

# Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RULES

**Attention School Authorities:** This form must be signed by both the student and parent/guardian and be on file at your school before the student may participate in any District or State contest.

**Student's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level for Current Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(City/School)

### Parent or Guardian's Permit

I hereby give my consent for the above student to compete in TAPPS approved contest, and travel with the director or other representative of the school on any trips.

Neither TAPPS nor the high school assumes any responsibility in case an accident occurs.

I have read and understand TAPPS rules on the reverse side of this form and agree that my son/daughter will abide by all of TAPPS' rules. **I understand that I may film or video tape any game in which my son/daughter participates, but the film/video tape may not be viewed by the athlete or coaches until the game is over. I understand that I cannot film or video tape any contest in which my son/daughter is not participating without permission of both teams involved.**

The undersigned agrees to be responsible for the safe return of all equipment owned by the school and issued to the above named student.

If, in the judgment of any representatives of the school, the above student needs immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, hospital, or school representative; and I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless TAPPS, TAPPS staff, TAPPS Executive Board, the school, and any school representative from any claim by any person whomsoever on account of such care and treatment of said student.

Date:	_____
Parent or Guardian Signature:	_____
Street Address:	_____
City / State / Zip:	_____
Home Telephone:	_____
Cell Phone:	_____
Business Telephone:	_____

**The student's signature is required on the reverse side of this form.  
DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE TAPPS OFFICE OR DISTRICT PRESIDENT UNLESS REQUESTED.  
FOR FILE IN SCHOOL OFFICE ONLY.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All students may attend baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball camps in June and July, on non-school days prior to the starting date for TAPPS activities at the beginning of the school year.

**School Coaches, or any School Personnel may not:**

- **induce students for athletic purposes. Inducement includes but is not limited to the following:**
  - a. Offer or acceptance of the payment of tuition
  - b. Offer or acceptance of a reduction in tuition payments (outside of School Financial Aid Programs)
  - c. Offer or acceptance of board
  - d. Offer or acceptance of lodging
  - e. Offer or acceptance of transportation
  - f. Offer or acceptance of a job for a parent or guardian
  - g. Offer or acceptance of payment for athletic camp registration
  - h. Offer or acceptance of payment for summer conditioning programs, or conditioning camps
  - i. Offer or acceptance of cash payments
  - j. Offer or promise of University or college scholarships
  - k. Offer or acceptance of free or reduced cost private instruction
  - l. Offer or acceptance of any other valuable consideration
- transport, register, or instruct students in grades 9-12 from their school in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, or volleyball, except during the TAPPS season, or approved athletic period from the starting date for TAPPS activities at the beginning of the school year until the end of the school year.
- give any instruction or schedule any practice for an individual or a team during the off-season except during the one in-school day athletic period in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, or volleyball.
- have 9-12 grade students playing for them on a non-school team from the starting date for TAPPS activities at the beginning of the school year until TAPPS' activities end in the spring.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

According to TAPPS standards, students are eligible to represent their school in interscholastic activities if they:

- are less than 19 years old on September 1 preceding the contest;
- have not graduated from high school;
- are full-time, day students in the school, and have been in regular attendance at the school prior to September 1 of the current school year, or have been in regular attendance for 15 school days before the contest or competition; **in order to be eligible for district play or the play-offs,** a transfer student must be in compliance with section 104 G of the TAPPS By-Laws and have completed 15 days of attendance by:
  - **September 23, 2008** - volleyball, fall soccer, cross country and football;
  - **January 6, 2009** - winter soccer, basketball, swimming and wrestling; and
  - **March 3, 2009** - golf, tennis, track, baseball and softball.
- are in compliance with the academic eligibility rules of the TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws and Contest Rules;
- are enrolled in a four year, normal program of high school courses, and initially enrolled in the 9th grade not more than 4 years ago nor in the 10th grade not more than 3 years ago;
- if enrolled in an Accelerated Christian Education school, he/she must be proceeding toward graduation on a credit basis, and on a passing basis with a regularly checked procedure by the member school to ensure they are in good academic standing;
- if a home school student who has been "Grandfathered," meeting the requirements listed in Article V of the TAPPS Constitution;
- have not represented a college in a contest;
- are not in violation of the Awards Rule;
- live with their parents or legal guardian, or full-time student at a boarding school, or have district/ Board approval of Residency/Guardianship Certification (see forms manual);
- were eligible for varsity competition according to the 15 school day rule prior to district certification.
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students shall not play for a coach from the TAPPS school he/she is attending on a non-school team from August 1<sup>st</sup> until TAPPS activities end in the Spring.

I have read the regulations cited above and agree to follow the rules as stated in the TAPPS Constitution and By-Laws.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_