

# The Franklin Academy Athletic Handbook 2025-2026



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## Introduction

The purpose of this handbook maintain consistency throughout our athletic program and to set forth the standards for our athletes, parents, and coaches to adhere to.

### Franklin Academy Philosophy of Athletics

Athletics teach young people many life lessons. The purpose of the athletic program at the Franklin Academy is to complement the academic program in the development of well-rounded students. While a strong academic program is the focus at the Franklin Academy, the athletic program complements that mission by helping to develop character, discipline, teamwork, and other life skills that are of benefit to the student/athlete, and to the overall mission of the Franklin Academy.

The prevailing ideals of the athletics program are 1) academics first, 2) sportsmanship, 3) teamwork, 4) and personal growth. These ideals will help to *promote good character for all student-athletes at the Franklin Academy.*

Parental involvement is also critical to the success of the program, and, as such, parents are requested to support the standards and goals of the Franklin Academy by keeping the long-term goals of Franklin Academy academics and athletics first and foremost.

It is the policy of the Franklin Academy that academic events for which the student receives a grade (drama performance, band concert, art show, etc.) take precedence over athletic practices or contests. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to notify his/her coach, as soon as possible, of any such conflicts. Participation in athletics **does not** exempt students from dressing out and participating in physical education classes.

Decisions and policies made that limit or eliminate student participation in sports at our school are subject to NCHSAA guidelines, conference bylaws, and the mission of the Franklin Academy. Student-athletes are expected to exhibit leadership in the areas of behavior and academics, as participation in athletics is a privilege. **Participation in interscholastic athletics and intramural sports is reserved only for students actively enrolled in the Franklin Academy.**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletics

Per the Franklin Academy Board of Directors, competitive Middle School Athletics is limited to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Sixth graders have the opportunity to participate in the school's intramural program and hold positions as managers for competitive sports teams.

### AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Middle School athletes must not turn 15 on or before October 16<sup>th</sup> of the current school year.

High School athletes must not turn 19 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.

## **Forms, Fees and Crash Course Concussion Video**

**All forms must be on file with the Athletic Director *BEFORE* an athlete can participate in ANY organized athletics (pre-season conditioning, tryouts, practice, game play, open gym).**

### **MEDICAL EXAMINATION (Physical Form):**

In order to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, a player must receive a medical examination once every 395 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant. **Physicals must be completed on the NCHSAA authorized document.**

### **NCHSAA ELIGIBILITY AND CONSENT FOR PLAY FORM (*HS ONLY*):**

This document serves as an understanding of NCHSAA Eligibility requirements, Consent to Participate, Acknowledgement of Risk, and as a Liability Waiver and Release.

### **GFELLER-WALLER CONCUSSION FORM:**

This form provides information to both parents and athletes about concussions, including symptoms and treatment information.

### **FRANKLIN ACADEMY PLAYER RELEASE FORM:**

This is a parent permission/waiver form allowing students to try out and participate in athletics.

### **ATHLETIC CONTRACT FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS:**

This form serves as acknowledgement of the policies stated in the NCHSAA Athletic Handbook, The Franklin Academy Athletic Handbook, the Player Code of Conduct, and the Franklin Academy Academic Eligibility Policy.

### **HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

This form serves as acknowledgement of Franklin Academy Athletic policies.

### **CRASH COURSE CONCUSSION VIDEO**

The NCHSAA requires all student athletes to watch this video prior to athletic participation. A link to this video can be found on the Franklin Academy Athletics website.

### **BOOSTER FEE:**

All students who participate in Franklin Academy athletics will be responsible for a booster fee of \$75 annually. **This fee is non-refundable and must be paid by the first scheduled game of the season.**

<i>Physical Form</i>	<i>Required every 395 days from date of exam</i>
<i>Gfeller-Waller Concussion Form</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>
<i>Franklin Academy Release Form</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>
<i>Athletic Contract</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>
<i>Booster Fee</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>
<i>NCHSAA Eligibility, Consent and Release Form</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>
<i>Handbook Acknowledgement Form</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>
<i>CrashCourse Concussion Video</i>	<i>Required every school year</i>

# TEAM SELECTION

Students desiring to try out for a sport must be meeting the eligibility standards in order to try out. Anyone interested in trying out for a team must be at the first scheduled tryout day of the season. The coach must be notified ahead of time if an athlete is going to miss the first day. Students may try out for more than one team in a season but will only be able to participate on one team per season. (Due to the nature of the season, Archery will be the only exception).

## Middle School

Middle School programs are by nature, developmental skills programs for student-athletes entering the school's athletic programs. The primary focus of the program is to introduce student-athletes to team play and to develop skills for the sport selected. The goal is to encourage full participation by all student-athletes. Although "cuts" are a part of the program, a strong emphasis on skill development is valued. In addition, establishing a positive learning environment for each student-athlete and the development of mentor-mentee relationships between coach and player requires supplemental support from parents in regards to sportsmanship, team dynamics, academics, and character. **If Franklin Academy is unable to recruit a coach to coach the sport, or if there is not enough student-athlete interest to support a team, the program will be suspended for that season.**

## Varsity/Junior Varsity

The varsity level program is the most competitive level of play. Team selection is based on the skills and abilities of each student-athlete to create a successful and competitive experience for the team and improvement for each student-athlete. Athletic ability, sportsmanship, game awareness and knowledge, individual growth, commitment to team and program, and character also factor into team selection. The varsity student-athlete demonstrates strong academic awareness, high level of character, is committed to personal growth and team development. A realistic understanding, by coaches, student-athletes, and parents, of the individual student-athlete's skills as a contributor to the team and program is essential to successful competition at the varsity level. Junior Varsity operates under the same guidelines as an aid to prepare for varsity competition.

## Tryouts/Cuts

Coaches at the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity levels select teams based on student-athlete skills, abilities, and team dynamics. **The process is selective and may require cuts to select student-athletes that best gel, and fit within the team dynamics. Coaches will use a rubric determined by team goals for the selection process. Completed rubrics will not be shared or discussed with parents.** Clear expectations regarding school programs, team goals, and team selection will be shared openly with student-athletes, parents, and the community. However, coaches will not discuss any student-athletes with parents other than his/her own child. Tryouts may be "closed" at the discretion of the coach.

**\*\*\*\*The selection process will be based on school participation/experience only and not on youth programs or recreational/travel league experience. Playing time is based on coaching judgment with a focus on the student-athlete's skills, ability, teamwork, and character. It may also be unique from game-to-game, be determined by game conditions, matchups, competitiveness of teams, and the overall goals of the team as deemed by the coaches. \*\*\*\***

## Managers

Team manager is an opportunity for students in sixth grade or not making the team to participate in an athletic season. **Managers must meet the same eligibility guidelines as rostered players.** Managers are not on the official roster and will not play in any interscholastic games. Managers also will not be provided team uniforms, but may dress out with the team per dress code regulations. Responsibilities will vary by sport, but may range from running a score clock, retrieving balls, setting up/breaking down, filling water coolers, packing equipment, etc. Managers may also be asked by the coach to fulfill any other game specific duty as needed. Managers are able to participate in team drills and practices when the opportunity arises. The number of managers per team will be determined at the discretion of the coach and based on the needs of the team. Being a team manager does not guarantee a roster spot in subsequent seasons.

## Eligibility

- ◆ In addition to all NCHSAA Eligibility standards, Student-Athletes/Managers must be in attendance at school on the day of a scheduled game or practice in order to participate. **Student Athletes/Managers must be in attendance at school by 10AM and cannot leave/sign out prior to the end of the school day in order to participate on practice or game days (Exceptions can be made for doctor/dental/academic appointments and must be cleared with the Athletic Director/Administration).** If a Student-Athlete/Manager goes home at any point during the day because of illness, injury, or disciplinary infraction, they will not be permitted to participate in team sports that day. **Exceptions will also be considered with a doctor's note clearing the student to return to full participation.** Students not attending school due to attending another educational function (i.e. Take Your Child To Work Day) or choosing not to attend a field trip, etc. must seek prior approval from the Athletic Director in order to participate in team sports that day.
- ◆ No students will be added to a team's roster after 25% of the season has been completed.
- ◆ If an athlete/manager fails to maintain a C (70) average overall (when averaging all their class grades together), at the time of **progress reports and report cards**, that athlete is placed on probation and is ineligible to participate in athletics. With the approval of Franklin Academy administration, team coaches may enforce stricter grade requirements.
- ◆ If an athlete/manager has received a failing grade (59 or below) in **any class on their progress report or report card**, they will be placed on probation and is ineligible to participate in athletics. This includes electives (i.e. PE/Health/Technology, Personal Fitness).
- ◆ **Students must meet academic eligibility standards in order participate in any portion of the athletic program (this includes preseason workouts and try outs). Grades will be checked based on the most recent progress report or report card prior to the start of try outs/workouts.**
- ◆ Ineligible athletes/managers are not permitted to practice with the team, participate in games, dress-out, or sit on the team bench.
- ◆ A student who is ineligible to play/manage may return to the team at the next reporting period if he or she becomes eligible.
- ◆ Parents will be notified via email of ineligibility.
- ◆ Student athletes/managers are expected to dress out for and fully participate in any and all physical education type classes (including electives) on game days. If an athletic team is dismissed during a PE class time, the PE instructor will determine if there is time for the student to dress for PE. Not dressing out or participating will result in a zero for the class that day. Parents will be notified by the teacher per classroom policy.

## Practice and Game Attendance Requirements

**Once on a team, you have committed yourself to that team until the last game is complete. This includes games and practices scheduled during track outs.**

Players must be at **every** practice or game unless excused for one of the following reasons:

- ◆ Doctor or dental appointment
- ◆ Personal sickness
- ◆ Death in the family
- ◆ You are a member of an honor society or extra-curricular program that requires your attendance for a grade or for eligibility (NHS, NJHS, Band, Choir, etc.).

**Exceptions may be made through direct communication with the head coach.**

Each coach will provide their discipline procedures for missed/tardiness to practice or games in writing at the start of the season. A team member who is tardy to practice or must miss a practice or game may return to their former status as soon as they have fulfilled the team's policy for absences. Whenever possible, coaches should be notified in advance (3 days) of absences due to an appointment or extra-curricular activity.

Multiple unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the team.

Students absent from athletic practice for five or more days **due to illness or injury** must receive a medical release by a physician licensed to practice medicine before re-admittance to practice or contests.

It is recommended that players be covered by adequate medical and accident insurance. \*  
(\*ADAPTED FROM NCHSAA MANUAL – RULES AND REGULATIONS)

## Uniforms and Equipment

**School issued team uniforms will not be provided until the booster fee has been received.**

Any uniforms or equipment issued to an athlete are the athlete's responsibility to return in good shape (normal wear and tear is expected). Some teams may require additional items to complete uniforms. Each player is individually responsible for securing these additional items at his/her expense and will remain his/her personal property.

**School issued team uniforms are not to be worn for practice or other school functions. (Exceptions may be made by Administration only.)**

All uniforms and equipment must be returned to the coach immediately following the final game of the season. Any athlete who does not return uniforms/equipment will be charged for the cost of replacement. An athlete will not be allowed to participate in another sport until all overdue uniforms, equipment, or booster fees have been paid.

## **Athlete's Code of Conduct**

- ◆ Treat everyone fairly, with dignity and respect, both on and off the field.
- ◆ Arrive on time for all practices, meetings, and contests.
- ◆ Play by the rules, demonstrating and encouraging good sportsmanship.
- ◆ Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
- ◆ Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, never being boastful or bitter.
- ◆ Remember that by putting forth your best effort, regardless of the score, you become a winner.
- ◆ Every athlete/manager is expected to demonstrate good character that represents Franklin Academy. At any time, an athlete/manager not maintaining good character may be suspended or dismissed from the team.
- ◆ Athletes/managers who receive discipline notices/detention/suspensions may expect that a copy of the discipline notice/suspension will be forwarded to the Athletic Director. If a student is suspended further action may be taken as determined by the Athletic Director or Administrator. Detentions must be served before returning to practices/games.
- ◆ The use of profanity on or off the field will not be tolerated and may result in suspension from the team.
- ◆ Fighting during an athletic event, home or away, will not be tolerated. Fighting during a game or practice will result in suspension from the team.
- ◆ Any student found using drugs, alcohol, or other banned substances will be removed from athletic eligibility for one calendar year from the date of the infraction. This includes situations in and out of school.

### **Athletic Dress Code Requirement (Game Days)**

The Athlete's Dress Requirements apply to all players, managers, statisticians, and scorekeepers associated with each team, Middle School and High School.

#### **Athletes**

Dress code bottoms and school approved team jersey. Jersey may be untucked.

Dress code shoes/athletic shoes.

#### **Managers**

Dress code bottoms and team spirit shirt. Team spirit shirt must be tucked in.

Dress code shoes/athletic shoes.

**School issued team uniforms are not to be worn for practice or other school functions. (Exceptions may be made with Administrative approval only.)**

**Violations of this policy will result in the loss of privilege and return to standard student dress code for game days.**

**Teams with uniforms that are not conducive to the school day requirements (i.e Swim, Cheer) may wear an approved team spirit shirt under direction of the team's coach.**

# DRUG SCREENING POLICY FOR ATHLETES

## Mission Statement

The Franklin Academy Board of Directors strongly believes that the use and abuse of drugs that are not prescribed for medical conditions can be detrimental to the physical, emotional, and mental health of its student athletes. It is further believed that this use and abuse seriously interferes with the performance of students as athletes, is dangerous to the student athlete and his/her teammates, and creates an unfair and damaging stigma for those student athletes who do not use or abuse drugs.

## Goals

- ◆ To educate Franklin Academy athletes about the dangers and problems associated with drug use or abuse.
- ◆ To prevent drug use or abuse by student athletes.
- ◆ To identify any student athlete who may be using or abusing drugs and to determine the identity of the drug(s).
- ◆ To educate student athletes who are found to be using or abusing drugs of the effect drugs have on their physical, emotional, and mental well being and the possible adverse effect upon the athletic team and its members.
- ◆ To develop a drug free athletic program that produces student athletes who can serve as role models and influence their peers to lead healthy and responsible lives.

## Procedures

At the beginning of a particular sport season (which begins on the first official practice date before the first competition), all students who desire to participate in the sport must present to the head coach a signed consent form which authorizes the school to exercise drug testing and to release the results of the testing to administrative officials, parents or guardians, the athletic director, and the head coach of the sport in which the athlete participates.

Random testing shall be administered to student-athletes at any time during the sport season. The decision as to when athletes will be tested will be made by the school administrator and the athletic director. Eligible students will be chosen at random by a lottery-type selection in which all athletes' names in a particular sport will be placed in the group from which those tested will be selected. Testing will consist of a student-athlete providing a urine sample at the school, at a place designated by the school administrator under the direction of the school administrator and the athletic director, or their designated representatives and a representative of the firm, which will do the test. School personnel will supervise but will not assist with the actual testing. Privacy will be protected. Specimens will be processed for identity and will be secured through a chain of custody to ensure against sample tampering. If follow-up testing is requested as a result of a positive sample, the follow-up sample will be taken at the laboratory of the selected firm. Transportation of the student to and from the laboratory will be provided by the school, and all expenses of the follow-up test will be borne by the student.

The testing lab shall report all testing results to the school administrator. The school administrator will then report any positive results to the athletic director who will then report the findings to the head coach of the sport in which the student participates. The school administrator shall be the only official who will see the actual results of the testing.

All coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteer coaches shall also participate in the random drug testing. Refusal of a coaching staff member to participate will prevent him or her from coaching. If any coach, assistant coach or volunteer coach tests positive, his or her duties will immediately be terminated and he or she shall not resume coaching until approved by the Board of Directors.

Although the drug testing program is intended to be a random process, for active--i.e., currently participating in a sports season--student athletes may be tested based on reasonable suspicion if two or more school staff members present to the school administrator evidence of physical conduct or acts that are both inconsistent with the student's usual behavior and consistent with being under the influence of drugs, narcotics, or hallucinogenic substances.

#### Results of Positive Testing

The student athlete and his or her parents or guardians will be notified. The student will not be allowed to participate in any contest or practice of the sport for one calendar year. The student and the parents or guardians must meet with the school administrator and the school counselor to discuss the potential problem.

In the event a student believes this policy has not been applied to him or her in a manner consistent with the intent of the Board of Directors, he or she has the same rights of grievance and appeal as provided by Board of Directors policy and written in the student handbook. All Franklin Academy athletes will be expected to follow this policy, the Franklin Academy Athletic Policy, and all North Carolina High School Athletic Association eligibility requirements.

### **Signing Day (HS Athletes committed to playing for a College/University)**

It is an exciting time in the life of a student athlete when he or she makes a decision to play a sport at the college level. This information is not always readily available to Coaches, the Athletic Director, or Administration, nor is it always available by the recognized National Signing Day. In order for Franklin Academy to help facilitate media coverage, student athletes should complete the "Signing Day Information Form" and submit to the Athletic Director, either in person or via email. The Athletic Director will then coordinate with the local media source (Wake Weekly) in an attempt to provide coverage. Coverage availability is subject to the discretion of the media source. This form can be located at the back of the handbook, or on the athletic website.

### **Classwork Expectations**

Missing classes for athletic activities will be handled in the same manner as a school fieldtrip. These absences are considered to be pre-arranged, however no "Request for Absence Form" is necessary. Students are expected to collect missed work ahead of time and turn it in on the due date. Not following this guideline can result in the student work being counted as late or receiving no credit.

### **Religion and Public Schools**

RELIGION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS PER THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: "*School sponsorship of a religious message is impermissible because it sends the ancillary message to members of the audience who are non-adherents that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and an accompanying message to adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community.*" (Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe, 2000-JUN-19).

# Franklin Academy Player Release Form

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the nature of this activity. My child is voluntarily participating in this activity at the Franklin Academy. I will provide any transportation to and from events and assume all risk of injury that might result to my child. I hereby consent to hold The Franklin Academy and its employees, members or agents free from any liability, claims and other actions whatsoever arising from this activity.

I have read and reviewed the Franklin Academy Athletic Handbook. I have discussed this information with my student-athlete. I understand that additional questions or specific circumstances should be directed to my student's school administrator, athletic director, or coach.

I authorize Franklin Academy to exercise drug testing and to release the results of the testing to administrative officials, parents or guardians, the Athletic Director, and the head coach of the sport in which the athlete participates.

I further agree to release The Franklin Academy and its employees, members or agents from any liability for any loss or theft of personal property. I also agree to waive all rights of subrogation. In the event of any injury, illness, or other condition which would require immediate medical assistance, I hereby consent to allow The Franklin Academy and its employees, members or agents to take such actions as necessary to contract and provide emergency medical assistance. I hereby consent to assume all financial responsibility for such medical assistance.

**I have carefully read this waiver and release agreement and fully understand it is a release of any and all liability, claims and other actions whatsoever.** I also understand that failure to sign this waiver and release agreement will prevent my child from participating in this activity and payment will be refunded.

## NCHSAA Sportsmanship Clause

**As a parent,** I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics is an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by our school, our conference and the NCHSAA. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.

**As a student athlete,** I know I am a role model. I understand the spirit of fair play while playing hard. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language, taunting, trash talking, and unnecessary physical contact. I know the behavior expectations of my school, my conference, and the NCHSAA and hereby accept the responsibility and privilege of representing this school and community as a student athlete.

**I further understand that if my child is selected for the team, he or she is responsible to play in the games that are scheduled during track out weeks.**

**Parent's Name (Print) & Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name (Print) & Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature & Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete's Signature & Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Provider and Policy Number (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**In accordance with the rules of the NCHSAA, I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in the following sports circled below:**

Archery

Baseball

Basketball

Cheerleading

Cross Country

Golf

Soccer

Softball

Swimming

Tennis

Volleyball

Indoor/Outdoor Track

# Franklin Academy

## Athletics Contract for Players & Parents

1. HAVE FUN! This is a game to enjoy individually, but more importantly, as a team. **Not all decisions will revolve around you as a player, but will often be based on what is best for the team collectively. Don't take these decisions personally.**
2. It is the policy of Franklin Academy that every athlete/manager maintains a minimum of a "C" (70) average with no failing grades (59 or below). Grade checks will be given at every progress report and report card. If you fall below a "C" cumulative average, or have a failing grade, you will no longer be eligible to participate until the next reporting period.
3. Show respect and courtesy to everyone. This includes your teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, spectators, Franklin Academy, and the community. **Do not talk negatively about your teammates or coaches or embarrass anyone.** Accept all constructive criticism. Accept victory or defeat in a pleasant manner. Always be honest about your performance and areas for improvement.
4. *Bad attitudes, gossip, lying to or about someone, and swearing* **will not be tolerated** and may result in suspension/dismissal from the team.
5. Behavioral problems (as deemed by your coaches) are unacceptable. 1<sup>st</sup> offense may result in a 1-3 day suspension from the team. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense may result in a 3-5 day suspension/grounds for immediate dismissal from the team.
6. Playing sports is a privilege and commitment. We expect you to give 100% at all times. Do the best you can at all times and celebrate the success of others.
7. Missing practices/games, outside of sickness, is unacceptable. Two unexcused days of practice/games may result in immediate dismissal from the team. **(Exceptions may be made through direct communication with the head coach)**
8. Being on time to school, practices, and/or games is expected. Students may not be permitted to practice or play in a game without a valid excuse.
9. Suspension from school is unacceptable. 1<sup>st</sup> offense may result in grounds for immediate dismissal from the team.
10. As a member of a team you are aware that Franklin Academy Sports permits random drug testing of players at any time during the year.
11. It is the policy of Franklin Academy that students do not transport other students. You are allowed to ride home with your parents if notice is given to the coach before you leave for a game.
12. Once you are at practice or a game your focus is expected. Off field distractions (cell phones, headphones, off field interaction with friends, boyfriend/girlfriend) are not permitted. You must stay with the team during games. If you are unable to cooperate, you may be asked to leave.
13. **Coaches should not be approached immediately following a game and/or practice to discuss concerns.** Any questions, problems, or concerns of players or parents must be discussed **with coaches first by appointment only.** Issues taken to FA Administration or the Athletic Director first will likely be referred back to the coach.
14. **Coaches alone will make the decisions regarding playing time. Playing time will not be discussed. If you are not playing, cheer for those who are. If you cannot, consider if you can be a part of the team.**
15. Team goals are achieved with hard work. Intense physical conditioning can be expected.
16. Parents must be on time when picking you up after practice/games. There will be a 15 minute time frame from the completion of practice/games for you to be picked up on time. The 1<sup>st</sup> offense is a warning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> may result in a suspension from practice/games. If this becomes an issue you may be dismissed from the team.

## **How to be an Outstanding Parent**

The best way to support your athlete is to provide encouragement and to be positive, both at home and in the stands. If there is a problem, have your child talk to his/her coach. If the problem is not resolved, or if it is of a serious nature, then the parent should personally contact the coach. If no solution can be reached at that point, contact the Athletic Director to set up a meeting with all parties involved. It is very important that you model problem-solving skills with a positive attitude.

### **Fans and Spectators**

Franklin Academy students and parents are aware of the standards set forth by the school during the academic day, but often times are unaware of what we expect of them as athletes and spectators. Therefore, we have listed a few things for our students, parents, fans, and spectators to keep in mind when attending a Franklin Academy athletic event.

- ◆ Realize you represent the school as does a member of a team; therefore, you have an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Remember that the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the players through the medium of contest.
- ◆ Respect the judgment and integrity of coaches and game officials. Show respect for players that are actively assigned to play in the game and celebrate their efforts whether they are your child or not.
- ◆ Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

**LONG AFTER THE SCORE IS FORGOTTEN, OUR BEHAVIOR AND REPUTATION IS REMEMBERED!**

### **Acknowledgement of Athletic Contract and Handbook Guidelines**

I/We have read the rules and regulations of the Franklin Academy Athletics Handbook and the Contract for Players and Parents. I/We have also read and clearly understand the eligibility policy. I/We will abide by these rules and respect all decisions made by the **coaching staff, athletic director, and administration.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student-Athlete Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Signing Day Information Form**  
**(This form is for HS Senior Student Athletes that are continuing their athletic careers at a College/University)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport the student is signing for: \_\_\_\_\_

School the student is signing to play for: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years student has played at FAHS: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentionable Awards/Accolades: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and Times available for media photo shoot (please list several) : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I certify that the information provided is as accurate and complete as possible. I also recognize that this information will be passed on to a local media source and may be used for the purpose of both print and social media.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE