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NLESD-SSNL ATHLETIC CONTRACT

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The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) and School Sports Newfoundland & Labrador (SSNL) understand and appreciate the value and benefits of involvement in school-sponsored activities such as athletics. Participation in school sports positively contributes to a student's development and overall educational experience, and we support and encourage student participation.

Now that you have reached the stage of your athletic development where you can represent:

in competition, you must be fully aware of the privilege and responsibility of representing your school. Participation in school-sponsored activities requires a commitment from the student-athlete to the following: your academic studies, your team, appropriate behaviour, and regular school attendance. The final decision on team composition rests with the coaches, athletic directors and school administration and must be in line with the NLESD School Athletics Policy and corresponding regulations. By choosing to be involved in a competitive program, you understand that coaching decisions are made for the betterment of the team, and that may mean playing times are not always equal.

Subject to your acceptance of the terms of this contract, you have been selected as a member of the **above named school** team. NLESD, SSNL, and your school all agree that the following conditions are vital to ensure the quality and integrity of school-sponsored activities.

Student athletes representing the **above named school** must abide by the following:

1. Student athletes must conduct themselves in a manner that displays respect for coaches, teammates, game officials, volunteers, opponents, spectators, teachers, and facilities and must also abide by the Code of Conduct of their school and the [SSNL Code of Ethics](#). This relates to all school activities during instructional and non-instructional time.
2. The primary function in school is to achieve academically. To remain on the school team, you are required to be working towards meeting all academic requirements, working to the best of your ability, and attending school on a regular basis.

3. Smoking, vaping, alcohol and/or drug use and the use of abusive and/or profane language is strictly prohibited at any school-related functions, including athletic events.
4. Hazing may be defined as “an initiation practice that may humiliate, demean, degrade, or disgrace a person regardless of location or consent of the participant(s)”. **The practice of hazing is strictly prohibited.** A player, team official, team or any other participant found, by an investigative process, to have condoned, initiated or, to the detriment of another, participated in hazing actions or behaviours shall be subject to discipline.
5. Being a part of a team is a commitment and student athletes should be prepared to participate fully by attending practices, games and team events. You should also abide by all the team rules, which are constructed by the team and approved by the coaches and athletic director.
6. Uniforms and any equipment which has been issued to you from the school is the property of the school and must be returned immediately upon the conclusion of the season. Failure to comply may result in your parents/guardians being billed for the replacement cost. Uniforms will be issued by the athletic director when an athletic contract is signed and all associated fees have been paid.
7. Transportation of students must abide by the NLESD Student Travel Policy and Administration Regulations and the protocol for the use of school buses versus motor coaches.
8. Students/parents/guardians should be aware that there are costs and fees associated with being a member of a school team which may be the responsibility of each team member. Any additional team fundraising activities must follow NLESD fundraising policies.
9. It is expected that all school-sponsored and SSNL activities be conducted in a respectful, encouraging, inclusive and supportive environment. Student athletes, coaches, or volunteers are expected to immediately report to the school’s Athletic Director any behaviours described as otherwise by any student or adult involved with the team.

Failure to abide by any of the terms listed above, or any activities deemed as inappropriate by the school, may result in removal from a team, suspension from a program, game or tournament, or other consequences as determined by **the above named school** and NLESD. The decision may involve consultation with SSNL.

By signing this document, you indicate your willingness to abide by the terms outlined above. We are confident that you will be a great representative of **the above named school** as a courteous and respectful student athlete.



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STUDENT ATHLETE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

I (*print full name*) _____ willingly agree to abide by the terms of the Student Athletic Contract outlined above. I am confident that I will be a great representative of _____ as a courteous and respectful student athlete.

Student Athlete

Student Signature (Full Name)

Principal or Designate

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)