

INFORMED CONSENT [AND WAIVER]

We, _____ [PARENTS AND STUDENT NAMES], understand that the Student has the opportunity to participate in Winter Sports. We understand that Winter Sports will take place [both on and off] District grounds and will be provided consistent with current applicable health and safety guidance from federal, state, and local authorities.

We understand that the choice to have the Student participate in Winter Sports is voluntary. Before the Student will be permitted to participate in Winter Sports, the District requires that we read the information in this Notice (including the information contained in the websites cited herein) and sign below to ensure that we are informed of and understand the risks related to COVID-19 associated with participating in Winter Sports.

In signing below, the Parents attest that we are the parent/guardian of the above-named Student, and the Parents and Student attest that we have read the Notice and the websites cited herein and understand the risks related to COVID-19 associated with participating in Winter Sports. We further understand that there are cardiovascular and other health and safety risks associated with returning to athletic activities after COVID-19 infection. We also acknowledge that the health and safety risks posed by COVID-19 cannot be completely eliminated, despite the implementation of reasonable and age-appropriate precautions and protocols.

We further understand that because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk of transmission inherent in [SPORT], DPH and NFHS have categorized [SPORT] as a “[RISK CATEGORY]” sport. We further understand that there may be risks to the Student associated with adhering to certain mitigation strategies recommended and/or required by DPH and required by the District, such as wearing a face covering mask that completely covers the nose and mouth, including during active play.

Finally, given the unknown nature of COVID-19, we understand that it is not possible to list each and every specific risk associated with COVID-19 and that neither the District nor public health officials can guarantee that any student participating in Winter Sports or other in-person activities will not come into contact with someone infected by COVID-19 and/or contract such illness. By opting to allow the Student to participate in Winter Sports, we agree that the Parents and the Student will abide by any such health and safety protocols that the District may require, such as requiring students to wear face covering masks that completely cover the nose and mouth (including during active play) and adhering to any quarantine periods required by the District.

We understand that promoting public health is a shared responsibility and that every member of the District community must do his/her part to minimize risks. In consideration for being allowed to participate in Winter Sports, we fully ASSUME ALL RISKS, inherent and otherwise, whether or not described above, in connection with the Student’s participation in Winter Sports,

[OPTIONAL WAIVER LANGUAGE: and waive the right to initiate and/or pursue in any manner any and all lawsuits and any other claims in any forum against the Board, its board members, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and/or the District, and assigns (the "Released Parties") for any injury or harm connected to the Student's participation in Winter Sports. These agreements of assumption of risks and waiver do NOT apply if (1) the liability, damage, loss or injury is CAUSED SOLELY BY THE NEGLIGENCE of the Released Parties and do not include the negligence or any other act or omission by any other person or entity (such as the Student, the Parents, other student athletes, other third parties or independent vendors/contractors); or (2) the liability, damage, loss or injury is CAUSED BY THE RECKLESS, WANTON or INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT of a Released Party.] These agreements of assumption of risks [and waiver] will be construed in accordance with Connecticut law.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE NOTICE ABOVE (INCLUDING THE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND THE OPERATION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC) AND CONSENT TO THE STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN WINTER SPORTS DURING THE 2020-2021 WINTER SEASON.

Parent/Legal Guardian signature

Date

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Date

Student Signature

Date
