

Zama American High School

Athletic Contract

School Year 2009-2010

I understand that this contract is a binding covenant between the Zama American High School coaching staff, as representatives of ZAHS, and me. The player and the sponsor must return the last page of this contract signed prior to participation in any sport at ZAHS.

Legal Requirements:

- I know that I must obtain and pass a current school year **physical examination** prior to trying out, competing in any game, or participating in any practices and provide this document to my coach, who will pass this on to the school nurse.
- I know that I must give an **original notarized medical power of attorney** to my coach, who will pass this on to the activities coordinator.

Code of Conduct Rules:

Any one of the following actions, committed during the season, when observed by, reported, and confirmed by a school employee or military official, will result in **dismissal** from the team.

- POSSESSION and/or USE of ANY tobacco product(s).
 - POSSESSION and/or USE of ANY alcoholic beverage(s).
 - Misuse or abuse of non-prescription drugs as determined by a medical personnel.
 - POSSESSION and/or use of illegal drugs.
 - Vandalism, shoplifting, and/or ANY criminal activity.
- In addition, discipline for the following behaviors will be handled on a case by case basis:
 - Sexual misconduct
 - Unauthorized absence from designated locations.
 - Presence at unauthorized or off-limit establishments.
 - Travel in non-approved vehicles.
 - Violation of all military regulations.
 - Violation of base-determined or coach-determined curfews.
 - Other negative behavior not specifically mentioned will be dealt with accordingly.
 - I understand that violation of any Code of Conduct Rules on away trips may result in my being sent home. If sent home, it will be AT THE SPONSOR'S EXPENSE and parents may be required to pick up the student at the event location.
 - **Far East Code of Conduct:** Students who attend Far East events but who violate the Far East Code of Conduct contract, resulting in early return from the event, cannot participate in any other Far East events for a calendar year.

Conduct Guidelines:

- I understand that wherever I go, I am a representative of ZAHS, and I will conduct myself as such.
- I understand and agree that if I am suspended from school for any reason, I will be disqualified from participation in any game or practice for the duration of the suspension, or until properly readmitted to school by an administrator. In addition to the suspension, severe consequences may be imposed (up to and including expulsion from the team).
- There will be no trash talk, foul language or insubordination on the field, in practice, or at any time during the season.

➤ **If a student breaks the athletic contract, the student and parents will be required to sign a**

Athletic Council:

It is the function of this Council to review appeals by students and parents if breaches of the Athletic Code of Conduct are recognized and to advise the principal on action to be taken.

Academic Standards:

- To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, students must maintain a minimum 2.00 Grade Point Average and receive no more than one failing grade. If a player is not making satisfactory academic progress, then s/he is ineligible from Wednesday morning until the following Wednesday morning. Ineligible students may attend practices but may not compete in any games or travel with the team until academic eligibility is restored.
- Students who are academically ineligible must participate in academic intervention (such as before-school and/or after-school tutoring).
- Students who are academically ineligible for three or more weeks may be dropped from the team after intervention assistance has occurred.

Team Rules:

- Each coach will establish his or her attendance policy and team rules and communicate the expectations to the players and parents.

Team Commitment:

- Students cannot switch sports mid-season. Only those not selected for a team may join another team.
- I understand that the “season” doesn’t end until I have returned home from the last scheduled competition and returned my uniform and equipment.

Earning a Letter:

The Varsity and Junior Varsity letters may be earned by students in grades 9-12 by participating in a minimum of 50% of the possible games, and meeting additional requirements of the coach.

Special consideration will be given if:

- an athlete is unable to finish the season due to an injury
- an athlete starts late due to an injury
- an athlete starts late due to a move
- other individual situations that are cleared by the coach.

NOTE: If any athlete is removed from the team for disciplinary action or academic reasons, or fails to finish the season, then that person forfeits all entitlements to a letter.

Please read the following information, sign below, and return this signed page to your coach. This contract will be kept on file with the Activities Coordinator.

I, _____, acknowledge that by signing this contract,
(print student name)

I understand the requirements for participating in school sports and will abide by all expectations required of me. Failure to sign this contract forfeits my chance to earn and keep a position on the team.

Both my sponsor and I understand that the coaching staff is doing their best for the players, and we will support their decisions for the team.

(Student Athlete's Signature)

(Date)

(Sponsor's Signature)

(Date)