

Burton Middle School



Student-Parent Athletic Contract

Introduction:

This contract is prepared as a guideline to inform parents/guardians and athletes of various aspects of Burton Middle School's athletic program. Although an attempt has been made to cover every aspect of the program, **some circumstances may arise that will warrant decisions and policy be implemented as they arise.** The guidelines in this contract specifically state the guidelines and expectations for Burton Middle School and CIF (California Interscholastic Federation).

Expectations:

Participation in Burton Middle School athletics is a **PRIVILEGE** that provides opportunities, recognition, and responsibilities. Student-athletes are expected to behave and perform at a high level of sportsmanship and fair play. Student-athletes are representing Burton Middle School while attending class, participating in the sporting contest and being a member of a community.

Student-athletes must have the following information on file in the office prior to participating in practice for any sport:

- Student Parent/Athlete Contract
- Athletic and Activity/Club Registration Form
- CIF Concussion Information Sheet Signed
- Keep their Heart in the Game form Signed

Academics:

All students must maintain a 2.0 GPA with **no grade below a D.**

- Students who are failing are expected to attend tutoring or meet with teachers in order to raise grade. Student-athlete is expected to attend all practices, or check-in with the coach prior to attending tutoring and/or working with the teacher.
- A student-athlete who is failing will not be permitted to participate in contests or travel to away contests.
- Any athlete who is ineligible due to grades for **two consecutive weeks** may be dismissed from the team.

- All student/athletes will participate in study hall with their coach once per week for at least 30 minutes at the beginning of practice.

Injury:

Students who are unable to participate in Physical Education because of injury or illness will also not be eligible to practice or play in games with the team. If a student brings a Doctors note they will need to be cleared before they are able to participate in practice or play in games. Any student who is unable to practice or play because of injury is still expected to be at every practice and/or game.

Attendance:

- All day attendance in school is required for athletes to participate in practice or athletic contest
- Athletes may not suit or travel with the team if he/she misses any part of game day, with the exception of pre arranged absences, such as a scheduled doctor appointments and provide doctor's note.
- Unexcused absences:
 - o Failure to notify school and/or coach prior to absence
 - o School disciplinary action (ISS, suspension, detention, etc.)
- Athlete will not participate or travel to next contest after unexcused absence
- After the second unexcused absence, a meeting will be held with the athlete, coach and athletic director to determine the future of athlete on the team

Behavior:

- Student-athletes will adhere to all school district policies
- Good sportsmanship and citizenship will be expected of athletes at all times including at home, in school, at practices, and home/away games. Any disrespect towards an adult or other athlete or violation of behavioral expectations may result in disciplinary action
- An athlete may be dismissed from a practice if failing to adhere to team or school expectations.
 - o A meeting will be held with the coach on the day following the dismissal
 - o in the event an athlete is dismissed from two practices, a meeting will be held with the athlete to determine future participation of the athlete
- Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, fighting or any other violations are subject to Burton Middle School disciplinary action and may result in immediate dismissal from the team.
- No abusive language or behavior will be tolerated at any time from athletes.
- All athletes will sit together and support one another at all games.

Quitting a team:

Students wishing to be released from a sport during the season after games have started must arrange for a meeting with the coach and the athletic director and express their reasons for wanting to leave the team. Student must contact the coach or athletic director to set up the meeting. Students will not be eligible to participate in another sport until released from team. Students who quit a sport will not be allowed to participate in another sport during that same season unless approved by the athletic director. Equipment must be checked in to coach immediately upon leaving team.

Team Selection:

Athletes will be evaluated to determine the level of play in which each will participate. Coaches will expect athletes to perform at his/her highest level in the areas of performance, attitude, and competitiveness. The beginning of each season will serve as a tryout period

in which the athlete will be rated on performance. The coach may excuse any absence during the tryout period prior to the practice. The coach will notify each athlete as to the level in which he/she will participate. **There will be no guarantee as to the amount of playing time for any athlete.**

Burton Middle School Athlete-Parent Contract

Athlete Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

We (athlete and parent/guardian) have read, understand and agree to abide by the guidelines set forth in the Burton Middle School Athletic Contract. We also understand that participating in athletics is a privilege and a responsibility. It is a privilege to develop various athletic skills and a responsibility to represent our school and community with our best sportsmanship and appearance. We will accept responsibility to contribute in making this a successful year with Burton Middle School athletics.

We agree to:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
- Be a positive representative of our school
- Be gracious in winning and losing
- Not use vulgar and abusive language in games, at school, or in the community
- Not criticize game officials
- Not be in possession of any illegal substance or non approved substances.

If we have any questions regarding items in the contract, we will contact the coach and/or athletic director. If situations should arise during the season, we will follow the appropriate methods to handle each situation as it arises.

Student-Athlete Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

****This form must be signed and on file for student-athletes to participate.**