

DWIGHT SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES

The Dwight athletics program is open to students in grades 7-12. Students who want to participate must meet standards in fitness, skills, attitude, and attendance. Dwight varsity teams compete in the ACIS, GISAL, and PSAA Leagues. The Dwight School Athletic Department has developed the following policies for students who participate on interscholastic teams. Parents are requested to support these policies and to help their child live up to these standards. Please read the material below and discuss it with your child. You both need to indicate your understanding of these policies by signing the attached form, and then have your child return it to his/her coach.

Participation in interscholastic athletics is an elective activity and a privilege. Coaches are committed to helping each athlete achieve his/her highest level of play. Each student-athlete must accept the responsibility that goes with being a member of a team. Since our teams represent the entire Dwight School community, we have developed some standards and policies for varsity, junior varsity and middle school teams. Our athletes must believe in these policies and discipline themselves to uphold these standards, even if it means sacrificing one's personal pleasures for the good of his/her teammates.

Team Standards

In addition to regular School behavioral policies that are in effect at all times, athletes are expected to comply with the following departmental policies:

- Athletes must attend all practices and contests unless excused by the coach (teams practice and play after school, on Saturdays, and during some school vacations). Erratic attendance could be grounds for dismissal from the team.
- Students must arrive in school before noon or they will not be permitted to attend practice or play in a game on that day.
- Athletes must communicate in person if they are going to miss a practice or game. If they are absent from school, the coach must be made aware by the athlete or parent.
- Athletes must demonstrate respect for fellow teammates, coaches, game officials and opponents. Inappropriate behavior and language will not be tolerated. Students may be suspended from teams for un-sportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior.

Transportation

Dwight provides transportation to and from athletic contests. All students must travel with the team to contests. Parents may give permission for their child to travel home alone after the contest by completing the relevant information on the attached form.

Uniforms

Dwight School will provide uniforms for athletes on teams. Within a week after the season, athletes must return uniforms to their coaches. Students will be charged for uniforms that are not returned.

Disciplinary Action

Violation of these policies may result in disciplinary action. Serious infractions may result in suspension, ranging from one contest to all contests remaining on the schedule, or dismissal from the team. The coach will first speak to the athlete about the problem and give him/her the opportunity to improve. If the situation remains unchanged, the Director of Athletics will be notified. They will review the situation and, with the coach's approval and consultation with dean and principal, will take appropriate action.

STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT

I, _____ (please print) have read the Dwight School Athletic Department Policies. I fully understand my role and responsibilities in maintaining these policies and standards. I acknowledge and assume the risks involved in athletic participation

Student Signature _____

Date _____

DWIGHT SCHOOL PARENTAL PERMISSION and LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Participant's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Sport:** _____

Liability Waiver and Medical Release: I give permission for my daughter/son, _____, to participate in the Dwight _____ team/program/summer camp. I am fully aware that this activity is dangerous and may result in serious injury. Knowing, understanding, and fully appreciating all possible risks and dangers, I hereby expressly, voluntarily, and willingly request the Dwight School to allow my daughter/son to participate in this activity. In consideration of my daughter/son's participation in the activity, I hereby waive all claims or causes of action against the Dwight School, its officers, directors, employees, and agents arising out of her/his participation in the activities and hereby release, hold harmless, and discharge The Dwight School, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from all liability in connection therewith. Furthermore, I give any Dwight parent, faculty, and/or staff present at the camp permission to seek out medical attention for my daughter/son in the event that she/he becomes injured. I also recognize that all travel includes risk of serious injury.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR TRAVEL AND DISMISSAL

This is to advise you that all team members travel together to all games by bus, van, subway, or public bus. Your child is required to return to Dwight with the team unless you give your son/daughter specific permission as follows: (Please check appropriate boxes)

My child may travel home from games unaccompanied, via public transportation (subway, bus). I understand that a faculty member will not always be present to hail or ride a taxi with students.

My child may be picked up from events by either a parent or guardian.

If the bus is travelling through Manhattan, my child may exit at a convenient cross street.

I give my son/daughter permission to be dismissed directly from games/scrimmages as described above. I understand that he/she may be leaving these sites alone or with friends, and unaccompanied by an adult.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Mother's Name & Work Phone: _____

Father's Name & Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Family Doctor: _____ **Phone:** _____

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM
By August 22, 2011***

to:

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