Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RULES

STUDENT NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **GRADE LEVEL: 9 10 11 12**

TAPPS SCHOOL: _____

This form must be signed by both the student and parent/guardian and be on file at the TAPPS member school prior to the student participating in any Inter-Scholastic contest.

According to the rules outlined in the TAPPS Constitution and By-Laws, by initial or check of the following, we attest that the above named student:

Student	Parent	
☐	☐	has not reached 19 years of age prior to September 1 of the current school year.
☐	☐	has not graduated from high school.
☐	☐	did not enroll in the NINTH GRADE more than 4 years ago.
☐	☐	did not enroll in the TENTH GRADE more than 3 years ago.
☐	☐	is a full time day student at the member school enrolled and attending at least four (4) courses on the member school campus.
☐	☐	has not represented a college in any contest.
☐	☐	is not in violation of the TAPPS Awards Rule – Section 103 of the TAPPS By-Laws.
☐	☐	is in compliance with the TAPPS academic eligibility rules as presented in the TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws and Contest Rules.
☐	☐	is living with parent(s).
☐	☐	is living in a TAPPS Approved Boarding School.
☐	☐	is living with a guardian and has applied for and received approval to participate in TAPPS Extracurricular Activities as outlined in Section 80 of the TAPPS By-Laws governing Citizen students or Section 102 of the TAPPS By-Laws governing International students.

☐	☐	did not transfer to the TAPPS member school from another high school for the current school year.
	or	
☐	☐	did transfer to the TAPPS member school for the current school year. In order to be eligible for VARSITY PARTICIPATION, the student must have transferred to the TAPPS member school prior to the deadlines posted on the TAPPS website.. By initial of the student and parent / guardian attest that the deadlines were met:
☐	☐	**FALL DEADLINE** Cross Country, Fall Soccer, Football, Volleyball
☐	☐	**WINTER DEADLINE** Basketball, Swim and Dive, Winter Soccer, Wrestling
☐	☐	**SPRING DEADLINE** Baseball, Golf, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field
☐	☐	is in compliance with the Transfer Rules as presented in Section 104 of the TAPPS By-laws.
☐	☐	has not "followed" any coach to the TAPPS member school as described in Section 104 of the TAPPS By-Laws.

☐	☐	is in compliance with Section 136 of the TAPPS By-Laws which governs off season activities during the school year. Student has not played for the coach of the TAPPS member school on a non-school team from the beginning of TAPPS activities in July until the last day of the current school year. This includes participation on FALL or Spring league games, individual and group instruction from a member of the staff at the TAPPS member school.
☐	☐	has been presented the information in TAPPS By-Laws Section 87 and is in compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to Recruitment, Targeting of Athletes, Inducement and the Tampering of student athletes.
☐	☐	and parent / guardian have been made aware of the information regarding CONCUSSIONS presented on the EDUCATION page of the TAPPS website.
☐	☐	and parent / guardian are aware of the rules governing CONCUSSION management as presented in Section 138 of the TAPPS By-Laws.
☐	☐	and parent / guardian have been made aware of the information regarding STEROID USE presented on the EDUCATION page of the TAPPS website.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Parent

☐ I hereby give my consent for the above named student to compete in TAPPS approved contests and travel with the director or other representative of the school on trips. Neither TAPPS nor the member school assumes any responsibility in the case of accident or injury.

☐ I hereby agree to be responsible for the safe return of all equipment owned by the school and issued to the above named student.

☐ I understand that even though protective equipment is worn by the student athlete where needed, the possibility of accidental injury remains. Neither TAPPS, TAPPS Representatives nor the TAPPS member school assumes responsibility should an accident occur.

☐ If, in the judgment of the school, the above named student requires immediate care and treatment as the result of injury or illness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, hospital or school representative; and do hereby indemnify and save harmless, TAPPS, TAPPS Staff, TAPPS Executive Board, TAPPS Executive Committees, TAPPS Representatives, the member school, and any school representative from any claim by any person whomsoever on account of such care and treatment of said student.

☐ I understand that I may film or video any game in which my son/daughter participates. but the film or video may not be viewed by the athletes, school representatives or coaches until such time as the contest is concluded. Any such video will not be used to review actions or officials' decisions.

☐ I understand that I cannot film or video any contest in which my son or daughter is not participating without the written permission of both schools involved in such contest. Violation of this policy may result in sanctions against the student athlete and school.

☐ I understand that if my son/daughter is ejected or removed from a contest that sanctions will be imposed. These sanctions include the following:

First Ejection: $50.00 fine assessed to the member school
Minimum one (1) game suspension

Second Ejection: Minimum $100.00 fine
Minimum two (2) game suspension

☐ I understand that if the ejection or removal from the contest occurs in a playoff contest, the minimum penalty will be as follows: $150.00 fine assessed to the school and a minimum one (1) game suspension to be served at the next playoff game or carried forward to the first contest the following year.

☐ I attest that my son / daughter will abide by all TAPPS rules as they are presented in the TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws and Contest Rules.

☐ I understand that if my son / daughter is not in compliance with all TAPPS rules as they are presented in the TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws and Contest Rules, my son / daughter, the school team and the TAPPS member school may be subject to sanctions and penalty.

☐ I understand in accordance with the TAPPS By-Laws that the burden of proof in establishing the eligibility of my son / daughter rests with me.

☐ In the event of an investigation I will provide all documentation requested and authorize the member school to release all documentation requested by TAPPS.

☐ I understand that a *Medical History Form* and *Physical Examination* must be completed each year prior to participation in practice or contests.

☐ I will report my son / daughter's injury and illness to the school.

☐ I will review and have my son / daughter review the following information on the TAPPS Education page found at www.tapps.net: ☐ **Fan Behavior – Parent** ☐ **Fan Behavior – Student**

I understand that the executive management, control and final authority of this association (TAPPS) rests with the TAPPS Executive Board.

We hereby attest that the information presented on this form is correct as indicated by initials or checkmarks beside each item. We understand that failure to provide accurate and truthful information could result in sanctions and penalties to the student, team and member school.

By signature below, we acknowledge that participation is voluntary and that the student and parents assume all risk of death, injury or personal loss to the participant. The undersigned promises to forever hold harmless the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), its officers, employees and those representing the interests of TAPPS against loss, damage or expense from any and all claims, demands or actions that may be brought against any or all of said parties because of accident or occurrences while said participant is en route to or from, or participating in a TAPPS sponsored contest.

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Student Signature / Date

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Parent / Guardian Signature / Date