



# TEAM CONSTITUTION

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## I. ORGANIZATION

- A. This Constitution has been written and adopted for the \_\_\_\_\_ (team name).  
The team and its Constitution are governed by \_\_\_\_\_ (school name) High School and the \_\_\_\_\_ (team name) members.
- B. Henceforth, the name of the organization shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (team name).
- C. The purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ (team name) is to:
  - 1. Create school spirit, pride and loyalty.
  - 2. Promote interest in school activities and perform at school games.
  - 3. Develop responsibility, teach self-respect, encourage honest effort, strive for perfection and develop character.
  - 4. Teach teamwork and pride in a quality performance through maintaining high standards.
- D. A Coach will be hired by the (district name) Board of Education upon recommendation of the Principal.
  - 1. The Coach will be responsible for the daily running and activities of the \_\_\_\_\_ (team name) team.
  - 2. The Coach will be responsible for administering all disciplinary procedures.
  - 3. The Coach, with the team leaders' approval, may place certain restrictions on team members.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Each member must maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ grade point average.
- B. Each member must submit a completed Application Form and Parental Consent/Medical Release Form BEFORE the annual tryouts take place.
  - 1. The form must be signed by the candidate.
  - 2. The form must be signed by the parent/guardian.
- C. The team shall consist of a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ and a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ team members.
- D. There will be no more than \_\_\_\_\_ team members listed as Alternate.
- E. There will be no more than \_\_\_\_\_ Team Leaders/Captains.

## III. ATTENDANCE

- A. All students who participate in school activities must be in regular full-day attendance the day the activity is scheduled.
  - 1. Full-day attendance is from the beginning of the first hour and remaining until the close of the last hour of classes.
- B. To participate in a practice, a student must attend school \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
  - 1. This must be fully documented with the Attendance Secretary.
- C. If a member is ill and misses ANY activity, he/she must be at HOME or seeking medical appointments.
- D. If a member misses ANY practice, he/she will automatically be replaced by an Alternate for that particular performance.
  - 1. An absence must be documented by the parent in writing with the Attendance Secretary.
  - 2. All doctor appointments, etc. should be scheduled so they do not interfere with team activities.



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## III. ATTENDANCE CONT.

- E. All Alternates will attend all practices and performances.
  - 1. Alternate performing order will be established on an alphabetical rotating basis.
  - 2. If an Alternate misses an activity, she will drop to the bottom of the rotating order.
  - 3. All absences must be documented in writing by the parent with the Attendance Secretary.
- F. All members must attend each activity in its entirety.
- G. Work is not considered an excuse for missing any activity.

## IV. UNIFORM

- A. Each member will be expected to provide practice uniforms.
  - 1. A complete list will be given to each candidate at tryouts.
  - 2. Any financial problems should be discussed with the Coach.
- B. Performance uniforms will be provided through team fund raising and will be the property of the team.
- C. Each member will be required to maintain good condition and cleanliness of his/her uniform on a weekly basis.
- D. Each member will be required to have all uniforms cleaned and in good condition before the end of the year.
- E. Footwear and accessories such as makeup, bloomers, ribbons, etc. will be purchased by each member.

## V. MEDICAL

- A. Each member must have a complete physical exam before the first scheduled performance.
- B. A copy of the school medical form can be obtained from the school nurse or athletic trainer.
- C. A member must also have a completed medical emergency form on file with the Coach.
  - 1. The Coach must have these forms in her possession at all times.
  - 2. The forms can be obtained from the school nurse.

## VI. CHARACTER

- A. Team members should be leaders within the school and set a good example at all times.
- B. Team members should be above reproach maintaining good personal appearance and habits that cannot be criticized.
  - 1. Smoking, drinking and/or drug use are grounds for suspension or dismissal by the Coach.
  - 2. Each member must abide by those standards set by \_\_\_\_\_ High School which are found in the Student Handbook on page.
- C. A member must be courteous and friendly to all other team members as well as the student body.
- D. A member must be courteous and friendly to other teams and visitors.
- E. A member must be respectful to the Coach and a credit to the school.

## VII. POINT/DEMERIT SYSTEM

- A. Points or demerits will be used as a disciplinary tool.
- B. They will be given by the Coach at the suggestion of the Team Leader/Captain.
- C. Three points will result in the removal from a performance.
- D. Six points will result in suspension for two weeks.





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- E. Twelve points will result in dismissal from the team.
- F. One point will be given for:
  - 1. Tardiness at any team activity.
  - 2. Chewing gum in practice.
  - 3. Chewing gum in uniform.
  - 4. Uniform inspection.
  - 5. Disrespect toward Coach or Team Leaders/Captains.
  - 6. No identification on uniform or its accessories.
  - 7. Inappropriate practice uniform.
    - a. This would include any piece of the uniform.
    - b. This would also include inappropriate hair.
  - 8. Forgotten props or accessories.
  - 9. Inappropriate performance makeup.
  - 10. Absence which will also result in removal from performance.
- G. Three points will be given for:
  - 1. Unexcused absence.
  - 2. Use of inappropriate language in uniform.
  - 3. Gossiping in uniform.
- H. Six points, or suspension, will be issued for violation of above infractions totaling six points for:
  - 1. Smoking in uniform (some schools consider possession on school grounds, or at any activity, grounds for suspension, check your administration).
  - 2. Lack of minimal grade requirements.
- I. The following violations will result in automatic dismissal:
  - 1. Drinking in uniform.
  - 2. Drug use in uniform.
- J. Suspension means not attending any team function for two weeks.
  - 1. Upon resuming team activities, the member will become an Alternate for one week and be ineligible to perform.
  - 2. After completion of the "Alternate's Week," the member can resume regularly scheduled activities.
  - 3. Two suspensions, or twelve points, will result in dismissal from the team.
- K. Any school detention or school imposed discipline will be frowned upon by the team.
  - 1. School detention, etc. will not be considered an excuse for missing any team practice or scheduled activity. Three points will be issued for such violation.

## VIII. TEAM LEADERS/CAPTAINS

The roles and responsibilities of Team Leaders/Captains are as follows:

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## IX. BOOSTER CLUB

- A. When students become members of the \_\_\_\_\_ team, their parents automatically become members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Booster Club.
- B. The Booster Club will be governed by officers as denoted in the organization by-laws.
- C. By-laws will be written and voted upon by the organization's members.
- D. There will be functioning committees within the organization.
- E. Voting members of the organization will pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in annual dues.

## X. CAMP

- A. All members are required to attend summer camp.
- B. Camp will be held at \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Transportation will be provided for campers.
  - 2. Cost will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which includes instruction, room and board.

## XI. FUNDRAISING

- A. All members are required to participate in all fundraising which is generated by the team and/or the Booster Club.
- B. There will be set goals for each member to attain in their fund raising activities.
- C. Fundraising itinerary:

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