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## **General Athletic Policies 2007-2008**

### **TO STUDENT ATHLETES AND PARENTS:**

Welcome to the 2007-2008 Akiba Academy of Dallas school year. This form provides basic information about our athletic program. All teams will be comprised of students in grades 6 thru 8<sup>th</sup>. On limited occasion a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student may be eligible to participate in a team sport. Each case will be judged on its own merit. We use our program to educate, but do so through rigorous competition and commitment to excellence. Our decision about playing time, practice, and other matters are directly related to this competitive mission. Our main goals as coaches are to instill discipline, promote physical fitness, and to create greater teamwork.

All athletes must attend – and be on time to – every practice session and game. To be excused from a practice session or game, a player must receive advance permission from a coach. As a general rule, the only valid excuses to miss practice are illness, family emergency, or legitimate academic need. If an athlete cannot fully commit to attending both practice and games then he/she will not be permitted to remain on the team.

Players must adhere to personal decorum rules. All coaches and teachers are to be addressed as “Sir or Ma’am”, which ever is appropriate. Each player will wear school uniforms to all games. Boys are required to wear “Kipot” (skull caps, also known as “yarmulkes”) through out the school day and during all sporting events.

There will be a \$65.00 participation fee per athlete to participate in each sport. These fees are used to cover the cost of umpires/referees, league fees and travel. Each player will be issued a uniform and will be required to pay the \$60.00 uniform fee per athlete for each participating sport. The entire uniform is required to be returned to the coach at the end of the season, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The amount of \$50.00 will be refunded to the athlete upon return of the uniform. Failure to return uniform will result in student’s report card being withheld.

Transportation will be provided when available. On occasion, parents will be asked to assist with these efforts. When transportation is provided, parents are allowed to pick athletes up from the game site. The coach must be notified before departure.

The athletic eligibility policy in regards to academics restricts a student from performing in athletics if he/she is failing any class or is more than 2 letter grade levels below the student's average. As a result, the student will immediately be placed on academic probation by the director of general studies and will not be permitted to attend practice or games for a two week period. After the two week period, if student's grades have improved, the Director of General Studies will inform the student and coach that he/she may return to athletics.

In order to ensure that this educational experience in our athletic program is positive, we feel that it is important that you read and abide by the general athletic policies and also follow these guidelines:

- Display good sportsmanship at every game and practice.
- Respect coaches, other players, officials, and spectators at all times.
- Work hard and commit to improvement.
- Parents will make an appointment with the coach to discuss any issues.
- Last but not least HAVE FUN!!!

I have read and understood the athletic policies and guidelines and agree to be bound by them.

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Student Athlete Printed Name

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

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Student Athlete Signature

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

We are looking forward to a great year, and hope you will come out and support the Cougars!

Respectfully,

Chris Walker            Head Boys' Coach

Rochelle Samuels      Head Girls' Coach

Israel Rov              Assistant Coach