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Athletic Participation Requirements

Code of Sportsmanship:- It is recognized that high school interscholastic athletic events should be conducted in such a manner that good sportsmanship prevails at all times. Every effort should be made to promote a climate of wholesome competition. Unsportsmanlike acts will not be tolerated by CCA student athletes, coaches, parents or fans. A player is under the coach's control from the time they arrive at any athletic endeavor until they leave the contest or practice.

Protect Your Eligibility; Know the Rules: To represent CCA in athletics, YOU:

1. **Must** be a properly enrolled at the time you participate, and must be in regular attendance at CCA.
2. **Must not** be absent more than **10 days** in a semester or term to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletic activities during the next semester.
3. **Must have not** exceeded eight (8) consecutive semesters of participation in any sport or have participated more than four (4) seasons in any sport since first entering grade nine (9), including junior varsity and/or freshmen level competitions.
4. **Must** be under 19 years of age on or before September 1.
5. **Must** be present for a minimum of 50% of the student day on the day of an athletic contest in order to participate in the event (this includes games, tournaments, practices and organized team events).
6. **Must** have passed more than 75% of courses during the previous semester and earned a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) the previous nine-week grading period or semester.
7. **Must** have received a medical examination by a licensed physician within the past 365 days; if you miss five (5) or more days of practice due to illness or injury, you must receive a medical release before practicing or playing.
8. **Must not** accept prizes, merchandise, money, or anything that can be exchanged for money as a result of athletic participation.
9. **Must not** have signed a professional contract or have played on a junior college or 4-year university team.
10. **Must not** participate in unsanctioned all-star or bowl games.
11. **May not**, as an individual or a team, practice or play during academic instruction throughout the school day (from first practice through conference tournament).
12. **May not** dress for a contest, sit on the bench, or practice if you are not eligible to participate.
13. **Must** submit to random drug testing.

Alcohol/Drugs/Performance Enhancing Drugs (PEDS) - To be eligible to participate in athletics, the student with the consent of his/her parents must agree in writing to submit to random alcohol and drug testing. In addition to testing students for alcohol, the students shall be tested for the presence of marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, PEDS and any other drugs that CCA deems appropriate.

Consequences of a positive test.

- a. **FIRST OFFENSE.** In the event a student fails or refuses to participate in the alcohol/drug test when selected at random or tests positive for alcohol or drugs, the student shall be ineligible to participate in athletics for 365 days. However, if the student agrees to be assessed and to enroll in and successfully complete an alcohol and/or drug abuse education and/or intervention program, the student shall regain eligibility to participate in athletics immediately.
- b. **SECOND OFFENSE.** In the event a student tests positive a second time or fails or refuses to participate in the second alcohol/drug test when selected at random, the student shall be ineligible to participate in athletics for 365 days.
- c. The student shall be suspended from school as a result of a positive test.

Possession, Use, Sale or Distribution. If an athlete possesses or is under the influence (to any degree) of alcohol or illegal drugs at school or any school activity, or if an athlete sells or distributes alcohol or a controlled substance, the athlete shall be ineligible for athletics for a minimum of 60 school days in addition to being subject to suspension or expulsion from school.

By signing the form below I, the student, and I, the student's parent, acknowledge that we have read the CCA Athletic Participation Requirements. I, the student agree to participate in random alcohol/drug testing and I authorize CCA, its agents or employees to release the results of my alcohol/drug test to me, my parent and appropriate school officials. I, the student's parent, give my consent for my child to participate in CCA's random alcohol/drug testing program.

CCA REGULATIONS STUDENT ATHLETE PLEDGE: As a student athlete, I am a role model. Using inappropriate language; taunting; baiting; or the use of unwarranted physical contact directed at opposing players, coaches, and fans are contrary to the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by CCA, my conference and my family. I accept my responsibility to model good sportsmanship that comes with being a student athlete in the CCA Storm family.

PARENT PLEDGE: As a parent, I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I will show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support and uplift the teams involved. Using inappropriate language and taunting are contrary to the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship that CCA, our conference and my scholars expects of its members. I accept my responsibility to model good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a CCA Storm student athlete.

I certify that my scholar is eligible under the State of Maryland Standards of Competition, and affirm that he or she has not exceeded eight (8) consecutive semesters of participation in any sport or has participated more than four (4) seasons in any sport since first entering grade nine (9), including junior varsity and/or freshmen competitions and that he or she is under 19 years of age on or before September 1. By my signature below, I affirm that all other information contained in this form is correct, accurate and current.

CCA SPORTSMANSHIP/EJECTION POLICY

We acknowledge that student parent and we whose names appear below, understand the CCA Schools Sportsmanship/Ejection Policy. We understand that the following types of behavior will result in an ejection from an athletic contest: fighting, taunting or baiting, profanity directed toward an official or an opponent, obscene gestures, disrespectfully addressing or contacting an official.

- 1st ejection: 1 game suspension in all sports
- 2nd ejection: Suspended for remainder of sport season
- 3rd ejection: Suspended from **all** athletic competition for 365 days from date of 3rd ejection

I, the undersigned student and parent, have read this document and understand all of the expectations for athletic participation at CCA.

Student:	Date:
Parent/Guardian:	Date:
Phone:	Email Address: