



PALM VALLEY FIREBIRDS

STUDENT ATHLETE & PARENT CONTRACT

Statement of Coaching Beliefs

Interscholastic Athletics supplement and support the academic mission of Palm Valley and assists students in their growth and development. Athletics supports and promotes the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, leadership, and commitment. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, respect of officials and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the game. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, commitment and sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship

The most important mission of the Interscholastic program at Palm Valley is teaching and reinforcing values relating to sportsmanship and competition. It is expected that Coaches, parents and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events. If a student athlete, parent or spectator is exhibiting any inappropriate behavior, the following will happen:

- Coach will ask that parent or spectator to leave, Administration will be notified
- Coach will ask the player to leave the game or team
- Administration may prohibit that parent or spectator to attend practice(s) or game(s)

Student athlete as Leaders

Participation in an interscholastic program is a **PRIVILEGE**, not a right. As leaders and as highly visible representatives of Palm Valley all student athletes have the obligation to represent themselves in an exemplary manner. Dishonesty, unsportsmanlike behavior, use of controlled substances, or behavior unbecoming a student athlete will not be tolerated. To be eligible for interscholastic competition, a student athlete must not fail more than one class, and have a grade point average of 2.0 or better for the most immediate grading period. The student athlete needs to complete all classwork, homework and tests missed during game days.

School Attendance

Team members will not be permitted to practice or participate in game(s) on a day when they are absent from school, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Athletic Director and coaching staff. A Student cannot participate in game(s) if they have had any unexcused absence or suspension from school.

Classroom Policy

Notice is given to Teachers regarding early dismissals for games. It is the Student/Athlete responsibility to pick up any classwork, homework or arrange a time to take any tests missed because of early dismissal.

Practice Policy

Hard work, focus and discipline are expected at all practices (The way you practice is the way you will play). Be on time (Being on time is late; being early is on time). Wear the appropriate athletic wear for your sport and gear. No jewelry of any kind is allowed. No profanity and dirty play will be tolerated at any time.

The Coach must be notified of any practices that may be missed or if the student athlete will be late in advance. No other student athlete is permitted to notify the Coach of any absences, only Parent or Student athletes are permitted to notify Coach. Regardless of the reason, missing team practice(s) will either put into question your commitment to the team and hinder your chances of remaining on the team, or will cut into your normal playing time. If you miss two consecutive days of practices during the course of the season, you will NOT dress for the next game.

15 Minute Rule

Student Athletes must be picked up 15 minutes after practice(s) or game(s) completion or upon arrival from the practice(s) or game(s) at the school campus. Parents please communicate in advance with the Coach if this is going to be a problem.

Uniforms

All Uniforms are school's property and will be assigned to student athletes on a loan basis for the duration of that sports season. It is the responsibility of the student/athlete to maintain the uniform they are given. Uniforms must be returned in the same condition they were given. All uniforms are to be turned in by the completion of their sport season. Student Athletes that do not return their 1st issued uniform may not be issued a uniform for another team and will be suspended from participating in that sport until the 1st issued uniform is returned.

Refund and Dismissal Policy

There will be no refunds given for any money paid for any reason, including but not limited to: quitting the team, transferring to another school, getting dismissed from the team and/or program due to violation of student athlete contract. If a player chooses to leave a team for any reason before the completion of the season, the player will be suspended from playing any other sport at Palm Valley for one calendar year.

Risks of Playing Sports

The coaching staff will make every effort in training the student athlete in preventing injury or harm. However, the student/athlete must understand that playing sports can cause injury.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT ATHLETE CONTRACT

The signature below indicates our complete understanding of the policies set forth by Palm Valley Coaching staff. Failure to follow and honor any of our team policies and guidelines could result in a variety of disciplinary actions which may include immediate removal from the Interscholastic Athletic Program.

Date: _____

Student/Athlete Printed Name:

Student/Athlete Signature:

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:
