PELHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT

2023-2024

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:

All Pelham High School student-athletes must maintain academic eligibility standards as determined by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association. In order to participate on a PHS sports team, student-athletes must be passing at least two thirds of their current classes at the time of an eligibility grade check. Grade checks will be conducted at the end of each quarter/semester. Fall sports eligibility will be determined by the student-athlete’s final grades from the previous semester.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE BEHAVIOR:

Pelham High School holds all of its student-athletes to a high standard regarding behavior on and off the playing field. Student-athletes are expected to represent themselves and their school in an exemplary manner at all times. Infractions to these expectations, in or out of school, will be handled accordingly.

* In School Suspensions: Will result in a one game/event suspension for each infraction. There will be no participation allowed on the day the suspension is being served.
* Out of School Suspensions:
* First offense will result in a two game suspension from the date of the infraction. The student-athlete will need to serve five hours of community service before returning to competition. Only the Athletic Director or School Administration can approve these hours.
* Second offense or more will result in removal from the student-athletes current team. Five hours of community service will be required for each suspension before the student-athlete can join any team in a future season.
* Any student-athlete involved in taking, dispersing or possessing drugs or tobacco products (RSA 179-10 and RSA 318:B) on or off of school property will be ineligible to participate in games/events for 90 days from the date of the infraction. The student-athlete may apply for reinstatement after 30 days if they have successfully completed their Action Plan developed by both PHS Administration and their School Counselor. Participation in team activities, like sports, can be a protective factor for substance abuse; it is highly recommended that the student-athlete continue to practice with their team once the school suspension is completed.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

School attendance is mandatory in order for a student-athlete to participate on that day. Friday attendance is mandatory in order for a student-athlete to participate throughout the weekend.  Students must be in school for more than half of their courses in order to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities that day. Excused absences will need to be cleared with the Athletic Director or Assistant Principal prior to the absence. (Please refer to the PHS Student Handbook if you have any questions)

SCHOOL TARDIES AND DISMISSALS:

Being tardy for school does not reflect well on a student-athlete. The first three tardies per season will not have a direct disciplinary consequence for a student-athlete. For every unexcused school tardy following their third, the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in athletics for that day. Excused tardies will be limited to medical appointments, family matters or academic related commitments. (Please refer to the PHS Student Handbook) The Athletic Director or PHS Administration will determine if the tardy is excused or not.

Dismissals will need to be excused in order for the student-athlete to be able to participate that afternoon or evening. These dismissals should be for medical appointments, academic commitments or family matters only.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

* Student-athletes will be respectful and courteous of opposing teams and officials.
* Student-athletes will refrain at all times from taunting, intimidating, fighting or using profanities or slurs towards the opposing team.
* Student-athletes will respect the integrity and judgment of game officials and accept their decisions with grace and without confrontation.
* Student-athletes will be modest when successful and gracious in defeat.
* Consequences for unsportsmanlike behavior will be handled on a case-by-case basis, by either the Athletic Director and/or the Coach. The PHS Athletic Department reserves the right to match all NHIAA suspensions.

STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT-ATHLETE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_