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**FHSD ACTIVITIES – Application to Participate/Student Handbook Acknowledgement**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GR \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID # \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT # \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This application to participate in interscholastic activities in the Francis Howell School District is voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I am eligible under the following rules set by M.S.H.S.A.A. and the additional rules set by the Francis Howell School District.

**M.S.H.S.A.A. ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

1. Must be a creditable school citizen.
2. Cannot be 19 years old before July 1 preceding opening of school.
3. Cannot have graduated from a four-year high school.
4. Cannot have attended eight semesters of high school.
5. Cannot have competed in four seasons of a particular sport.
6. Must be enrolled in school the first 11 days of the semester.
7. Cannot have played under a false name.
8. Cannot commit an unsportsmanlike act.
9. Students serving school suspension are not eligible to practice or compete in school activities.
10. Must be enrolled in courses offering 3.0 units of credit.
11. Must have earned 3.0 units of credit the preceding semester. Summer school credits may apply to state eligibility standards. No more than 1 credit in summer school shall be counted towards eligibility.
12. Must have satisfactorily passed a physical examination dated after February 1 immediately preceding the first day of the season for the activity in which you wish to participate. The examination report must specifically state that you "Cleared for all sports without restriction" and must be signed by the physician who conducted the examination.

**FRANCIS HOWELL DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

1. Must maintain a minimum 1.5 current G.P.A.
2. Must attend all practices, contests, and other performances unless excused by the coach.
3. Must not have any outstanding fines.
4. Must attend school the entire day of a game and must attend school on Friday to play on Saturday.
5. Any student who falsifies the physical examination form or any other required participation form is subject to suspension and/or permanent removal from the team or group by the Activities Director and/or Principal, and may be suspended or removed from additional activities depending upon the nature and magnitude of the offense.
6. Must be a creditable school citizen in accordance with the following standards:
  - a. Students who are serving out-of-school (or in-school) suspensions may not practice for or participate in school activities during the suspension. Multiple and/or serious violations of the Code of Student Conduct may result in long-term suspension and/or permanent removal from current and future school activities.
  - b. You must not use, possess, or distribute tobacco products while on school property or at school activities, whether on or away from District property.
  - c. You must not use, possess or distribute alcohol or controlled substances at any time, whether on or away from school property.
  - d. You must not be arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor under either criminal or juvenile law, whether the offense occurs on or away from school property. When a student is accused of an offense under either criminal or juvenile law, the charges may be dismissed or the student acquitted due to the high standard of proof required under criminal and juvenile proceedings: guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. However, the District reserves the right to make an independent determination regarding whether the student engaged in the misconduct alleged, and is required only to establish by a preponderance of the evidence (more likely than not) that the student engaged in such misconduct.

The District does not have the authority to excuse students from the eligibility requirements established by MSHSAA. Additionally, students are uniformly expected to comply with the eligibility requirements established by the District. Accordingly, the procedures below are provided for the sole purpose of preventing suspensions and/or removals based upon inaccurate or incomplete information.

The procedures are not intended to provide standing with an opportunity to (1) avoid suspension or removals imposed for conduct they have actually committed, or (2) ask principals and/or the Board of Education for leniency when an appropriate consequence has been imposed for conduct that has actually occurred.

1. In most cases, a student should be advised of the reason for the suspension or removal from an activity, and provided with an opportunity to respond, prior to imposing the consequence.
2. When it is necessary in the judgment of the coach, sponsor, activities director, or principal to suspend or remove a student from an activity prior to advising the student of the reason for such suspensions or removal, the student should be advised of the reason and given an opportunity to respond within a reasonably prompt time after the consequence has been imposed.
3. Students may appeal a suspension or removal imposed by a coach or sponsor to the Activities Director.
4. Students may appeal a suspension or removal imposed or affirmed by the Activities Director to the Building Principal.

I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE-LISTED REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATION OF ONE (1) OR MORE OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION AND/OR PERMANENT DISMISSAL FROM THE CURRENT TEAM OR ACTIVITY AND FROM ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, DEPENDING UPON THE NATURE, FREQUENCY, AND SEVERITY OF THE VIOLATION(S).

#### **PARENT PERMISSION**

We hereby give our consent for the above student to represent their school in interscholastic activities. We also give our consent for them to accompany the team/group on trips and will not hold the school responsible in case of accident or injury whether it be in route to or from another school or during practice or an interscholastic contest/event; and we hereby agree to hold the school district of which this school is a part, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, activities, causes of action, debts, claims or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation by my child in any activities related to the interscholastic program of his/her school.

If we cannot be reached and in the event of an emergency, we also give consent for the school to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medical care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if they are injured in the course of school athletic activities.

#### **CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION/RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

My/our child wishes to participate in the sport(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Francis Howell School District sports/activities program. I/we realize that there are risks involved in my/our child's participation. I/we understand that the risk to my/our child includes a full range of injuries, from minor to severe, and that the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. I/we agree to accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

#### **Activities Handbook Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Athletic/Activities Handbook and have read the rules concerning eligibility and conduct for FRANCIS HOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT student participants. I understand the rules and realize that I am subject to disciplinary measures should I violate them. I do agree to participate and conduct myself in accordance with the rules of our athletic/activities program and with specific rules of my coaches/directors/sponsors.

I have read the above statement of policy and agree to abide by the sportsmanship, citizenship/conduct, tobacco, alcohol, and drug expectations. I understand that this agreement in no way limits my right to terminate or to be terminated from student activity participation.

We, the undersigned, agree that we have been given the following information and understand it fully.

- I. That the school agrees to provide:
  - A. Supervision
  - B. Instruction
  - C. Proper equipment (This excludes equipment or uniforms provided by the participant.)
  - D. Proper safety precautions
- II. That the school abides by all written rules regarding behavior and safety.
- III. That participating in athletics may cause serious injury or death.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that with participation in athletics/activities, there are risks involved in my/our child's participation. We understand that the risk to my/our child includes a full range of injuries, from minor to severe, and that the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disabilities. We agree to accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

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Student Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Guardian Signature/Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date