



ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM

(PRINT CLEARLY)

For school year _____

(To be filled in and signed by the student)

Male _____ Female _____

Name _____ Student ID# _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

Home Address of Parents _____

City/Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

This my _____ semester in _____ High School, and my _____ semester since first entering the 9th grade. Last semester I attended _____ School and passed _____ credit subjects, and I am taking _____ credit subjects this semester. I have read the condensed individual eligibility rules of the Virginia High School League that appear below and believe I am eligible to represent my present high school in athletics.

INDIVIDUALIZED ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible to represent your school in any VHSL interscholastic athletic contest, you:

- **Age Rule** - Must not have reached the age of 19 on or before the first day of August of the school year in which he/she wishes to compete.
- **Bona Fide Student Rule** - Must be a regular bona fide student in good standing of the school you represent.
- **Grade Rule** - Must be enrolled in the last four years of high school. (Eighth-grade students may be eligible for junior varsity)
- **Enrollment Rule** - Must have enrolled not later than the fifteenth day of the current semester.
- **Scholarship Rule** - (a) For the first semester must be currently enrolled in not fewer than five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation and have passed five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation the immediately preceding year or the immediately preceding semester for schools that certify credits on a semester basis. (Check with your athletic director for equivalent requirements). and (b) For the second semester must be currently enrolled in not fewer than five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation and have passed five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation the immediately preceding semester. (Check with your athletic director for equivalent requirements). **May not repeat courses for eligibility purposes for which credit has been previously awarded.**
- **Semester Rule** - Must not, after entering ninth grade for the first time, have been enrolled in or been eligible for enrollment in high school more than eight consecutive semesters.
- **Transfer Rule** - Must sit out all VHSL competition for 365 consecutive calendar days following a school transfer unless the transfer corresponded with a family move. (Check with your athletic director for exceptions.)
- Must have submitted to your athletic director before any kind of participation, including tryouts or practice as a member of any school athletic or cheerleading team, an Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physical Examination Form, completely filled in and properly signed attesting that you have been examined during this school year and found to be physically fit for competition and that your parents' consent to your participation.
- Must not be in violation of VHSL Amateur, Awards, All Star or College Team Rules. (Check with your athletic director for clarification about cheerleading.)

Eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics is a privilege you earn by meeting not only the above-listed minimum standards, but also all other standards set by your League, district and school. If you have any question regarding your eligibility or are in doubt about the effect an activity might have on your eligibility, **check with your athletic director for interpretations and exceptions provided under League rules.** Meeting the intent and spirit of League standards will prevent you, your team, school and community from being penalized. Additionally, I give my consent and approval for my picture and name to be printed in any high school or VHSL athletic program, publication or video.

LOCAL SCHOOL DIVISIONS AND VHSL DISTRICTS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STANDARDS TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

→Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR ONE YEAR.