



STUDENT ATHLETE CONTRACT

BUFFALO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

Philosophy

Interscholastic athletics supplement and support the academic mission of the school and assist students in their growth and development. We want Buffalo Academy of Science students to value their health and wellness and this contract is a reminder of our expectations towards that goal. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Dedication, desire, teamwork, effort, goals and commitment and good citizenship are essential personal characteristics, which are necessary for an athlete to successfully participate on any team. The goal of the athletic department is to nurture these traits. In so doing, each athlete should develop a sense of pride in him/herself, the school and community. In order to assist the athlete to achieve these goals, the following "Athletic Policies" must be understood and agreed to between the school, student athlete, and the parents/guardians.

Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School is a Section VI member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and applies the rules outlined in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

A. Academics

To be eligible for athletic competition a student must be passing all of their classes assigned to them by BASCS with a minimum of a 70%. If you fall below the required minimum of 70% for one of your classes, you will be put on 3 week probation. During your 3 week probation, you will be put on a grade improvement plan by your teacher until meet or exceed the minimum required grade. If you are failing two classes, you will not be able to play in games and will be placed on 3 week probation and ineligible for games. Failure to improve the grade to the required minimum during your three week probation will disqualify you from the remainder of your athletic season. If you are failing three or more classes, you are no longer eligible for the remainder of the athletic season. Grade reviews will be conducted every three weeks (Nov. 1st, Nov. 22nd, Dec. 13th, Jan 3rd, Jan. 24th and Feb. 14th).

B. Attendance

Student athletes are expected to be in school on time everyday. If a student is repeatedly late the student may be ineligible to participate in sports after school. Students may not participate on the day a student has detention, out of school suspension, in school suspension or has an early dismissal due to illness. Expectations will be made if the student has an approved medical or educational excuse scheduled prior to the date of absence. If a student is absent on a day prior to a non school day, the student will have to present to the coach a parent/guardian note explaining the reason for the legal absence prior to participation in the event.

It is necessary to attend every practice to improve your individual and team's performance. Practices are not an option. To be considered a part of the team, all practices need to be attended. By missing practice, it will compromise the quality of the practice for the team and the individuals. If you are not able to make a practice due to an emergency, your coach should be notified prior to practice or as soon as possible afterwards. If the coach is not aware that you were going to miss a practice or why you missed a practice, your absence will potentially terminate your position on the team. We need student athletes that are dedicated members of a team and will make the necessary sacrifices to assure that both the team and individual will work hard to improve the overall quality of the program.

C. Good Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is possessing, practicing and demonstrating the skills of a sportsman: honesty, being fair-minded, having knowledge of rules, respecting rules and officials, demonstrating self-control, recognizing good play, treating others and all situations in a manner you would expect to be treated, and accepting victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

As a student athlete you will be representing BASCS, your family and yourself. At all times you are expected to conduct yourself with the highest standard of sportsmanship and respect of yourself and others.

We believe that sportsmanship reflects the following ideals, attitudes and values:

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition
2. An understanding that interscholastic competition exists as a part of education.
3. Respect for one's school and community, its reputation and traditions.
4. Respect for one's opponents, their school and community, including its cultural and ethnic makeup.
5. An understanding and respect for the rules of the game and for those responsible for implementing them.
6. Readiness to participate regardless of one's roll in a constructive and contributing fashion.

D. Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs

Use of tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, steroids, marijuana, and other controlled substances have been found to have an adverse effect on the over all health of students. Usage of the preceding substances is illegal and strictly prohibited. This policy is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on or off school grounds. If a student is found to be in violation of the chemical abuse policy, the school has strict policies in place. In conjunction with the findings and disciplinary actions of the school, the athletic department will enforce the following procedures to discipline and help the student.

Violation 1 – The athlete will be suspended from the team for the remainder of that sports season.

Violation 2 – The athlete will be suspended from participation in all athletics for one full calendar year.

E. Code of Student Conduct

Participation in an athletic event, practice, games and travel to and from school are considered an extension of the school day and therefore all behavior is governed by the student code of conduct. Violations of the Student Code of Behavior that occur during athletic events will be disciplined by Dean of Students as if they were a classroom action. Unsportsmanlike behavior and any actions noted by the NYSPHSAA or officials will result in a review from the BASCS School President, Dean of Students and the Athletic Director with an option of additional discipline.

Student athletes that are placed on In School Suspension one time will be on probation for 3 weeks in which they will be ineligible for games and have their case reviewed by the Director of the School, Dean of Students and the Athletic Director for further action. Student athletes that are placed on In School Suspension twice will be ineligible to participate with the team for 3 weeks. More than two In School Suspensions will end the student’s season. If a student athlete receives Out of School Suspension they are ineligible for the remainder of their season. Every disciplinary case towards a student athlete is reviewable by school administration and treated accordingly within their interpretation of school guidelines.

F. Team Rules

All students are required to travel to and from events in School Supplied Transportation; exceptions are to be reviewed on an individual basis prior to the event. Coaches will establish and inform students of individual team rules, regarding practice and team expectations.

**SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED TO INDICATE YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT.
THIS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY STUDENTS TO THEIR COACHES.**



BASCS Athletic Policy Agreement Form

I, (**The Athlete**) _____ have read and understand the athletic policies, rules, regulations and the Student Athletic Contract of Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School and agree to abide by their terms that have been displayed. By signing this contract, I will be responsible for my actions in and out of the school.

Athlete’s Signature

Date

Grade Level

I, (**Parent/Guardian**) _____ have read and understand the athletic policies of Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School and agree to follow the same high standards of sportsmanship and conduct while attending school events. By signing this form, I will be responsible for the actions of myself and of my child. I also understand that as an adult, I am a role model for other individuals around me at sporting events and agree to conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner at all times at both home and away events. I also understand that it is a privilege to watch my child participate in an athletic event and can be asked to remove myself from an event if I cannot abide by the expectations of BASCS, Section VI and the NYSPHSAA regarding good sportsmanship.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date