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ATHLETIC HANDBOOK PREAMBLE

The Athletic Handbook is a reference guide to the operation, procedures, expectations, and rules of the Manchester Local School District Athletic Program for student-athletes, parents, and coaches. Manchester student-athletes are expected to adhere to the regulations and policies set forth in this handbook at all times, **both during school hours and after school hours.** Participation in Manchester athletics is a privilege and not a right.

THE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT IS IN EFFECT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS PER WEEK, 365 DAYS PER YEAR.

I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Participation in athletics is a privilege and can be one of the most memorable parts of a student's school career. It can have lasting effects that impact the course of their life. As a student-athlete, a child is expected to seriously accept the responsibility and privilege of representing the school and community while participating in interscholastic athletics. School and athletic department personnel expect athletes to treat opponents with respect; respect the judgment of contest officials; abide by contest rules; display no behavior that can incite fans or other participants in the contest or which is intended, ridicule, or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin; cooperate with officials, coaches, school officials, and other participants to ensure a fair contest; and conduct themselves in a manner which positively represents the Manchester Local School District.

In order for a student's participation in interscholastic athletics to be successful, it requires dedication, self-discipline, and a willingness to work toward team goals. It is important to strive for academic excellence while maintaining a rigorous physical program. Participation on an athletic team is more than a decision; it is a commitment to represent family, school, community, and most importantly, yourself. Students must abide by all regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association as well as those established by the District.

II. ELIGIBILITY- (OHSAA)

Eligibility for participation is first established by the OHSAA, as well as policies established by the District.

- Athletes must maintain amateur status in order to be eligible.
- Do not compete with or against professional athletes.
- Do not accept prize money.
- Do not accept an award in a non-school sport and convert it to money.
- Do not accept an award or merchandise (engraving excluded) that is valued at more than $400.00.

Students participating in any athletic program may only compete in that school sport program during the sports season. Competition in any other non-interscholastic program

is not permitted. If a student-athlete joins an athletic team after the official season has begun, the student-athlete must complete a minimum of five (5) full team practice sessions under coach supervision before being eligible to participate in any game or contest.

Athletes in any Manchester Local District Program may not practice with a non-school team in that sport without prior consent from the athletic administrator.

THE 60% RULE: Athletes must maintain passing grades (60% or higher) in all courses. If any class grade falls below 60%, the student-athlete will be placed on **Academic Watch**, which requires spending the first hour of each practice on academic work for that subject. If the same course grade remains below 60% for two consecutive weekly grade checks, the student becomes ineligible for competition in the next week (until the grade is improved above 60%). A student may be on academic watch for one week in one subject and one week in another, and still be eligible to play, as long as it is not the same subject two weeks in a row.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Athletes are eligible to participate when all of the following items have been properly completed and submitted (forms are available from your coach and the Athletic Director):

1. Signed Insurance Waiver
2. Signed OHSAA pre-participation physical exam form
3. Signed Emergency Medical Form
4. Academic requirements have been satisfied (See Section II)
5. Signed Acknowledgement of Handbook
6. Signed Assumption of Risk, Release, and Waiver (Appendix __)
7. Signed Lindsay's Law Sheet (Appendix __)
8. Signed concussion information packet (Appendix __)

IV. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Equipment and uniforms will be issued by the school. At the completion of the season, these uniforms will be collected by the coach on a date and time designated by the coach. If the uniform is not returned on or by that date, students will be ineligible for participation in any other sport (tryouts, practices, or competitions) until all equipment and uniforms are returned, and grades may be withheld. Payment for lost or damaged equipment/uniforms will be required.

Uniforms are the property of the Athletic Department and are only to be worn by the participants during the activity. Uniforms are NOT to be worn around town or in school. **Exception**: Game jerseys may be worn on the day of the contest with the athletic director's approval and if the attire does not violate the school dress code. Uniforms are to be kept safely at home and kept under lock and key if brought to school.

V. PHYSICAL EXAMS

Physical exams are required prior to participation in tryouts, practices, games, and any participation in a sport. Athletes are also required to maintain health insurance, either through a family policy or the purchase of school insurance. These requirements are both issued by the OHSAA.

VI. TRANSPORTATION OF ATHLETIC TEAMS

All athletic teams will travel by bus or van provided by the Board of Education. Transportation of athletic teams should involve only those members identified as being part of the team, plus appropriate chaperones when deemed necessary. All students must ride the team bus to and from all events, unless prior arrangements have been made with the administration. If a student is not signed out by a parent/guardian and leaves an event without following the proper dismissal guidelines, the student-athlete could be subject to a one-game/contest suspension. Students are expected to ride the bus to and from all games. Exceptions may be made in extreme or extenuating cases. Students can only be signed out after a game/contest by a parent/guardian.

VII. COLLEGE RECRUITMENT

Any athlete who is fortunate enough to have colleges interested in their services is required to meet with the athletic administrator prior to student-initiated contact with the college. This is to safeguard against possible violations of OHSAA regulations.

VIII. PARKING

Parking in the rear of the building has been reserved for officials and school personnel due to the limited amount of space and emergency precautions. Students are to park in the designated student parking lot at games and at other times as directed by coaches. Parents need to make arrangements to have students picked up promptly after games, practices, and other events. Students should be picked up in front of the building.

IX. AWARDS

The District will have an awards ceremony to recognize those students who have participated in any athletic program. In order to receive awards, students are required to attend the ceremony unless prior approval is obtained from an administrator.

X. ETHICS

A. Ethics is the discipline of dealing with what is good or bad. Ethics deals with moral duty and obligation.

B. Ethical behavior is being honest, truthful, and doing the right thing even at the expense of self-interest.

C. People who practice ethical behavior realize that it is hard work and commitment that are the sources of excellence, regardless of the endeavor.

D. A person who behaves ethically calls upon every participant to treat others with the respect he or she would want from them.

XI. QUITTING PARTICIPATION

Dropping from an athletic team without the coach's/administrator's approval results in a player being ineligible for participation in all other sports for that sport season. When a student athlete quits a team before the conclusion of the season, the student athlete must obtain written permission from that coach before rejoining the sport in which they quit. The goal of this process is to make sure that the student athlete, parents, and coach have the opportunity to discuss team expectations before the student athlete or the coach makes a formal commitment to rejoin the team.

XII. CONDUCT, CHARACTER, AND DISCIPLINE

A. SCOPE

Student athletes are representatives of Manchester Local Schools, and they are ambassadors of the District's athletic culture. All student-athletes shall conduct themselves with dignity and integrity at all times. Athletes are expected to help promote and maintain a safe and inclusive environment by not engaging in, promoting, or perpetuating harassment, bullying, or other inappropriate behaviors through physical, digital, verbal, written, or electronic means. Any behavior that could dishonor the student athlete, the team, the District, or the community will not be tolerated. Violations may also include any violation of the Student Code of Conduct and/or any violation of the team rules established by a coach.

A student is designated an athlete upon participation in their very first practice of a school-sponsored athletic team at the Junior High or High School level. All students associated with the team are subject to the requirements of this Handbook. Student athletes are representatives of Manchester Schools. They are ambassadors of the District's athletic culture and shall conduct themselves with dignity and integrity at all times. Athletes are expected to help promote and maintain a safe and inclusive environment by not engaging in, promoting, or perpetuating harassment, bullying, or other inappropriate behaviors through physical, digital, verbal, written, or electronic means. Any behavior that could dishonor the student athlete, the team, the District, or the community will not be tolerated. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, cheating, dishonesty, harassment, sexual misconduct, intentional intimidation or bullying, hazing, theft, vandalism, unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect, and/or violations that occur in the public domain or may have pending legal action. Violations also include any violation of the Student Code of Conduct and/or any violation of the team rules established by a coach.

B. TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Due to the physical and emotional demands of interscholastic athletics upon high school-age students, all head coaches are authorized to enforce team rules and regulations pertaining to discipline and conduct in connection with the particular squad members they are supervising. These are team-specific expectations, practices, and procedures, in addition to and supplemental to the requirements and expectations set forth in this Handbook. Team rules and regulations should be communicated clearly by the coach through instruction or as evidenced by routine practice.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Bullying – Bullying is an intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another individual or group of individuals, more than once, and the behavior causes either mental or physical harm to the other individual or group and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment for the individual or group. Bullying also includes behavior described in Board policy 5517.01

2. Harassment – is an intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another individual or group of individuals that is meant to harm, ridicule, offend, intimidate, or otherwise disturb or upset the individual or group. Harassment also includes behavior described in Board policy 5517.01

3. Hazing –Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any class, team, informal association, or organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any class, team, informal association, or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy. Recklessness for purposes of this Handbook means conscious disregard of a known risk. An example would be that a student athlete knows or should reasonably know that the behavior he or she is engaging in could be defined as hazing, but does so anyway.

4. Tobacco - any product made or derived from tobacco or containing any form of nicotine, if it is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked or vaped, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means including but not limited to: any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, alternative nicotine products, electronic smoking devices, vapor products, any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form.

5. Drugs – Any illegal drug. Additionally, any legal or controlled substance or over-the-counter medication is not being used for its prescribed or intended medical purpose. This includes any substance that is directly or indirectly represented to be a drug.

6. Paraphernalia – Any item, device, or tool that can be utilized for possessing, concealing, using, or administering any tobacco, drug, or alcohol, regardless of whether that is the intended purpose of such item, device, or tool.

D. SPORTSMANSHIP

By promoting sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in extracurricular activities, work is being done to obtain the goals of building character among all participating individuals and developing a positive school climate. Athletes are to conduct themselves as positive role models by being good sports. A good sport knows that athletic competition builds character and shapes lifetime attitudes. Integrity, fairness, common decency, courtesy, and respect are inherent principles of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of the results. Any student-athlete who displays behavior that the coaches deem inappropriate and unsportsmanlike shall be disciplined.

Good Sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to:

1. Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances.

2. Respecting the rules of the games, the officials who administer the rules, and their decisions.

3. Respecting visiting teams and school representatives as fellow students, and acknowledging those for striving to do their best while you seek your best at the same time.

4. Refraining from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, specifically taunting, trash talk, and other forms of intimidation before, during, and after games, as well as via social media.

5. Looking at athletic participation as a potentially beneficial learning experience, whether you win or lose.

6. Educating other students and fans to understand the rules of the game and the value of sportsmanship.

E. PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

The establishment of rules for proper conduct is essential to ensure that an athletic program is safe and successful for all participants. It also clarifies the expected behaviors that will positively reflect the student, their family, the community, and the District.

1. Sportsmanship violations. Failing to adhere to the sportsmanship expectations outlined in this Handbook.

2. Engaging in harassment, bullying, or hazing of any nature and under any circumstances. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing and/or bullying does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. This includes social media. Social media will be used only in a positive manner. Inappropriate comments/postings are a reflection on the District and will not be tolerated.

3. Fighting and/or assault.

4. Sexual harassment, sexual acts at school, school events, or in public.

5. Sexual assault, or other sex-related crimes.

6. Absenteeism. Students must be in attendance for all practices and games. A student will not be tardy or absent for practices or games unless excused by the coach. The same criteria for excusing tardiness or absence from school will be in effect. If the absences become a detriment to the team, the coach has the discretion to remove the athlete from the team. Students must be present for a minimum of four periods to be eligible for contests, practices, etc., unless prior approval is obtained from administration in extreme circumstances.

7. Personal Appearance/Freedom of Expression. All athletes should maintain a team-appropriate appearance as directed by coaches and consistent with the school dress code and OHSAA safety rules (e.g., no jewelry during play). If an aspect of personal appearance significantly detracts from the team's positive image or safety (for example, unsafe jewelry during contests, or attire violating the school dress code), the student may be required to change or may be temporarily withheld from participation until the issue is corrected. Uniforms will be worn in accordance with OHSAA guidelines. Piercings and/or jewelry anywhere on the body must not be worn during any athletic participation, including practices, contests, and travel to and from athletic contests. Boys' facial hair must be neatly trimmed. This includes beards, mustaches, goatees, etc. All tattoos must be covered during contests.

8. Student Code of Conduct Violations. In addition to the conduct expectations set forth in this Handbook, student-athletes shall not commit any violations of the code of conduct in effect in their respective school building.

9. Suspension or expulsion from school.

10. Retaliation. No student shall retaliate against any other person for reporting violations of this Handbook or participating in investigations of the same.

11. Violation of team rules.

12. Sale, purchase, possession, use, concealment, transfer, delivery, or being under the influence of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol, look-alikes, or paraphernalia related to the same.

13. Presence and Proximity of the Illegal Use of Alcohol, Drugs, or Tobacco. In the event a student athlete is in the presence and proximity of others illegally using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, they must remove themselves from the environment as quickly and as close to immediately as possible. If the student is not able to provide their own immediate safe transportation to exit the situation, there will be a 20-minute grace period extended for students to quickly secure a safe exit, including transportation away from the situation. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to document their evidence of effort to exit the situation as quickly as possible. Evidence of effort is clear evidence of an honest effort to exit the unsafe situation. One example of this evidence may be documentation of a time-stamped phone call home to a parent/guardian to secure a safe ride. If the student athlete is unable to secure a safe exit plan within the 20-minute grace period, then the student-athlete must have clear and compelling evidence supporting why the 20-minute standard was not met. They are also responsible for providing clear and compelling evidence that appropriate measures were being made to remove themselves from the environment. This evidence of effort must clearly demonstrate that the student athlete was making an honest effort to honor the 20-minute standard to remove themselves once they were aware of the illegal activity. The main goal of this provision is that student-athletes are owning the moment by doing the right thing, especially when it is hard.

    Example of evidence of effort: One example of evidence of effort could be a time-stamped text thread between the student-athlete and a parent/guardian clearly identifying the need to exit the situation to avoid unsafe behavior in the spirit of honoring the Handbook and the expectation for all student athletes. This is only one example of what it may look like to demonstrate the evidence of effort to leave the environment as quickly as possible. Such environments include, but are not limited to, house parties, personal vehicles, small and large group gatherings, etc.

14. Criminal Acts. Being arrested for or charged with any criminal act.

15. Traffic citations. Receiving more than one traffic citation during a season.

16. Cheating, lying, or dishonesty

17. Theft

18. Vulgarity

19. Disrespect to coaches, staff, parents, or volunteers, including those from an opposing team.

20. Curfew violations

F. CONSEQUENCES.

Students engaging in any type of conduct listed above shall be subject to disciplinary action. Except as otherwise provided below, coaches will determine the appropriate level of discipline for violations, taking into consideration the nature and severity of the violation, the history of the student-athlete with regard to sportsmanship and discipline, as well as the overall context. Discipline that may be imposed by coaches includes, but is not limited to, playing time restrictions, training and practice access restrictions, physical exercise, requiring acts of service, or letters to be written, suspensions, and removal.

Suspensions of a partial or full season apply beginning in the current athletic season if the student is participating in a sport at the time of the infraction, or to the next full athletic season in which the student participates if he or she is not currently in a school sport. If a student is currently involved in a sport that is more than 50% through the regular season contests at the time a full-season suspension is imposed, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current season, as well as half of the next season the student participates in a sport. Calculation of the duration of a partial-season suspension is based on the full season of regular athletic contests. All calculations are rounded up to the next whole number. For example, a 25% suspension for an athlete in a 10-game regular season results in a 3-game suspension. If fewer contests remain in the regular season than are to be imposed for the suspension, the suspension will be carried over into the postseason and/or next athletic season in which the student participates.

1. Sportsmanship violations.

Any student ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the next two contests. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in any way, including traveling to, during, or traveling after the contest.

A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular-season tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Tournament Regulations. In accordance with OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

All other sportsmanship violations shall be handled by the coach.

2. Engaging in harassment, bullying, or hazing of any nature and under any circumstances.

This will result in loss of playing time and possible dismissal from the team.

3. Absenteeism.

Students must be in attendance for all practices and games. A student will not be tardy or absent for practices or games unless excused by the coach. The same criteria for excusing tardiness or absence from school will be in effect. If the absences become a detriment to the team or the student's performance, the coach has the discretion to remove the athlete from the team.

4. Personal Appearance/Freedom of Expression.

Any student detracting from the positive image of their school or their squad due to his/her appearance will be denied participation until such time as the condition or problem has been corrected to the satisfaction of the coach and the administration.

5. Suspension or expulsion from school.

A student serving an out-of-school suspension or an expulsion is considered not to be in attendance as required. Therefore, any student under such school discipline is suspended from all athletic participation (contests and practices) for the duration of the suspension or expulsion.

6. Sale, purchase, possession, use, concealment, transfer, delivery, or being under the influence of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol, look-alikes, or paraphernalia related to the same.

a. Use or possession of tobacco products:

1st offense: Student and Parent or Guardian will have a conference with A.D. and Coach to discuss possible future infractions and tobacco prevention. The student will be assigned In-School Suspension and complete the I.N.D.E.P.T.H. program.

2nd offense: Suspension from ten percent (10%) of athletic contests*
The student may continue to practice with a team and sit with a team during contests. The student may not wear a team uniform during this denial of participation.

3rd offense: Suspension of all athletic participation for the remainder of the sport season.

b. Use or possession of alcohol, drugs, and/or drug paraphernalia:

1st offense: The parent/guardian/custodian of the student will be made aware of community resources available to assist in the cessation of use of the substance or substances. Suspension from twenty-five percent (25%) of athletic contests.* The student may continue to practice with a team and sit with a team during contests. The student may not wear a team uniform during this denial of participation.

2nd offense: The parent/guardian/custodian of the student will be made aware of community resources available to assist in the cessation of use of the substance. In addition, the student is denied participation in extracurricular activities for one calendar year. The calendar year begins from the date of notification of the violation.

3rd offense: The parent/guardian/custodian of the student will be made aware of community resources available to assist in the cessation of use of the substance or substances. In addition, the student will be immediately denied participation in extracurricular activities for two (2) calendar years from the date of notification of the violation. To be reinstated after this two (2)-year denial of participation, the parent/guardian/custodian must present to the High School principal evidence of a negative comprehensive drug screen conducted no more than two (2) weeks prior to the conclusion of the period of denial of participation. This drug screen must be obtained at the expense of the parent/guardian/custodian.

4th offense: The parent/guardian/custodian of the student will be made aware of community resources available to assist in the cessation of use of the substance or substances. In addition, the student will be immediately and permanently excluded from participation in extracurricular activities from the date of notification of the violation.

Violations for alcohol, drugs, and/or drug paraphernalia are accumulative throughout the student's secondary school career.

*Not to include scrimmages, previews, or benefit games.

7. Criminal Acts. Being arrested for or charged with any criminal act will result in suspension for the duration of any arrest and any period during which charges are still pending (including through a trial). Should any consequence be imposed (including probation, plea to lesser charges, offender registry, etc.), the athlete's suspension shall continue through the duration of the consequence.

8. Dropping from an athletic team without the coach's/administrator's permission results in a player being ineligible for participation in all other sports for that sport season.

G. DUE PROCESS

A. General

1. All students shall receive due process prior to any disciplinary consequence being imposed. This consists of an informal discussion between the coach and the student during which the coach will discuss the allegations against the student and allow the student an opportunity to respond to the allegations. These athletic discipline procedures are separate from and in addition to any school disciplinary consequences under the Student Code of Conduct, which carry their own due process

B. Appeals

1. Any student who is suspended from competition for one or more games or who is subject to removal from a team may request an appeal of their discipline.

2. Students desiring to appeal shall make a request in writing, via email, to the High School Head Principal. The writing shall state that the student wishes to appeal the athletic discipline that was imposed.

3. The High School Head Principal shall hold an appeal hearing within five school days of the receipt of the request for an appeal. The appeal hearing shall consist of an informal meeting at which the student and the student's parent/guardian will be invited. There, the student and the student's parent or guardian will have the opportunity to address the allegations and evidence that formed the basis of the discipline and to express why the discipline that was imposed should be modified or overturned.

4. Within five school days of concluding the hearing, the High School Head Principal will consider the evidence of the matter, the decision below, and the statements made at the appeal hearing and make a determination to uphold, modify, or overturn the discipline imposed. Through modification, the High School Head Principal has the power to increase or decrease the level of discipline imposed.

5. The decision of the High School Head Principal on appeal is final.

Send complete forms to the Principal immediately

MANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION CONTRACT

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Manchester Local School District Athletic policies and rules. I agree to abide by these policies as a condition for participation in extra-curricular athletic activities and understand the possible consequences of a rule infraction.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Manchester Local School District Athletic Policies and Rules. I agree that my child will abide by these rules as a condition for participation in interscholastic athletics, and I will support him or her in the decision to participate on a team. I understand the consequences for rule infractions.

Parent/Guardian/Custodian Name:_____

Parent/Guardian/Custodian Signature:_____

Date: _____

OHSAA LINKS

Student Athletic Eligibility

https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/EligibilityGuidelinesGuidanceCounselors.pdf

Guidelines for Amateur Student Athletes

https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/4-10GuidanceAmateur.pdf

APPENDIX A
RELEASE OF LIABILITY/INFORMED CONSENT/ASSUMPTION OF RISK WAIVER

_____ (minor's name) wishes to participate in all school-sponsored athletic programs, practices, contests, events, and related activities (the "Activity") conducted by or on behalf of the Manchester Local School District Board of Education, which includes its members, officers, employees, volunteers, coaches, and agents associated with the Activity (the "District").

I am fully aware that there are special dangers and risks associated with participation in this activity, including, but not limited to, the potential for falls, slips, sprains, broken bones, extreme physical contact, or outbursts of rage by other players, coaches, or referees. In extremely rare cases, paralysis or even sudden death can occur as a result of participation in this activity. Serious injury may also occur as a result of certain playing conditions, such as potholes and standing water on the field or court, along with adverse weather conditions inherent to competitive athletic activities.

The Activity sponsors and all others involved in this Activity have pledged to use every reasonable precaution to minimize the risk of injury to participants. Being fully informed of these risks and in consideration of being allowed to participate in this activity on the premises of the District, I hereby assume all risk of injury, damage, and liability arising from participation. I represent that I am in good health and am capable of meeting the physical requirements for this Activity.

I agree to follow all safety rules and instructions and to properly wear the required safety equipment. I will inform the organizer of the Activity of any conduct or condition of which I am or become aware that might endanger myself or others.

In consideration of being able to participate in the Activity, I hereby release, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue the District, its members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents associated with the Activity and related activities from any liability, actions, causes of action, claims, judgment cost, or expense, known or unknown at this time, arising out of or in any way related to any injury or illness which may occur during present or future participation in the Activity, unless due to the reckless, wanton, willful or intentional acts by the foregoing which cause harm.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents associated with the Activity against claims made by me, by others on my behalf, arising out of any injury incurred through participation in the Activity, including any and all costs such as attorney fees, expenses, and investigative, expert, and litigation costs.

I have read this Release of Liability/Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk Waiver agreement. I fully understand this agreement and that I have given up substantial legal rights by signing it, including the right to financial recovery for injury, whether the injury results from the inherent risks of the Activity or from the negligence of the District. I sign it freely and voluntarily.

Minor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Your Name Here: _____ Grade: _____

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY/INFORMED CONSENT/ASSUMPTION OF RISK WAIVER

I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of _____, a minor who wishes to participate in all school-sponsored athletic programs, practices, contests, events, and related activities (the "Activity") conducted by or on behalf of the Manchester Local School District Board of Education, which includes the Board of Education, its members, officers, employees, volunteers, coaches, and agents associated with the Activity (the "District").

I have read and understand this Release of Liability/Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk Waiver agreement. I certify that I have explained the risks and dangers to my child. I certify that I have completed, signed, and returned an Emergency Medical Authorization form consenting to emergency medical treatment for my child. I certify that my child has the physical and mental fitness required to participate in the Activity.

I am fully aware that there are special dangers and risks associated with participation in this activity, including, but not limited to, the potential for falls, slips, sprains, broken bones, extreme physical contact, or outbursts of rage by other players, coaches, or referees. In extremely rare cases, paralysis or even sudden death can occur as a result of participation in this activity. Serious injury may also occur as a result of certain playing conditions, such as potholes and standing water on the playing surface, along with adverse weather and conditions inherent to athletic competition. I have voluntarily chosen to allow my child to participate and assume all such dangers and risks. I request that my child be permitted to participate in the Activity.

In consideration of my child being able to participate in the Activity, I hereby release, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue the District, its members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents associated with the Activity and related activities from any liability, actions, causes of action, claims, judgment cost or expense, known or unknown at this time, arising out of or in any way related to any injury or illness incurred by my child which may occur during present or future participation in the Activity, unless due to the reckless, wanton, willful or intentional acts by the foregoing which cause harm.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents associated with the Activity against claims made by me, by others on my behalf, arising out of any injury incurred through my child's participation in the Activity, including any and all costs such as attorney fees, expenses, and investigative, expert, and litigation costs.

I have read this Release of Liability/Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk Waiver agreement. I fully understand this agreement and that I have given up substantial legal rights by signing it, including the right to financial recovery for injury, whether the injury results from the inherent risks of the Activity or from the negligence of the District. I sign it freely and voluntarily.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Your Name Here: _____

Is this student covered by a medical insurance policy? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes,
Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

APPENDIX B
SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST INFORMATION
"LINDSAY'S LAW" ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM
R.C. 3313.5310(C)

School Year	School Building	Athletic Activity / Sport

Student Name	Date of Birth	Grade	Student ID

Parent/Guardian	Relationship	Phone	Email

Required Acknowledgment

By signing below, the student and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student state that they have received and reviewed a copy of the sudden cardiac arrest information jointly developed by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and posted on their respective websites, as required by R.C. 3707.59. The undersigned understands that, under R.C. 3313.5310(C), the student may not participate in an athletic activity until this completed form is submitted to the designated school official, and that a completed form must be submitted each school year in which the student participates in an athletic activity.

Participation Screening

Question	Response
Has the student's biological parent, biological sibling, or biological child previously experienced sudden cardiac arrest? If yes, physician clearance is required before participation under R.C. 3313.5310(E).	☐ No ☐ Yes
Is the student known to have exhibited syncope or fainting at any time prior to or following an athletic activity? If yes, written clearance is required before participation or return under R.C. 3313.5310(E).	☐ No ☐ Yes

Student Signature	Printed Name	Date

Parent/Guardian Signature	Printed Name	Relationship	Date

For School Use Only

Designated School Official	Title	Date Received	Complete?
			☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes: