



ATHLETE CONTRACT

Mission: To glorify and honor Jesus Christ with attitude, action and ability; to demonstrate Christian character at all times; to bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ and to lead others to Him through our words and deeds.

I _____, agree to the following:

- The Blue Knights program views sports and physical activities as a means to glorify God. I agree to demonstrate responsible Christian behavior in physical activity at all times, and to do my best throughout the season.
- I agree to be at every practice on time. If I am going to miss a practice or arrive late, I will let my coach know ahead of time.
- I agree to come prepared to the majority of practices and every game or meet, and I understand that if I do not, I may not participate.
- In addition to attending all practices, I agree to work hard and give my all. How hard I work will affect my playing time, participation in meets, at Nationals, etc.
- I agree to treat my teammates, my coach, the referees, and the opposing team with kindness and respect.
- I agree to be a good role model for others.
- I understand that my role (including playing time, participation in meets, etc.) is determined by the coach and that many factors are considered. I will respect my coach's decisions and not complain about them to my coach or to my teammates.
- I understand that negativity is contagious and will be harmful to my team and to the Blue Knights organization, and I will do all that I can to promote positivity.
- I understand that part of my participation in the Blue Knights program is to assist in the setting up and tearing down at each practice and event. These responsibilities will be outlined by the coach or AD. I understand that not meeting any of the stated responsibilities may affect my participation in the athletic program in which I am registered.
- I agree to follow the Discipline Policy outlined below:

DISCIPLINE POLICY

As followers of Jesus, we should live in a way which honors Him. Our attitude, actions, and words should be of a high standard pleasing to God. While we do not think we are better than others for keeping a discipline code, our attitude, actions, and words should move towards loving God and our neighbor at all times and circumstances.

The policy reminds us to strive toward a higher standard pleasing to God and not simply to follow a set of rules for compliance. The discipline policy also reminds us that we share a common goal as a team. Regardless of age or position, we as coaches, adults, and athletes on the Blue Knights should strive toward honoring God as a unifying bond. Lastly, having a discipline policy should also remind us we are unable to keep these higher standards of thought and actions without God helping us. In our own nature, we want to do what is in our own self-interest and not those things which honor Jesus or think of others. The guiding principles for the Discipline policy will be to restore an Athlete in a spirit of gentleness (Galatians 6:1) and to follow God's example of mercy to us (Luke 6:36). Therefore, for the good of the team, we must have a plan if an athlete violates the terms of the policy. In all cases, the athlete will have the opportunity to explain their point of view before a final decision is made by the coaches.

MINOR violations of the contract for athletes include:

- *Failure to live up to the contract terms outlined above*
- *Disrespectful talk or actions to another team member, opponent, official, or adult*
- *Cursing, profanity, or crude talk*
- *Inappropriate Public Displays of Affections (PDA)*
- *Misuse of substances such as alcohol, drugs, vaping, and tobacco*

If one of the minor violations occurs, the following steps will be taken:

- *If an Athlete violates the terms of the contract a Coach or Coaches will speak to the Athlete individually about the offense and attempt to positively restore them.*
- *If the Athlete violates the terms of the contract a second time, Coaches will speak to the Athlete about the offense and attempt to positively restore them. At this point, Parents will be notified of the minor offenses.*
- *If the Athlete violates the terms of the contract a third time, a Coach will contact the Athlete's parents regarding the offense(s). At this point, an Athlete may be suspended from practice(s) and/or meet(s).*

MAJOR violations of the Contract for Athletes include:

- *Disrespectful talk or actions to another team member, opponent, official, or adult which is of a more serious nature. These types of actions could include threatening or actual physical contact to harm or injure.*
- *Major offenses may include the defamation and/or slandering of another's character.*
- *Major offenses might also include arrogant and disdainful words aimed at a team member, opponent, official, or adult.*

If one of the major violations occur, the following steps will be taken:

- *Parents and Athletes will be notified of the violation of a major offense. Athletes are subject to suspension from practice(s) and/or game(s) and meet(s).*
- *The Athlete with repeated major violations such as fighting will be put on probation for a minimum of 12 months and can forfeit their future participation from the team.*

FOR BASKETBALL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ONLY**Ejection Policy for basketball program:**

- *If a player is ejected from a game, there will be a minimum of a one game suspension.*
- *If a player is ejected for fighting there will be a minimum of a five game suspension.*
- *Fighting is defined as striking another player.*
- *A game suspension refers to a regular season, tournament, or post-season game.*
- *If the ejection occurs during a summer league game or preseason game, the suspension described above is in addition to summer league or preseason suspension.*
- *In addition to suspension, the player ejected from a game for fighting will be put on probation for a minimum of 12 months.*

I understand that not meeting any of the stated responsibilities, minor violations or major violations of the discipline code may affect my participation in games, meets, practices and/or my continued participation in the athletic program.

Athlete's Signature

Date