

Putnam City High School Student Athlete's Contract

Between _____ and Putnam City H.S.
name of student

Purpose:

Participation in athletics is a **privilege**, not a right. The athlete must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of those, the athlete can in no way do justice to himself/herself or the school. The athlete must discipline him or herself to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve athletic excellence. The athletic department believes that tradition of winning is established and maintained upon these principles. In order for a determined course of action, for the pursuit of athletic achievement and the character training of young persons, the following "**Athletic Policies**" must be understood and agreed to between the school, the student athlete, and parents

Attendance:

All team members of each sport will attend all scheduled practices and meetings. No practices can be missed. If circumstances arise whereby the student athlete cannot attend a practice or meeting, the coach must be notified prior to the practice or meeting missed by personal contact, phone call, or written statement from parent or guardian. Any athlete who cuts practice, fails to appear for a game, fails to make a scheduled team or individual meeting, or **fails to attend school on game day** or practice days may not be allowed to suit up for any game or games for a period of time to be determined by the coach and athletic director. Excessive absence from team practices, games, or meetings may be cause for removal from the team and fourth block competitive athletics. All athletes are required to attend class regularly. Athletes delinquent in class attendance are subject to disciplinary action. Student athletes receiving out of school suspension are automatically suspended from team participation in any form and will remain so until the head coach and the athletic director review his or her case. The student athlete could be dismissed from the team and removed from fourth block athletics.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for athletics, the student athlete must be in compliance with the Putnam City School District policies concerning correct and legal enrollment and the rules of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. Each student athlete is subject to weekly eligibility that demands that he or she is passing in **all** classes. The student athlete is allowed a grace period for one week (probation) if he or she is failing. However, no student athlete can be on probation for two consecutive weeks. Each eligibility check applies to the next week (Monday – Sunday) of competition.

Sport Changes:

It is recommended that all athletes participate in as many sports as they are capable. Once an athlete begins the in-season training period of a sport, he or she should not quit while that sport is in season. Any athlete who quits a sport to participate in another sport shall be subject to being withheld from participation, including practice, until the season of the sport dropped by the athlete is over. It shall be the prerogative of the coach of the in-season sport to release the athlete to another sport. No student athlete can participate in another sport until he or she has been cleared from the previous sport by obtaining a written release. When an athlete is released, that athlete shall be free to try out for the sport of his or her choice. The head coach of that sport shall have the right to determine if an athlete is skillful enough to remain on the squad.

Jobs: The athlete shall not obligate him or her to a job that in any way interferes with practice time or regular competition time.