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Athletic Program Handbook

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JNPSD Athletic Philosophy and Objectives

The purpose of the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District Athlete Handbook is to provide an understanding and appreciation of the athletic program and to enhance communication among the coaches, athletes, and parents. This handbook contains most of the practices, policies and regulations that govern extracurricular athletics in our district. This entire handbook will be reviewed annually by the Athletic Committee and the Administrative Staff.

JNPSD is committed to maintaining an excellent athletic program, and our athletic program plays a major role in the participating students' experience. The Athletic Department has a responsibility to the students to provide the opportunity to grow through the pursuit of athletics. It will offer as many sports as the school can reasonably support in addition to sufficient competition within the conferences. The Athletic Department will provide proper facilities, equipment, and coaching to see that each student-athlete has an opportunity to reach his or her athletic potential. Excellence in sports, rather than mere success, is the goal.

In order for a student to participate in any sport in Jacksonville North Pulaski School District, both the student and the parents or guardians must sign the Parental Consent section of the athletic handbook form. Signing the form indicates an agreement that all the policies, procedures and regulations in this Student Athlete Handbook are understood and will be followed. Jacksonville North Pulaski School District attempts to provide extracurricular sports opportunities for all students who wish to participate. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate during each of the three sports seasons, fall, winter, and spring.

Any questions or concerns regarding the information in this handbook should be directed to Barry Hickingbotham, Athletic Director, (501) 982-2128, Ext. 4215 or bhickingbotham@jnpsd.org.

JNPSD Sports Offered by Season

Fall Sports: Football (7-12), Golf (9-12), Cross Country (9-12), Volleyball (7-12)

Winter Sports: Basketball (7-12), Bowling (9-12), Wrestling (9-12)

Spring Sports: Baseball (7-12), Softball (9-12), Soccer (9-12), Track (7-12)

Ticket Sales and Pricing

General Admission for all Varsity Home and Conference Sports: \$7.00. Cash and credit cards are accepted. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online through the link provided on the JNPSD website.

Titan Athletic Passes

JNPSD offers athletic season passes at the following rates: Regular Season Pass: Football \$30.00
Volleyball \$40.00 All-Sports Pass \$ 75.00

Gold Season Pass (65 and above): \$50. All athletes receive free athletic passes at the beginning of the school year which allow free admission to all home sporting events.

Hudl Live Streaming: Home games for volleyball, football, basketball, and soccer are live streamed on the JNPSD website.

AAA Eligibility Requirements

Student/athletes are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Arkansas Activities Association and JNPSD beginning the second semester of 9th grade through their 12th grade year. To be eligible to compete on a team, an athlete must attend the member school and not have reached his/her 19th birthday on or before September 1st. To be academically eligible to participate in athletics, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. At the end of each semester grading period, students must pass four academic courses and have a 2.0 GPA based on the previous semester. Students failing to meet these requirements may be put in a supplemental instructional program (SIP). A student promoted from 6th grade to 7th grade automatically meets the academic eligibility requirements. A student promoted from the 7th grade to 8th grade automatically meets the academic eligibility requirements for the first semester.
2. Beginning the second semester of 8th grade through the first semester of 9th grade, students must pass four academic courses the previous semester, three of which should be in the core curriculum areas (math, science, English, and social studies) to be eligible. First semester 9th grade students must then pass four academic core classes to be eligible during the second semester of 9th grade.
3. The Supplemental Instruction Program (SIP) is an option used to get athletes back on track for eligibility while they participate in their sport. It meets once a week during non-school hours throughout the semester. All athletes in SIP will have one semester to improve their GPA a minimum of one-tenth of a point to maintain eligibility for a second consecutive semester. The maximum length of involvement in SIP is two semesters. If a student earns a GPA of 2.0 and leaves the SIP, that student may return later to the SIP for a maximum of two semesters if the GPA drops below 2.0. Students are not allowed any unexcused school absences while enrolled in the SIP program. If a student misses a SIP class and it is not approved by the SIP designee, **he or she automatically becomes ineligible.**

**Homeschool student participation rules will be followed by JNPSD and can be found on the AAA website.

AAA/JNPSD Compliance Requirements

Cancellation of Games/Practices: If inclement weather causes the cancellation of school in our district, the game and other activities affiliated with member schools will also be canceled. Cancellation of games and/or practices due to inclement weather will be normally made after 1:00 p.m. Reschedule dates, if known, will be available in both the main and athletic offices. Do not assume a cancellation based on the weather in the morning. Decisions about cancellations after 3:00 p.m. will be made at the game/practice site.

Titan Athletics Code of Conduct

Athletic Dress Code/School Dress: The students are representing Jacksonville North Pulaski School District at school, and at home and away athletic contests. They are required to dress in accordance to the school dress code for away games. The students must be in proper athletic attire before they board the bus going to and before returning from the game.

Sportsmanship: In the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District, team and individual competition contributes significantly to the development of character and school spirit. Sportsmanship and fair play are important parts of this experience. We expect our coaches, athletes, faculty, and students to represent their school in a manner that is respectful of others on and off the competition venue. It is our goal to develop and practice the highest standards of courtesy, discipline, good sportsmanship, and the ability to act as good hosts and guests. We encourage enthusiastic support at all games within the boundaries of acceptable sportsmanship. We expect adult spectators to uphold the same high standards and to set good examples that we demand of our student supporters and athletes.

The following guidelines have been established to help foster and promote good sportsmanship for our athletes at Jacksonville North Pulaski School District.

1. Be courteous to opposing teams and game officials.
2. Never give up, cheat, use inappropriate verbal or body language, or “grandstand.”
3. Retain composure at all times and never leave the bench or enter the field or court to engage in any confrontation.
4. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
5. Play for the enjoyment of the game.
6. Understand and observe the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
7. Maintain high standards of personal conduct.
8. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without question.
9. Respect the facilities of home and host schools.

Student athletes who fail to display proper behavior/good sportsmanship before, during and after an athletic contest or practice may be barred from further participation. Penalties such as probation or suspension from one or more games, or dismissal from the team depending upon the severity of the offense. Athletes who have been reprimanded or dismissed by the coach, Athletic Director and/or the school administrator may not be eligible for end of the season awards.

Bullying: Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. Bullying allegations will be investigated and handled by building administrators and the JNPSD Student Handbook will be used for determining consequences.

Social Media: As a student-athlete, one is a representative of the school and community and is always in the public eye. The Athletic Department advises student-athletes to exercise extreme caution in their use of social media outlets. Student-athletes should not post or utilize information or pictures on social media that damage or embarrass individuals, teams, the athletic department, or the school.

The JNPSD Athletic Department has the following expectations for participation in social media:

1. Always represent the player, team, program, and school respectfully.
2. Once any text, photo, tweet, or video is placed online, it is completely out of the player's control, regardless of limitations placed on it. Assume that everything is permanent.
3. Do not post information, photos, tweets, tik toks, or other items online that could embarrass you, your team, the athletic department, or the school. This includes information, photos, tweets, videos, and other items that may be posted by others on their pages or on your pages/profiles.
4. Do not post disrespectful comments or engage in inappropriate behavior such as inappropriate or derogatory/defamatory language at any point on any forms of social media.

Student-athletes could face disciplinary action and even dismissal for violation of school, team, athletic department, or AAA policy or rules.

JNPSD General Athlete Rules/Responsibilities

Attendance: Every athlete is expected to be at all practices and contests. Any athlete leaving school during the day will be required to check out through the school office. An athlete who is at school but unable to participate will be required to attend that particular activity unless excused by a staff member, and they are required to be in the presence of the team. In order to practice or participate in an athletic contest, players must attend a minimum of ½ day of school. When late night travel is required, players and coaches are still expected to attend school the next day; there are no next day "excused absences" for the previous night's athletic travel.

Jewelry: No headgear or other ornamentation shall be worn except those approved by the coach or building administrator for special circumstances. The prohibited items include, but are not limited to: do-rags, caps, bandannas, visors, rubber bands, head coverings, sunglasses, soft or hard jewelry, body and facial piercing.

Use of Illegal or Controlled Substances During School and/or School Sponsored Events

Participation in athletics in the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District is a privilege, not a right, granted to students by the school district.

The privilege of participation in athletics may be withdrawn at any time if a student/athlete is found to be in violation of the standards of conduct established by the district or by the coach of a particular sport.

The consequences for the use of illegal or controlled substances by students involved in athletics will be in accordance with the guidelines listed below. This policy is intended to be a minimum standard of consequences for athletes involved in the use or possession of, or under the influence of illegal or controlled substances (alcohol and drugs). Stricter consequences may be applied depending on the extent and circumstances of the involvement by an athlete.

1. Any athlete involved in the use or possession of, or under the influence of, a controlled or illegal substance at any athletic event or trip in which he/she represents JNPSD as a member of an athletic team will be suspended from participation in athletics **for a period of one (1) calendar year**. A second offense will result in **permanent removal** from all athletic teams.

2. Any athlete involved in the use or possession of, or under the influence of, a controlled or illegal substance while in attendance at a school function or on school premises will not be allowed to participate in any school sponsored athletic competition and practice for a minimum of six (6) weeks. Suspension will begin immediately for sports in season and will carry over to the next sport season until the six-week suspension from competition and practice has been fulfilled. The six-week suspension from competition and practice will begin at the start of the sport season for athletes involved in sports not currently in season. Disciplinary action will carry over from sport to sport and year to year until the athlete has missed six weeks of competition and practice. A second offense at a school function or on school premises will result in suspension from athletic competition for one (1) calendar year. A third offense will result in permanent removal from all athletic teams.

3. The discipline and/or dismissal of athletes involved in the use or possession of, or under the influence of, illegal or controlled substances at times other than when the athlete is on school premises or under school supervision will be at the discretion of the coach of the sport in which the athlete participates. The athletic director and head coach of the sport must be involved in any decisions concerning the consequences of inappropriate behavior while not on school premises or at a school function. In cases involving athletes from different sports for the same offense the athletic coordinator and head coaches of the sports in which the athletes participating will be involved in determining any disciplinary action.

Use of Tobacco/Vaping: Any athlete involved in the possession or use of tobacco/vaping on school premises or at a school function will be suspended from **athletic competition and practice for three (3) weeks**. A second offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the school year. A third offense will result in permanent dismissal of the athlete from high school athletics.

Hazing: Hazing is a very serious act and will not be permitted or tolerated by any member of an athletic team. Hazing is a complex social problem that is shaped by power dynamics operating in a group and / or organization. Hazing refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and / or physical harm, regardless of the victim's willingness to participate. Hazing perpetrators are subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or dismissal from the team. Hazing is covered by the JNPSD Policy against Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying.

Inappropriate Sexual Conduct: Athletes found engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct will be subject to consequences in the JNPSD Student Handbook and will also receive athletic program-related consequences based on investigation by the athletic director and building principal.

JNPSD Parent Expectations/Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established to help foster and promote good sportsmanship for our parents and spectators at Jacksonville North Pulaski School District.

1. Realize that they represent the school just as the players do and, therefore, have an obligation to demonstrate through their behavior the practice of good sportsmanship.
2. Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team. Displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.

3. Recognize that the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the athletes through the medium of a contest. Victory or defeat is of secondary importance.
4. Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending courtesy.
5. Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, and realize that decisions are based upon game conditions as observed by them.
6. Refrain from using foul and inappropriate language with players, coaches, officials, and all other people involved in the event and with other spectators attending the event.
7. Fighting of any kind by parents or spectators will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the campus by security personnel or the Jacksonville Police Department.

Parents and spectators who display poor sportsmanship or improper behavior before, during, or after an athletic contest will be asked to leave the perimeter of the contest. Based on the circumstances, they may be barred from attending additional JNPSD contests for the remainder of the season/school year.

Team Rules/Expectations

Selection of Teams: Prior to the season, coaches will hold tryouts in order to select team members. Students must meet all academic and enrollment requirements prior to tryouts. While we would like to accommodate every student who would like to participate in a sport, limitations in facilities, staffing, and other resources as well as safety and supervision factors make tryouts and “cuts” necessary. Each coach is responsible for establishing guidelines for tryouts and “cuts” in his/her sport. All related decisions are at the discretion of the coach, and we strive for our procedures to be well communicated, consistent, and fair. Tryouts for a sport in season will not take place until that sport is complete.

Pre-Season Coaches/Parents Meeting: The coaches will conduct a pre-season meeting at the beginning of each athletic season. The dates and times of these meetings will be listed on the school calendar as well as the players being notified by the staff at least two weeks in advance. Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to attend the pre-season meeting. Coaches will discuss expectations and goals, along with team rules and expectations. Athletic training information will be covered as well. Lines of communication with the coach and parents will be established at this time.

Sport-Specific Team Infractions: Team rule infractions will be handled first and foremost by referring to the sport-specific team rules and expectations set by the coaching staff of the sport in question. Infractions beyond those set by the sport will be referred to this handbook for consequences.

Team Fighting During Contests: Team fighting with opposing teams during contests will not be tolerated. Consequences for these actions will range from a 1 game suspension to multiple game suspensions pending an investigation by the athletic director. AAA rules will also be followed when dealing with fighting of any kind.

Violations/Disciplinary Procedures

The following disciplinary procedures have been established to expedite violations of established program rules and regulations. These procedures are consistent with those documented in the JNPSD Student Handbook. These procedures include the following:

1. **Team Discipline:** This is used in situations where minor infractions occur and is administered by the coach within the framework of the team's rules and expectations. After three infractions, the athlete will be suspended. Players can have no more than three team disciplinary infractions before they will be issued a suspension from the program.
2. **Suspension from Team:** This is used in situations of more serious disciplinary problems. The athlete is not allowed to attend or participate in practices or contests during this time period. The coach will notify the parents/guardians about the suspension. After suspensions, the athlete will be dismissed from the team. Players can have no more than three suspensions before being dismissed from the program.
3. **Dismissal from Team:** This is used in situations involving serious disciplinary matters in which removal of the athlete from the team is in the best interest of the team and the school. Parents will be notified of the pending dismissal. Some examples might be but are not limited to: continuation of previously addressed behaviors, use of drugs, bullying, etc.

Playing Time Guidelines and Expectations

Playing time is a privilege and should be earned. Players are expected to attend all scheduled practices. The coach should be notified in advance, if possible, when a student will miss practice. Although coaches are encouraged to provide "quality playing time" for each athlete, a minimum or maximum amount of time each player will be given is not required nor specified. Playing time is based on coaching decisions made during practices and contests; therefore, it is the **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACH** to determine playing time, position, and player roles.

Playing time may be affected by the following: (this is not a complete list) 1. Missing team practice 2. Attitude and effort at practice and games 3. Violation of team rules. It will be the responsibility of the coach to communicate the reason for a student's lack of participation to the parent.

Jr. High Play Time Rules:

Middle School/Jr. High Football and Basketball - 5 quarter rule applies at coach's discretion

Middle School/Jr. High Volleyball - coach's discretion

Jr. High Track - coach's discretion

Travel Policies and Guidelines

The Jacksonville North Pulaski School District **REQUIRES** members of athletic teams to use school-provided transportation to and from **ALL** games and off campus practice and game sites.

Exceptions may be made in the following circumstances and must be approved in advance:

1. Parents/Guardians may designate an adult to transport their athletes home after offsite practices or games with prior knowledge and consent of the team coach.
2. Parents/Guardians must notify the coach that the athlete has a ride home. Other team members may ride home with an adult with prior written permission from their parents/guardians.
3. The responsible adult **MUST SIGN OUT** the athlete with the coach before the athlete can leave.
4. The athlete must take care of any and all uniform responsibilities before departing.

Athletes Who Drive:

1. On the recommendation of the parent, team coach, the athletic director, the principal, or his/her designee, the athlete may be allowed to drive his/her private vehicle to a practice or home game.
2. An athlete may drive other athletes from practice or game sites to home with the written permission of the athlete's parent/guardian **AND** the permission of the parent/guardian of the riders. The written permission must be given to the team coach.
3. When a practice or game is on a weekend or a day when school is not in session, the athletic director, building administrator or their designee may approve a team coach's recommendation to have team members arrange their own transportation to and from games and/or practices.

Overnight Travel: When team members are required to stay in hotels overnight, the school is responsible for paying the cost of the rooms and the meals. JNPSD will provide transportation to all AAA-approved in-state tournaments, regular season games and post-season games, and will also pay for coaches' and bus drivers' accommodations. An Overnight Travel packet must be filled out in advance and approved by the athletic director and other district officials before teams can travel overnight.

Practice Guidelines

Practice dates are determined by AAA Rules and Coaches. Coaches are the only ones who can "excuse" a missed practice, but the acceptable excuses should be listed in each team's expectations.

Players should arrive in plenty of time to take the court/field promptly when practice begins. Players should come to the practice court/field in appropriate attire in accordance with the team expectations.

Practices will begin and end according to the coach's discretion, keeping in mind that it is the program's expectation that the coach plan practices properly so that they will fit within their communicated time allotment given to players/parents/guardians to be mindful of their time schedules.

Once practice or contests end, parents need to pick up their athletes as soon as possible. If an athlete is not picked up within 30 minutes of the ending time, the Jacksonville Police Department will be called to either wait with the athlete or else transport them to their station to continue to wait.

Multi-Sport/Multi-Season Athletes

A multi-sport athlete is an athlete who tries out for and makes more than one athletic team within JNPSD. Athletes are encouraged to try out for and participate in any sport they choose, and it is the district's expectation that coaches willfully cooperate with other sport coaches, players, and parents when navigating this process. A multi-season athlete is an athlete who participates in two or more sports that are competing in the same calendar timeline.

JNPSD expects our athletes to play only for one school team. Student/athletes are required to discuss participating for another team or activity with coaches before tryouts in order to come to an understanding before the team is selected. The Athletic Director and/or Building Administrator will make the decision to allow athletes to remain on conflicting teams, based largely on the coach's recommendation. Participation on more than one school team in the same season is allowed with prior approval from the Athletic Director, Building Administrator, and BOTH coaches involved. If other school events, such as field trips, classes, clubs, choir, band, or drama activities conflict with games or practices, the Athletic Director and Building Administrator will resolve the conflict with consideration of recommendations from the coaches/sponsors and the student's and parent's wishes.

If a multi-sport athlete quits or is dismissed from a team during the season, he/she may not be able to participate in the other sport until the current participating sport season is completed unless agreed upon by both coaches and the athletic director.

How to File a Complaint/Chain of Command

24-Hour Rule: If parents/guardians feel the need to address an issue with a coach about a practice/game situation for clarity, they must wait a full 24 hours before doing so. At NO point in time is it appropriate for a parent/guardian to address a coach with a concern in front of the team or other parents.

If a formal inquiry or complaint needs to be filed concerning a certain incident or issue perceived by a player or parent/guardian, the following steps must be followed for resolution.

JNPSD Athletic Chain of Command for Inquiries:

1. Contact the coach who had direct supervision of the athlete at the time of inquiry. If not resolved, then
2. Contact the head coach of the sport in which the athlete was participating. If still not resolved, then
3. Contact the JNPSD athletic director. If still not resolved, then
4. Contact the building principal of the appropriate school. If still not resolved, then
5. Contact the JNPSD superintendent.

Quitting a Sport Policy

If an athlete quits or is dismissed from a team during the season, he/she may not be able to participate in another sport until the current participating sport season is completed unless agreed upon by both coaches and the athletic director.

Athletes who quit a sport that has practices within the school day will not be allowed to change their schedules until at least semester. These athletes will meet with the proper personnel to discuss their options and then they will be moved into a 4th period Study Skills class that will meet each day in the gym classroom. Attendance will be taken each day, and there will be an online curriculum assigned for each student. Failure to attend the class will be turned in as truancy, and the student handbook will be followed.

Athletic Equipment Responsibilities

The JNPSD will provide proper uniforms for players in each sport that represent the school and are compliant with the sports AAA guidelines. These uniforms belong to the school and are temporarily issued to the athlete as long as they are a part of the team. Care and maintenance for these are at the discretion of the coach, and athletes must adhere to the coach's procedures while the uniforms are being worn by them. Practice gear may or may not be provided by each sport, and this is due to numbers and need. This also is done at the discretion of the coach for the sport and must be adhered to by the athletes when using them.

Athletic uniforms may not be worn to school or outside of school unless directly involved in a contest without approval of the head coach and the building administrator.

Uniforms and other equipment must be turned in within one week following the end of the season. An athlete is financially responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. The cost of destroying equipment will be the replacement costs. An athlete must treat school equipment like it were his/her personal property. It should never be abused. If an athlete is involved in the theft of school equipment, he/she could be dismissed from the team.

Failure to return equipment to the athletic department will result in fines/fees being assessed for replacements, and athletes may not be allowed to participate in any other sport or that sport again until payment is made. Diplomas may also be put on hold until equipment is returned or replacement payment is made.

Athletic Injury/Medical Policies

Athletic Insurance: Insurance coverage for athletes is the responsibility primarily of the parent/guardian. JNPSD provides an optional secondary student accidental insurance plan coverage for all students which covers after-school sports accidents and injuries.

Medical Procedures:

All participants in the athletic program must have completed a physical examination and been cleared by a physician to participate. A current physical form must be completed and returned to the team coach or athletic director in the coach's absence before the student can participate. The Pre-Participation History section of the physical form is a required part of the examination and must be completed as part of the examination.

Physicals may be provided by the district depending on timeframe and availability. Parents have the option to have their child examined by a private physician at the parent's own expense. The JNPSD Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation must be used and may be obtained from the school office.

An Emergency Medical Authorization form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the coach prior to participation. The form will be included with the additional medical emergency information saved in the player's Dragonfly digital portfolio.

A Medical Reinstatement form must be completed before an athlete, who has had a serious injury or illness and has been restricted by a physician, can be allowed to return to practice or contests. The reinstatement must indicate the date when participation may resume. Medical Reinstatements must be processed through the athletic trainer or building administrator.

Fundraising Policies

Each school in the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District allows the parents an opportunity to organize or join an athletic booster club. The sole purpose of this parent group is to promote and support the interscholastic athletic programs of the school. The booster club makes significant financial contributions to the athletic program. Students and their parents are urged to support and participate in Booster Club activities. It will be the responsibility of the booster club to collect and distribute any money collected from membership drives, booster club driven fundraisers, or booster club activities. The school coaches will not have any responsibility to collect membership or fundraising money for the booster club.

Fundraising is highly encouraged in our program as a way to help offset some of the rising costs for our athletes and their parents/guardians. Coaches should be the primary contact for any school-based fundraising, and ALL money items should be run directly through them. Any and all fundraising needs to be approved ahead of time by the athletic director prior to start, and there are district-required fundraising procedures required for any fundraisers happening on campus.

Student/Athlete Acknowledgement Form

I/We hereby acknowledge that the policies outlined in the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District Student Athlete Handbook have been received, read, and understood. I/We agree to abide by such policies as part of the condition of being a member of Jacksonville North Pulaski School District athletic teams.

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

School _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

*****A SEPARATE FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH ATHLETE*****

Parent Acknowledgement and Consent Form

I have reviewed and understand eligibility rules and I am aware that, with the participation in sports, comes the risk of injury to my child/ward. I understand that the degree of danger and the seriousness of the risk varies significantly from one sport to another with contact sports carrying the highest rate. I have had an opportunity to understand the risk inherent in sports through meetings, written handouts, or some other means.

(Student Name) _____ has (check what is applicable):

_____ student accident insurance available through the school

_____ athletic participation insurance coverage through school

_____ is insured by family policy with: Name of Company _____

Policy Number _____ Name of Policy Holder _____

I am aware that participating in sports will involve travel with the team. I acknowledge and accept the risks inherent in the sport and with the travel involved and with this knowledge in mind, grant permission for my child/ward to participate in the sport and travel with the team.

By this signature, I hereby consent to allow the physician(s) and other health care provider(s) selected by myself or the school to perform a pre-participation examination on my child and to provide treatment for any injury or condition resulting from participating in athletic activities for his/her school during the school year covered by this form.

I further consent to all said physician(s) or health care provider(s) to share appropriate information concerning my child that is relevant to participation in athletics and activities with coaches and other school personnel as deemed necessary.

Additionally, I give my consent and approval for the above named student's picture and name to be printed in JNPSD school publications, athletic program publications, sports publications or videos.

Athletic Parental Consent Form

School Year: _____ Grade: _____ Sport(s): _____

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

I/we hereby give consent to my son/daughter to participate in the above listed interscholastic sports during the above listed school year. I/we also give permission for EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT by the team physicians, school nurse, athletic trainer, hospital, and allied medical personnel for conditions arising in athletics. I/we realize that such activity involves the potential for injury that is inherent in all sports. I/we acknowledge that even with the best coaching use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of school rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or even death.

I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understand this warning. Further, I/we will not hold Jacksonville North Pulaski School District or its representatives responsible in any way for injuries that may occur to my son/daughter because of his/her participation in the sport(s) listed above. Further, I/we also give permission for medical information regarding my son/daughter to be shared between the district's physicians, nurse, athletic trainer, athletic director, and coach.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby grant permission for the release of videotapes, audio recordings, and photographs that could identify my child by name, to the school district and the media for the use in news stories as it pertains to my child and Jacksonville North Pulaski School District. I also grant permission for my child to be interviewed by the school district and the media as it pertains to Jacksonville North Pulaski School District sports.