



## ATHLETE/PARENT CONTRACT 2025-2026

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

These guidelines have been developed to help ensure that our athletic seasons are safe and successful here at Franklin Academy. Please review these guidelines with your child and sign the attached signature form specifying that you and your child understand and will participate in our athletic events appropriately. If any rules are broken, the administrative team, athletic director, and/or coach have the right to take appropriate actions outlined in this contract. Thank you for your assistance, and please feel free to contact one of our Athletic Directors with any questions or concerns.

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### Expectations:

- The fee will be \$225.00 per athlete, per season. This fee will be due upon your acceptance onto a Franklin sponsored athletics team.
- Completed weekly progress reports are due Thursday by 4:00 PM to your coach. Students will not be able to participate in athletics (practices and/or games) if they do not have a weekly completed progress report.
- At Franklin Academy, academics are a priority. Athletes that have failing grades in ANY of their core classes will not participate in the games or practices for that week. These classes include any reading, math, science, and social studies courses.
- Athletes must maintain a 2.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale for each marking period. If any athlete's GPA falls under the required unweighted 2.0, he/she will become immediately ineligible, GPA will be recalculated on a weekly basis.
- Athletes that receive a detention in any given week will not participate in one game that week. If games are played prior to the detention date, the athlete will not participate in one game the following week.
- Behavioral expectations of students participating in athletics at Franklin Academy remain the same as during the regular school day. This includes behavior on the bus as well at sporting events.
- Athletes will organize their time so that their academic responsibilities do not conflict with practices or games. Any work that athletes miss due to an athletic contest must be made up and turned in within two (2) days. It is the athlete's responsibility to complete and turn in all make-up work.

- If discipline is a consistent problem, your child will be removed from the team without a refund of the fee.
- Athletes must respect and abide by all school rules, regulations, and policies.
- Uniforms must be returned at the completion of the session. If any piece is missing, the parent will be responsible for covering the cost.
- Administration holds the right to make any academic judgments that they feel will be in the best interest of student athletes.
- Students cannot have a service hour flag in PowerSchool.
- Students cannot have a negative fee or lunch balance.
- Parent/Guardian is required to complete at least 1 service hour for each sport a student participates in. It is the parent's responsibility to contact coaches about service hour opportunities and to track their service hours for the team.

## Attendance:

- Athletes must be in attendance for ½ of the school day in order to practice or participate in any game.
- Athletes who are sick and in the nurse's office for more than 1 period may not participate in that day's game or practice.
- Please note that siblings are not allowed to remain on campus after school unless they are officially signed up for a club or athletic activity.

## Sportsmanship:

- Please be courteous and use positive remarks toward game officials, coaches, players and opposing teams. Remember parents: you are a role model for your child and are also representing Franklin Academy.
- Athlete ejections: If an athlete is ejected from any sporting event for any reason, they will serve a suspension from future athletic events as determined by the administrative team, athletic directors, and coaches and in accordance with the FHSAA guidelines.
- Playing time is based on hard work, attitude and skill level. Some athletes may get more playing time than others.
- Concerns with coaches: Please contact the athletic director the next day if you have any issues with a coach. ***Coaches will be unavailable for discussion immediately after the game.***
- Athletes will conduct themselves in a manner as to bring respect to themselves, the team, and Franklin Academy.
- Participation is a season-long commitment. Any student who quits during session will not be eligible for any other sport at Franklin Academy for the current and following season and will not receive a refund of the fee.
- Athletes will exhibit good sportsmanship on and off the field of play.

## Transportation:

- If busing is available, athletes must sign a transportation waiver to ride with the team. Athletes will adhere to all school rules while riding to away games. Transportation will only be available to the game. Parents must be present at the game to pick their athletes up at the conclusion of the event.
- If busing is not available, athletes will need to be transported to and from away games from Franklin Academy by their parents.
- Only designated individuals on the completed form can sign out a player. Players can ONLY be signed out with the coach. A completed sign-out form must be on file in order for the coach to release the player at a game.
- If designated individuals are not available to transport the athlete to and from the event, you may opt to have your athlete ride with a team parent. In this case, you are required to make contact with the coach, athletic director, or administration prior to the release of the student.
- Please pick up your athlete on time from every practice and game, in order to be respectful of the coach's time. Late pickups will result in a \$1.00 dollar per minute charge.

## Health Information:

- A Sport Physical Evaluation form must be on file with the school prior to the tryouts.
- Head injuries and concussions are serious health concerns. Please consult your child's physician after a head injury for treatment issues. If an athlete has a concussion, they will not be allowed to play again until they have a doctor's note saying they are cleared to play.
- Parents are obliged to inform the school office if medical contact information changes.

## Disciplinary Procedure:

- Student athletes will be held to the following disciplinary standard. Failure to meet expectations, sportsmanship requirements, and other eligibility requirements will result in the following disciplinary action being taken.

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	Players will be addressed on an individual basis and corrective measures will be put in place.
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	<p>Player will be penalized in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1st offense procedure</li> <li>b. Loss of leadership - daily (for team captains)</li> <li>c. Loss of playing time at practice</li> <li>d. Parents will be notified</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	<p>Player will be penalized in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1st and 2nd offense procedures</li> <li>b. Half game suspension</li> <li>c. Parent notification</li> </ul>
4 or more	<p>Player can be punished in the following ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd offense procedures</li> <li>b. Loss of a whole game</li> <li>c. Loss of leadership position - permanent</li> <li>d. Loss of membership on Franklin athletics</li> <li>e. Parent notification</li> </ul>