equivalent.
5. Must participate at the school in which you first enroll, or at which you first take part in an athletic practice, at the beginning of the School year.
6. Must transfer from your previous school prior to the first day of practice and score an "Application for Waiver of the Transfer Rule" signed by the principal of both your previous school and your new school. If you transfer on or after the first day of practice in a sport you cannot participate in that sport. If you transfer from a school at which you were ineligible because of disciplinary action or unsatisfactory conduct you will be ineligible at your new school for one full semester. **If you participate on a non-school team (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) that is affiliated with or coached by a coach from a school other than the one you attend, or have attended, and then transfer to that school, it will be assumed you have been recruited to attend that school or transferred to that school for athletic reasons and you will be ineligible there for one year. If you transfer to a school that your coach has relocated to within the past year, it will be assumed you transferred to that school for athletic reasons and you will be ineligible for one year.**
7. Must not have **enrolled in** the ninth grade **for the first time** more than four school years ago. If you are a sixth-grader, seventh grader or eighth grader, you must not have participated in an earlier school year in the grade in which you are currently enrolled.
8. Must be less than 19 years 9 months old to participate in high school; 16 years 9 months old to participate in junior high school; and 15 years 9 months old to participate in middle school. On the day you reach one of these ages-regardless of when the day is-you become ineligible to participate on that level.
9. Must get signed permission to participate from your parents or guardian on a form provided by the school.
10. Must have a physician's certificate stating that you are physically fit for interscholastic athletic competition. The certificate must be dated any time between **May 5 of the preceding school year** and one day before your first practice.
11. Must be an amateur. This means you must not accept money, gift or donation for participating in a sport, or use a name other than your own when participating.
12. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition before, during and after every contest in which you participate. If not, you may be suspended from participation for a period of time.
13. Must not provide false information to your school or to the **NJEC** to gain eligibility.

If you are declared or ruled ineligible for violation of any one or more of these rules and you do not agree with the decision, you have the right to request that your school file an appeal on your behalf. If you violate one or more of these guidelines because of an unforeseeable, unavoidable condition or event which places a severe burden upon you or your family and are declared or ruled ineligible because of that you have the right to request that your school file a request for an undue hardship waiver of the rule on your behalf. See your School Leader, Principal, Athletic Director, or coach if you believe one of these two situations applies to you.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_