



Sir John A. MacDonald Student Athlete Eligibility Agreement: 2018-2019

This agreement is intended to provide Sir John A MacDonald student athletes and their parents/guardians with the basic guidelines for participation in our athletic program. Participation in athletics at Sir John A. is a ***privilege*** extended to students who comply with the rules and regulations of the school regarding **attendance**, **academic effort**, and **behaviour**. All student athletes must read and sign the following Athletic Eligibility Agreement:

1) **School fees:** **School fees (\$45)** must be paid in September by all students. **Athletic fees** must be paid by all student athletes within two weeks of the team budget being set and communicated to players for every school team.

2) **NSSAF Regulations:** The age limit for all high school athletes is **under 19** as of September 30th of the current school year. A student athlete shall only be eligible for three consecutive years beginning the first year of High School; Grade 10.

3) **Full time students:** Only students taking at least 3 courses per semester are eligible to participate in athletics at Sir John A.

4) **Attendance:** A student who is absent from **one** class without excuse **will be suspended from participating in the next game**. Students may be suspended permanently from athletics as a result of attendance issues. If a student has an excused absence due to **illness**, they are not permitted to participate in athletics later that *same day (game or practice)*.

Students are not permitted to stay home to 'rest up' for a game on game day.

LATES: 3 lates in one class may result in suspension from the **next practice or game**. Continued lates may result in a suspension from the team.

5) **Citizenship:** Students representing Sir John A. are expected to demonstrate positive behaviour in and out of the classroom (including the athletic environment) and to respect staff and peers. Office referrals by teachers (for behaviour, attendance or lates) will result in review of the student athlete's eligibility.

6) **School Suspensions:** Students who are suspended from school will be considered ineligible for participating **during the entire length of the suspension**, from the moment of the infraction until the day the student is permitted to return to school. If a weekend occurs in the middle of the suspension, the student is still ineligible. The administration reserves the right to extend the suspension from the activity or to declare the athlete ineligible depending on the severity of the situation. ****Any student suspended more than two times will be ineligible to participate in any school athletics for the remainder of the year.**

7) Academic Eligibility Section A:

If a student-athlete is failing more than one course **at any time** during the semester, they will be placed on academic review. The review committee will be composed of the coach and/or staff advisor, the Athletic Director, and a member of the administration. **Teachers in all subject areas** may be asked to report on the student's overall academic performance, lates, absences, and classroom behaviour. At this time, the review committee will recommend a **probation** period or **immediate suspension** from athletics based on the findings. When on **academic probation**, a student is still allowed to participate, but will be monitored for improvement. If after two weeks the student-athlete does **not** show signs of improvement, they will be suspended from athletics (games *and* practices) until he or she has met the academic eligibility requirements stated above.

7) Academic Eligibility Section B:

Previous academic reporting periods: Any student athlete having failed **more than one course** in the **most recent reporting period** will be placed on academic review and the same procedure will be followed in (Section A) in Academic Eligibility.

8) **School Rules:** Student athletes are reminded all school rules apply at all school sponsored activities. This includes games, practices and tournaments, both at school or away. Drug or alcohol use at any school-related functions will result in appropriate disciplinary action. Tobacco products, **including chewing tobacco, vaping**, are not permitted at school activities.



9) Team Commitment: Student athletes that have been selected as a member of a school team, and do not make a commitment to the team for the duration of the program or schedule, may be removed from the team. Any student athlete who chooses to quit a team for no satisfactory reason may be ineligible for any further sports at Sir John A. that year.

10) Multi-sport Athletes: The student athlete agrees to make the **sport that started their league play first** the priority, in terms of participating on other teams. If games for both sports occur on the same day, the athlete is committed to the sport that was in season first. **A game will take precedence over a practice** (regardless of which sport started first), unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the coaches involved and the Athletic Director. There **may** be exceptions where a player will be required to go to a practice prior to a playoff game instead of an exhibition game or early season game in another sport. If coaches cannot agree, any 'disputes' between the two teams the athlete is playing on, will be decided by the Athletic Director and Principal.

11) Athletic Fees: Athletic fees must be paid in full when the budget is set and communicated to players. If an athlete has difficulty with full payment **communication from a parent or guardian must take place between them and the Athletic Director** and arrangements can be made. Cheques should be made payable to: Sir John A. Macdonald High School. Each sport will have fees set by the Athletic Department depending on the costs involved to run that particular sport program.

12) Transportation: School board policy 9.3.2: *Students enrolled within this district shall not be permitted to operate vehicles for the purpose of transporting other students on co-curricular or extracurricular trips.* Sir John A student athletes violating this policy will face discipline from Administration.

I have read this athletic agreement and I agree to all terms and conditions.

Sport (s): _____

STUDENT ATHLETE

PRINT NAME: _____

Athlete Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATHLETES MUST RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BEFORE YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE SPORT(S)

Questions / Concerns please contact:

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