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TO: Parents and Guardians
FROM: Stephanie Fox, Athletic Director
RE: Sport Eligibility documents
DATE: August 2021

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Also required:

- **Whatcom County Sports Physical Exam (complete and return)**
- **Athletic Fees: \$150 is required for each sport a student/athlete participates in.**

Before the student athlete participates in any practices or games, the following must be completed:

- **The forms in bold must be completed and returned to the school office**
This includes the physical exam* form completed, dated, and signed by a doctor or other qualified medical personnel.
- **Paid Athletic Fee**

*Franklin Academy requires a new physical examination every two years.

Whatcom County Middle School League regulations require that each complete eight (8) practices to become eligible to compete in athletic contests.



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Athletic Eligibility

Franklin Academy offers many opportunities for students to participate on competitive sports teams. In addition to developing athletic skills and being a part of a team, students are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of good sportsmanship. Student athletes are ambassadors for our school and need to be courteous, fair and respectful at all times. Participation in sports is a privilege, not a right. To be eligible to participate in athletics at Franklin Academy, students are expected to follow the "standards of eligibility" established by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and adopted by Franklin Academy.

Franklin Academy Code of Ethics

1. To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
3. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
4. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
6. To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
7. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
8. To encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment by the players on the team.
9. To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the individual players.
10. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game-not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, official, fan, community, state or nation.

(From Appendix 8, WIAA Handbook)

Attendance

Students must be in attendance the majority of the day (four out of five periods) to be eligible for games unless a pre-arranged excuse has been cleared through the office. An unexcused absence, for either part or all of a school day, will cause a student to be ineligible for that day's game.

Student Expectations

Student athletes will follow all school rules and regulations as described in the Student Handbook. A student who violates regulations in the Handbook is subject to disciplinary action. Such a student shall be warned and may be suspended for one or more contests following the first administrative action. Suspension for the remainder of the season may follow the second administrative action. Coaches may institute additional eligibility rules for their sport. Certain major violations will affect eligibility as follows:

Possession or use of tobacco, nicotine, alcoholic products, legend drugs and/or controlled substances is prohibited, on or off campus, during or outside the school day.

For **tobacco or nicotine offenses**, in season, students involved in sports will be suspended for one half the team's regular contests. If the violation occurs at the end of a sports season or during the off-season, the suspension will carry over into the next sports season. A **second violation** will result in suspension from a full season. A **third violation** will make the participant ineligible one year from the date of the third violation.

For offenses involving **alcoholic products or illegal drugs or legend drugs** (defined as those drugs that are legal only through prescription), the following sanctions will be applied:

- ◆ A first violation shall make the participant immediately **ineligible** for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. **Ineligibility** shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate. In order to be eligible to participate in the next interscholastic season, the student shall meet with the Athletic Director and the Head of School. The Head of School shall have the final authority as to the student athlete's participation in the interscholastic sports program. If the violation occurs at the end of a sports season or in the off-season, the participant will be suspended from no less than one half the team's regular contests in the next sport in which the student participates, and the same reinstatement of eligibility provisions described above will apply.
- ◆ A second violation shall make the participant ineligible for one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.
- ◆ A third violation will make the participant permanently ineligible at Franklin Academy.

Criminal offenses may affect a student's eligibility, even if the offense was not committed on school property or at a school event. A student involved in a criminal offense will be subject to a review by the Athletic Director and the Head of School and may be found ineligible for one game, a number of games, or placed on behavior probation. Repeated criminal offenses either in school or outside of school will likely result in ineligibility for the remainder of the season depending on the circumstances involved.

Scholastic Achievement

All students participating in athletics are students first, and athletes second. Participants must be passing all classes with a “C” grade (70%) or better. Periodic grade checks will be used to determine eligibility. A student/athlete with a grade lower than a “C” in one or more classes will be placed on a one-week probation. During the probation period, the student/athlete will be eligible for practices if all other eligibility requirements are met, but not eligible for interscholastic competition. If the student/athlete is able to attain at least a “C” in all subjects during the probation period, they regain full participation to practice and compete.

If after one week the student/athlete has not made progress toward improving his/her grades he/she will be ineligible to practice until such progress has been demonstrated. The student/athlete shall be reinstated to full participation when passing all classes with a “C” grade or better.

Due Process

A student dismissed from a team/group for violation of rules may petition the Athletic Director, **in writing**, to arrange an appeals hearing. The hearing is to be held within three (3) days of the petition. The appeal committee shall be composed of the Athletic Director, the Head of School, and a teacher. If additional conferences are necessary to resolve a grievance, the due process procedures as established by the board of Franklin Academy would be followed.

Medical Policy

One set of medications and medical devices are kept at the school to be used as needed. For students participating in extracurricular activities, parents or guardians are responsible for providing a second set of medical devices including, but not limited to, inhalers and Epi-Pens.

Athletic Fee

An athletic fee of \$150 is required for each sport a student/athlete participates in. The fee will be used to purchase new equipment and uniforms.

(Student/Parent Copy- do not return to school)



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2021-2022 Athletics Eligibility Requirements, Expectations, and Rules of Conduct

Please review the attached athletic eligibility policies and requirements. It is important that each area is clearly understood by both the students and the parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's coach or the Athletic Director.

Student Name: _____
Please print

I have read and understand the athletic eligibility requirements, expectations, medical policy and rules of conduct.

Student's signature

Date

Parent's signature

Date



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SPORTS SAFETY GUIDELINES

Franklin Academy strives to protect each student from possible injury while engaging in school activities. The guidelines and/or practices identified below have been established for this activity in order to protect the student and others from injury and/or illness. Participants and their parents should recognize that conditioning; nutrition, proper techniques, safety procedures, and well-fitting equipment are important aspects of this training program. Each participant is expected to follow the directions/standards of the coach.

Travel to and from off-campus facilities shall be in accordance with the directions of the coach and shall be the parent/legal guardian's responsibility.

Guidelines are as follows:

1. Make certain that you wear all equipment that is issued by the coach. Advise the coach of any poorly fitting or defective equipment.
2. Advise the coach if you are ill or have any prolonged symptoms of illness.
3. Advise the coach if you have been injured.
4. Engage in warm-up activities prior to strenuous participation.
5. Be alert for any physical hazards in the locker room or in or around the participation area. Advise coach of any hazard.
6. Be aware of court surroundings, i.e., obstacles, projections, bleachers, standards, etc.

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in athletics.

We agree that neither Franklin Academy, nor the school's staff shall in any way be held liable for any accident or injury in any way received on account of or while engaged in any athletic activity sponsored by Franklin Academy. We further agree that neither Franklin Academy nor any of the school's staff shall be responsible for the payment of any bills rendered for medical services as a result of such accidents or injuries.

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SPORTS SAFETY GUIDELINES
Liability Release for the 2021-2022 school year

Athlete's Name: _____
(please print)

I have received the Franklin Academy **Sports** Safety Guidelines. This information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the **athletics** program.

We agree that neither Franklin Academy, nor the staff of the school, shall in any way be held liable for any accident or injury in any way received on account of or while engaged in any athletic activity sponsored by Franklin Academy. We further agree that neither Franklin Academy nor any of the staff shall be responsible for the payment of any bills rendered for medical services as a result of such accidents or injuries.

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

(Return signed copy to be filed in athletic office)



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Middle School Athletic Program Parent Permission Form For 2021-2022

Name of Athlete _____

Grade _____ Birth date _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City/Zip _____

Eligibility Requirements- My son/daughter meets the following requirements:
(Check appropriate blanks):

- Age* The student must meet the age requirement for the school level.
- Residence* The student must reside with natural parent(s), parent of legal custody, or court appointed guardian.
- Academic* The student must have passed all of his/her classes the previous semester.
- Physical* The student must have written medical clearance form a licensed physician on file with the school (Sport Physical). **A new clearance form is required each school year.**
- Insurance* The student must have adequate medical insurance coverage for 2021-2022.
- Amateur* The student is an amateur in good standing.

Permission for Athletic Participation - I hereby request that my son/daughter be permitted to participate in:

Any sport listed below:

- Season #1: [8/30-10/22] Cross Country
- Season #2: [10/26 – 12/10] Girls Basketball
[11/29-1/28] Boys Basketball
- Season #3: [01/31 – 03/18] Girls Volleyball
- Season #4: [03/21 – 05/13] Track and Field

Insurance:

I understand that my son/daughter cannot participate in interscholastic athletics unless he/she is covered by a plan provided by the family.

Please check:

I have medical insurance coverage with _____ which covers middle school athletics.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the information provided on this form.

Student's signature

Date

Parent's signature

Date



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Student Emergency Information for 2021-2022

Student's Name _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

(1) Name _____ Work phone _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone: _____

(2) Name _____ Work phone _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone: _____

First Emergency Contact

(1) Name _____ Work phone _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone: _____

Second Emergency Contact

(1) Name _____ Work phone _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone: _____

Student is covered by _____ Insurance Company

Family physician: _____

Address _____ Phone _____

IF the above named parent/guardian or other emergency contacts cannot be reached at the time of an emergency and if immediate observation or treatment is urgent in the judgment of school authorities, do you authorize and direct the school authorities to take or send the child (properly accompanied) to the hospital or doctor most easily accessible?

Yes No

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

(Original on file in FRANKLIN ACADEMY Office)



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Student/Parent Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form

The Franklin Academy believes participation in athletics improves physical fitness, coordination, self-discipline, and gives students valuable opportunities to learn important social and life skills.

With this in mind it is important that we do as much as possible to create and maintain an enjoyable and safe environment. As a parent/guardian or student you play a vital role in protecting participants and helping them get the best from sport.

Player and parental education in this area is crucial which is the reason for the Concussion Management and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness pamphlet you received. Refer to it regularly.

This form must be signed annually by the parent/guardian and student prior to participation in Franklin Academy athletics. If you have questions regarding any of the information provided in the pamphlet, please contact the athletic director at your school.

I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE CONCUSSION RECOGNITION AND SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS PAMPHLETS.

Student Name (Signed)

Date

Student Name (Print)

Parent Name (Signed)

Date

Parent Name (Print)
