

NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

As the legal parent/guardian of _____, I herewith give permission for him/her to participate in athletics at Norwood High School for the 20__-20__ academic school year.

I understand that participating in certain activities within the Norwood Public School System often requires a fee to be paid by the users; interscholastic athletics at Norwood High School is one of these activities. The fee must be paid before the student-athlete receives a uniform to participate in interscholastic athletic contests. No student-athlete will be denied the opportunity to participate due to financial hardship.

Participation in athletics carries with it the risk of injury, which in some circumstances can be serious. Norwood High School will not be responsible for injuries sustained during practice, athletic contests, or traveling to and from school, practice or athletic facilities.

I understand that in order to participate in athletics at Norwood High School my son/daughter must obtain a medical examination clearing them to participate. Each examination is valid for 13 months after it has been administered. A copy of the exam must be turned in to the Athletic Director to be kept on record by the Athletic Trainer.

I am aware that the Norwood High School Athletic Department has a licensed/certified athletic trainer (Robert Barksdale, PT, LATC, CSCS) on staff. In the event an athletic injury should occur, I give permission for my son/daughter to be evaluated and receive any follow-up care necessary to facilitate a safe return to participation.

In the event I cannot be reached during a medical emergency, I authorize my son/daughter to receive medical attention from a licensed physician.

Signed: _____

Primary Emergency contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Secondary Emergency contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Parent E-mail _____

The Norwood High School community is proud of the student-athletes who represent it and subsequently publicly recognizes them whenever possible. Often times this public recognition includes photographs of the student-athletes in and/or out of competition; such images could be used in the production of newsletters, articles, and/or the Norwood High School athletic website. **If you do not wish to have your son or daughter's image used in any Athletic Department publications, please sign below.**

Signed: _____

New State Law Regarding Concussions:

This law requires that public schools and, in addition, any other schools subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rules make sure that student athletes and their parents, coaches, athletic directors, school nurses and physicians and others learn about the consequences of head injuries and concussions through training programs and written materials. The law requires that athletes and their parents inform their coaches about prior head injuries at the beginning of the season. If a student athlete becomes unconscious or suffers a known or suspected concussion during a game or practice, the law mandates removing the student from play or practice, and requires written certification from a licensed medical professional for "return to play".

The law also prohibits coaches, trainers and others from encouraging or permitting a student athlete to use sports equipment as a weapon or to engage in sports techniques that unreasonably endanger the health and safety of him/herself or other players, such as helmet to helmet hits.

In order participate in the interscholastic athletic program: **All Athletes and Parents** must take and pass an online concussion course at: www.nfhslearn.com.

Confirmation of completion of free online concussion course

By signing below, I certify that I have taken and passed the free online concussion course at: www.nfhslearn.com

Parent/Guardian X _____

Student /Athlete X _____

I /WE need translation assistance to complete the free online concussion course. Course

Instructions are posted at www.norwoodmustangs.com under "Sports Medicine" menu

I have received the Norwood High Athletic Handbook. I realize I am responsible to abide by the rules set forth in this handbook along with rules of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Norwood High Student Handbook.

ISSUED TO: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

YEAR: _____

All MIAA member school coaches (paid or volunteer) are required to take annually the on-line National Federation Concussion Course, or other recognized education program, prior to the start of their season. This Board of Directors' policy is effective with the upcoming winter season, which begins on Monday, November 29, 2011.