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Athletic Handbook

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A Message to the Parents of Student Athletes

Your child has chosen a difficult and rewarding endeavor. It is an individual's choice to participate, but the choice affects the entire family in many ways. There will be late dinners after games, sore muscles after practice, and frustration mixed with great joy. You will find that your child will learn to be a member of a team working toward a common goal, to accept victory and defeat as a learning process, to take pride in his/her accomplishments and to persevere when the activity becomes difficult.

It is our intent as an athletic program to maintain a program that is sound in purpose and will further each student's educational maturity. A student who elects to participate in athletics is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline and self-responsibility. These are the reasons we stress good training habits and preparation for athletic events. Attaining this goal should be a cooperative effort by all involved. It is understood that student-athletes have higher expectations based on the foundation of voluntary participation and representation of the school outside of the normal school day.

As educators, we find that students involved in extracurricular activities have fewer discipline problems in school and put free time after school to constructive use, and as a result, have fewer problems in the community. When your child elects to participate in one of our sports programs, we feel there is a commitment to certain responsibilities and obligations. This is our opportunity to acquaint you with specific policies necessary for a well-organized program of athletics. Please read this information carefully and share this handbook with your child frequently.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS FOR NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS

Athletics at New Buffalo Area Schools are seen as an integral part of the total educational process. Participation in extracurricular activities is considered a privilege, and the contents of this entire handbook are based on that premise. We hold our coaches to a high standard when it comes to the treatment of our student athletes. Every member of every team will be treated with respect by every coach, and our coaches are expected to teach in a positive, constructive manner.

Research suggests that the lessons learned from participation in athletics greatly contribute to a student's ability to be successful while in school and after graduation. Athletics are the one avenue in which all key ingredients of success can be recognized and pursued. It is the goal of the Athletic Department to assist in the building of positive characteristics which will enable our students to conquer adversity, lead by example, and see the benefits of hard work and sacrifice toward an achieved goal or dream!

All administrators, teachers, and coaches congratulate you on your decision to extend yourself, challenge yourself, and discover the great contributions you can make to our society and community through all extracurricular activities. *It will take great effort on your part to be a student-athlete.* The staff is committed to helping you be a student athlete as long as you have the desire to help yourself.

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

New Buffalo Area Public Schools are a member in good standing with the MHSAA. All athletic activities and guidelines meet the parameters of competition governed by the MHSAA. It is the intent of the athletic program of New Buffalo Area Schools to comply with all guidelines set forth by the MHSAA. The guidelines below are minimum standards set by the MHSAA. that athletes in New Buffalo must follow.

➤ **ENROLLMENT—HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)**

To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student must be enrolled in a high school not later than the fourth Wednesday of September or the fourth Wednesday of February. A student must be enrolled in the school for which he or she competes and must be taking at least 66% of their course load through New Buffalo Area Schools

➤ **ENROLLMENT—MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)**

Same as above.

➤ **AGE—HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)**

A student who competes in any interscholastic athletic contest must be under 19 years of age, except a student whose 19th birthday occurs on or after September 1st of a current school year is eligible for the balance of that school year.

➤ **AGE—MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)**

A seventh or eighth grade student who competes in any interscholastic athletic contest must be under 14 or 15 years of age respectively, except a student who reaches that birthday on or after September 1st of a current year is eligible for the balance of that school year. Sixth grade students may compete on seventh or eighth grade teams, when numbers dictate the need to fill teams. We will attempt to provide opportunities for sixth grade students to participate in sports in some form.

➤ **AWARDS—HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A student may accept, for participation in athletics, a symbolic or merchandise award that does not have a value or cost in excess of \$25.00. A student in violation of this regulation shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of not less than ninety days from the date of the student’s last violation.

NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

➤ **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

All athletes must have a physical examination done by a licensed physician, licensed nurse, nurse practitioner, or D.O. before they will be allowed to participate in any way. Athletic physical forms are available in the offices; the form also includes student and parent consents and emergency information. The physical forms are to be completed and signed by the doctor and given to the athletic director.

-In order for a student-athlete to participate in any school affiliated team summer athletic activity – including pre-season/off-season strength and conditioning or practices, he/she **MUST** have a physical on file for the upcoming school year.

➤ **SIGNATURE PAGE ACKNOWLEDGING ATHLETIC HANDBOOK -**

Athletes and parents of athletes must have a signed acknowledgement form through the Dragonfly app. (attached at back of handbook)

➤ **ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED IN ATHLETIC HANDBOOK -**

All items not specifically addressed in the athletic handbook shall be at the discretion of the athletic director or superseded by the secondary school handbook.

➤ **INJURY THAT REQUIRES A DOCTOR'S EXAMINATION**

Our athletic trainer should be the first point of contact for most injuries. If an injury requires a doctor's examination, the student may not return to practice or competition without written permission from a physician (MD or DO) **and** clearance by the trainer. The coach must record the physician's permission and the Athletic Director must record the verification of return. A copy of removal from practice/competition and a copy of return to competition must be furnished to both the athletic office.

-All coaches will be required to fill out an accident report on any injury that requires an athlete to sit out more than one practice.

• **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

○ **MHSAA Minimum Requirements**

- **Students must be passing 66% (no more than one F) of their current trimester to be eligible for competition.**
- **Any student who fails two or more classes in a Semester are ineligible for competition for 60 school days from the beginning of the next semester.**

• **New Buffalo Middle School Eligibility Requirements**

- **Middle school students will follow the MHSAA minimum requirements for eligibility.**
- **In-season grade checks will occur every three weeks.**
 - **If a student is eligible at the standard 3-week check, they are eligible to participate until the next 3-week check**
 - **If a student is ineligible at the 3-week check, they sit out the next week(Monday-Sunday) and are then checked on a week-to-week basis.**

- Once they pass a weekly check, they are eligible again and put back on the standard 3-week checks.
- **New Buffalo High School Eligibility Requirements**
 - At the beginning of each season and/or second trimester, a cumulative 1.5 GPA is required to participate in competition.
 - Incoming freshmen have a clean slate and are eligible to begin the fall season. They still must meet cumulative GPA requirements at the beginning of the second trimester.
 - Students are required to maintain a 1.5 in-semester GPA to remain eligible during the season.
 - In-season grade checks will occur every three weeks.
 - If an student is eligible at the standard 3-week check, they are eligible to participate until the next 3-week check
 - If a student is ineligible at the 3-week check, they sit out the next week (Monday-Sunday) and are then checked on a week-to-week basis.
 - Once they pass a weekly check, they are eligible again and put back on the standard 3-week checks.
 - If a student is ineligible for 3 weeks total during the season, they will be dropped from the team.
 - **Probationary Contract**
 - Under special circumstances (determined by administration) a student will be able to enter into a probationary contract in which they may participate in contests while working toward obtaining the GPA requirements.
 - While under a probationary contract, students must still meet MHSAA requirements.
- **Ineligible Students**
 - Students that are deemed ineligible based on the above criteria may practice with the team and travel to team competitions, but they are not allowed to participate in competitions or dress in the team uniform.

- **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

- Students must attend school for the entire day to participate in any after school activity. If a student-athlete arrives at school tardy to their 1st Hour class (10 minutes late), they are still eligible for practice/competition. However, if they arrive over 10 minutes late to school, they will not be eligible to practice/compete that day.

-If a student is absent or misses class time due to a scheduled doctor, court, dentist, etc. appointment and returns to school with appropriate documentation, this policy does not apply.

- Under unusual circumstances, an administrator may grant approval for participation if arranged in advance. Appointments that can be scheduled during non-school hours should take place at those times.

- The Athletic Director must approve any exception.

➤ **ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE AND COMPETITION**

- Students must participate in a minimum of 5 team practices before being eligible to participate in their first contest.

Attendance at scheduled practice sessions and competitions is mandatory unless excused by the coach. An athlete must have an acceptable reason and/or pre-arranged absence such as illness, deficiencies in schoolwork, or other obligations not reasonably anticipated by the athlete.

1st unexcused absence: suspended from 1 half of the next contest.

*For activities without a defined midpoint of the contest, it is within the coach's discretion to determine consequence for the first infraction

2nd unexcused absence: suspended for next contest

3rd unexcused absence: Dismissal from the team

**It is the student-athlete's responsibility to communicate with the coach when practice will be missed for any reason.

Examples of excused absence from practice include but are not limited to:

-student-athlete is sick and did not attend at least the second half of the instruct school day.
(therefore cannot attend practice or game on that day)

-family emergency (immediate family member admitted to hospital, or student-athlete admitted to hospital.

-Funeral of relative

➤ **DRESS CODE**

The student athlete represents New Buffalo by her/his personal appearance while a visitor at an opponent's school and while a spectator at home contests. It is essential to be properly attired in accordance with the school dress code. The coach is directed to discuss the expectations for dress with the athletes at the beginning of the season and again the day before the first away contest. Coaches reserve the right to not allow athletes on the bus who do not conform.

If there is a hardship, the coach, athletic director, and student will resolve it in the best interest of the athlete before the first contest.

➤ **DRESS CODE IN UNIFORM**

The student athlete represents New Buffalo Area Schools by her / his appearance in a uniform. We should look sharp and uniform in our appearance. Athletes should provide no avenue to bring attention to themselves except for their play. There are sport-specific uniform requirements that each athlete must follow. Your coaches will keep you in compliance with MHSAA guidelines. Furthermore, they may impose other team requirements at no cost to the athlete and within the framework of MHSAA guidelines.

➤ **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

New Buffalo athletes shall be good ambassadors to his/her parents, community and school. Athletes

who do not display appropriate behavior will be subject to disciplinary measures or removal from a team. This is a year-round policy.

Student behaviors that violate the student handbook or are believed to be disciplinary problems will in most cases result in athletic discipline consequences in addition to any school consequences.

- Conduct unbecoming of a student-athlete that could tarnish the reputation of the school and its athletic programs will be subject to athletic discipline by the athletic or school administration.

Furthermore, in accordance with - [Public Acts 111 and 112](#), hazing is prohibited. Hazing is defined in the law as an intentional, knowing or reckless act by a person who acted alone or with others that was directed against an individual and that person knew or should have known would endanger the physical/mental health or safety of the individual, and that was done for the purpose of affiliation with participation in, or maintaining membership in any organization. The law does not apply to an activity that was normal and customary in an athletic program sanctioned by the educational institution.

****If an athlete is suspended for behavior or a drug and alcohol offense and is ineligible or becomes ineligible academically, his/her suspension will resume once they are academically eligible.**

➤ **PARENT BEHAVIOR**

Parents of New Buffalo athletes are also expected to carry themselves with appropriate, mature decorum. While it is important to support your children in their athletic endeavors, the athletic administration asks that you support your child in a positive manner. As we recognize that we are all human, we all make mistakes; parents, students, coaches as well as officials. It is your right to support your child, but not at the expense of the team, coach, officials and the general community.

It is our experience in the athletic community that chastising the officiating does not change the call or aid the team in a positive manner. Our student-athletes make a big sacrifice to participate in extracurricular athletics and are rewarded by participating in games and having parents and fans support them positively. If you do not have something positive or supportive to say, then don't say it publicly.

Likewise, any issues arising with your child's coach needs to be handle privately with that coach. Our coaches have been directed to speak about the merits of your child and not to compare them to another player. Our coaches follow the 24-hour rule when discussing player issues with a parent.

General guidelines regarding coaching contact.

- 1) Make sure it is your child's issue and not yours. (Is your child unhappy with the situation or are you?? If your child is content with his/her position, you should be as well – support him/her to the best of your ability)
- 2) Set up a one-on-one meeting with the coach at a convenient time (at least 24 hours after an incident or game)
- 3) If issue is not resolved with parent-coach meeting, a conference can be requested with the parent, coach and Athletic Director.

➤ **EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS**

Athletes and their parents are responsible for equipment/uniforms that is damaged or not turned back in to the coach at the end of the season. Coaches will take inventory at the beginning and end of the season. Athletes will turn in all equipment or pay for missing equipment/uniforms. **Athletes**

will not be allowed to participate in any other extracurricular activities until the debt is resolved. In the case of graduating seniors – they will not be able to walk at graduation unless all debts are paid or uniforms returned

➤ **POLICY FOR TRANSFERS FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS OF A SCHOOL'S STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE**

New Buffalo High School will enforce upon a transfer student any period of ineligibility to which that student would have been subject as a result of a student or athletic code violation(s) at that student's most recent previously attended school.

A student who transfers to New Buffalo High School after becoming ineligible because of a student or athletic conduct code violation(s) at the previously attended school shall remain ineligible at New Buffalo High School for not less than the period of ineligibility imposed by the previously attended school. This would be the case even if the student's situation would otherwise satisfy one or more of the exceptions to the transfer regulation of New Buffalo High School and the Michigan High School Athletic Association (Regulation I, Section 9); and even if the act which caused the student's ineligibility at the previous school would not be a violation or cause the same period of ineligibility at the New Buffalo High School.

That student that was subject to the rules and penalties of the previous school shall not be allowed to escape the consequences of his/her conduct.

➤ **DISCIPLINE OF ATHLETES FOR ANY MISDEMEANOR, FELONY, OR DRUG/ALCOHOL OFFENSES**

Please note that this is a year-round policy. This means that a student who violates the school code out-of-season, or in the summer, is subject to the same penalties as a student who violates the school code during the school year or season.

The New Buffalo Area School District recognizes the use of drugs including steroids or other performance enhancing drugs, alcohol and tobacco as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning, and the total development of each individual. The misuse and abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco for adolescents affects extracurricular participation and development of related skills. Others are affected by this misuse and abuse by family, team members, or other significant persons in their lives.

Public Act 31 requires notice that possession / use of steroids is a crime. Any person who uses or knowingly possesses an androgenic anabolic steroid violates Michigan law and is punishable by imprisonment and fine.

Public Act 187 prohibits promotion / distribution of performance enhancing supplements. Michigan public school employees and volunteers are prohibited by Public Law 187 from promoting or supplying dietary supplements which carry claims of enhanced athletic performance. The Law covers androstenedione, creatine and any compound labeled as performance enhancing.

The close contact in New Buffalo activities between advisors and coaches provides us with a unique opportunity to observe, confront, and assist young people. New Buffalo, therefore, supports education and awareness training in adolescents' chemical use problems.

A student shall not:

1. Use, be under the influence, or be in possession of a beverage containing alcohol; (possession is defined as physical possession on person or may include but is not limited to the following: vehicle, locker, book bag, PBT, smell of alcohol, etc.) ***includes vapor products**
2. Use, be under the influence, or be in possession of (defined above) tobacco. ***includes vapor products**
3. Use, be under the influence, or in possession of, (defined above) buy, sell, or give away, marijuana or any controlled substance including steroids or other performance enhancing drugs. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

Consequences:

1st Offense - Suspended 25% of contests for the entire season – current or upcoming. Consequences apply to dual sport participants, whereas all sports that the athlete is enrolled in are affected. If the suspension is not completed in one activity, it will be carried over to the next activity in which the student participates. The activity supervisor and administrator will decide whether or not the student will attend practices, games, team activities, etc.

2nd Offense = (Not in the same school year) Suspended 50% of contests for the entire season – current or upcoming. Consequences apply to dual sport participants, whereas all sports that the athlete is enrolled in are affected. If the suspension is not completed in one activity, it will be carried over to the next activity in which the student participates. The activity supervisor and administrator will decide whether or not the student will attend practices, games, team activities, etc

In the same school year: the athlete is terminated from all activities for the remainder of the school year and may be reinstated the following year.

3rd Offense = Termination of any further participation in athletics for the duration of the student's middle school or high school career. The athlete may follow the appeals process for reinstatement.

Any athlete entering a residential drug treatment facility who was not found to be in violation of this policy prior to entering will be allowed, with no penalty, to return to athletics upon successful completion of the program.

Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's middle school or high school careers (reset at beginning of 9th grade). Students who are forthright and come forward about any violations not involving a legal citation could receive a lesser penalty. School suspension or school expulsion supersedes these penalties.

➤ **STUDENT DISCIPLINE – STUDENTS IN A SITUATION WITH ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES OR UNDERAGE SUBSTANCE USE**

Students who find themselves in attendance at a social gathering with illegal substances should call their coach or athletic director and then leave immediately. Once home, parent is asked to contact coach or athletic director. (Within one-half hour) If it is discovered at a later date, that a student was in attendance at a social gathering with illegal substances and no calls were placed nor notification given, the failure to do so “will” result in the above consequences for use or possession of substance.

➤ **STUDENT DISCIPLINE – INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AT AN ATHLETIC CONTEST**

The administration will investigate any situation that arises at an athletic contest or event. The administration will determine mitigating and aggravating circumstances to determine if additional school discipline is warranted.

➤ **QUITTING A SPORT**

If an athlete decides to quit he/she must meet with the athletic director and coach. Quitting one sport to participate in another is discouraged. Students that quit a sport before the half-way point of the season **may** be suspended for up to ¼ of his/her next sport season. If a student quits after the mid-point of the season, he/she **may** be suspended for up to ½ of his/her next sport season. Coaches recommendations for consequences will be taken into consideration. The principal is the final level of appeal for this issue. Appeals can be made directly to the athletic director. (Dual sport issues in this manner will be handled on a case-by-case basis.)

Injuries or lack of playing time are NOT legitimate reasons for quitting a sport.

Being removed from a team for lack of effort and/or missing practices will be handled as though a student-athlete quit

If a parent removes their child from a sport, a meeting with the athletic director of the lead school in that sport and the athletic director of the athlete's home school is required.

➤ **APPEAL PROCESS**

An appeals committee shall exist to provide due process for an individual student-athlete if they feel that a penalty imposed by a coach or the Athletic Director is unfair. The committee shall consist of members of the Cooperative Planning Oversight Committee and Principals.

➤ **COMPETING IN TWO SPORTS**

Athletes wishing to participate in two sports in the same season must fulfill the following requirements:

1. A request form must be filed with the athletic director.

2. Athletes cannot decide to dual sport after the first competitions. Extenuating circumstances can be discussed with the Athletic Director.
3. The athlete should be passing all his/her classes with a "C" or better average. If it is determined that the athlete cannot manage academics and two sports, the primary sport will become the only sport he/she can participate in for the rest of the season.
4. Participating in two contact sports (ex: football and soccer) should be closely monitored. A practice and participation plan needs to be developed and agreed upon in writing by both coaches, athletic director, and the athlete and the parents.

➤ OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING

Athletes are encouraged to participate in strength and conditioning all year. It is important to maintain a high level of physical fitness in and out of the sports season so as to be able to withstand the rigors placed on your body throughout your sport season

-In-season focus – maintain current physical fitness level

-Out-of-season focus – Increase speed, strength, endurance by participating in coach or team organized activities such as weight lifting, running, open gyms, pick-up games.

Coaches may collect material regarding sports camps and attendance at camps is encouraged but not mandatory.

➤ ATTITUDES OF ATHLETES

It is important to remain positive and supportive of your teammates and coaches, especially in adversity. Athletes are encouraged to discuss concerns with their coaches and parents. The athletic director is available for counsel after an athlete has met with the coach to discuss concerns.

It is the athlete's responsibility to communicate with the coach any concerns he/she has regarding playing time or position on the team.

➤ PLAYING TIME

At the middle school level of competition, playing time is guaranteed to all members of a team during each contest, albeit not equally.

-There will be no 'cutting' of student-athletes at the middle school level. If the participation numbers are low for 7th and 8th grade students, 6th grade students may be permitted to participate in the following Middle School sports – volleyball, basketball, track, cross country and wrestling.

At the sub-varsity level of competition, every effort will be made to provide quality playing time during a season to all student-athletes who demonstrate a strong work ethic and efforts to improve, but playing time does not have to be equal.

At the varsity level, no one is guaranteed playing time.

NEW BUFFALO ATHLETIC AWARDS

Recognition of athletes is important not only to the athlete, but the entire athletic program. It is the intent of the athletic program to implement a valuable, equitable, and fair award system. Athletes will receive the following awards after successful completion of the listed criteria.

Varsity Letter/Number: Athletes, who have successfully completed their first season in a varsity sport and have met the *criteria for that sport*, will be awarded a varsity letter and number.

Certificates: Athletes will receive certificates of completion after successfully completing a season at any level, and for scholastic awards on each team. Coaches may also award certificates for special honors; i.e., coach's awards, "name" awards, most valuable, & most improved, etc.

Plaques / Special Certificates: Athletes may receive a plaque for the following honors: Most Valuable, Coaches Award and "Named" Awards.

Pins: Athletes who have successfully completed a subsequent season for any sport, and have already received a letter, will receive a pin for that sport.

Academic Pins: Athletes who have maintained a 3.25 or higher G.P.A. during their **season of sport** while having successfully completed a freshman, junior varsity, or varsity sport will receive a scholar athlete pin.

All-Conference Awards: The BCS Conference awards medals to athletes who have achieved the status of all-conference. All-conference athletes are selected by head coaches at a conference meeting. Academic all-conference students are also recognized with a certificate.

* **Athlete of the Year** – The varsity coaches/ faculty will choose a senior athlete that participated in male sports and a senior athlete that participated in female sports for athlete of the year. Criteria for determining the athlete of the year will include.

- 1) Multisport athlete
 - 2) All-conference in at least 2 sports OR All-State 1st or 2nd team in one sport
- Other considerations will be:
All-district, region, state awards
Team leadership awards

TICKET INFORMATION

We currently do not charge admission for home games for New Buffalo residents or parents of current students. We encourage fans to wear blue /gold (Bison) OR Black/Carolina Blue/Graphite (Raiders) attire to support our athletes.

We should expect to pay at events on the road and at state sponsored (MHSAA) tournaments.)

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OFFERED AT NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS

Varsity Sports

Baseball
Basketball (Girls co-op with River Valley)
Cheerleading (Fall and Winter)
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
Football (Co-op with River Valley)
Golf (Co-op with River Valley)
Softball (co-op with River Valley)
Soccer (Boys and Girls)
Swimming (co-op with Bridgman)
Tennis Girls
Tennis Boys (Co-op with Bridgman)
Track (Boys and Girls)
Volleyball
Wrestling

Middle School Sports

Basketball (6,7,8)
Cheerleading (6,7,8)
Cross Country (6,7,8)
Football (7/8) (co-op w/ RV)
Track (6,7,8)
Volleyball (6,7,8)
Wrestling (6,7,8)
Soccer (6,7,8)

Junior Varsity Sports (when numbers support)

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Football
Softball
Volleyball
Wrestling

Freshman Sports

Basketball
Cheerleading
Volleyball

New Buffalo/River Valley High School Sports Merger Timeline

2024-2025

Girls Basketball/Golf

2025-2026

Girls Volleyball

Boys Baseball

Boys/Girls Track

2026-2027

Boys Soccer

Boys/Girls Cross Country

Boys/Girls Tennis

Boys Basketball

Winter Cheer

NEW BUFFALO HIGH SCHOOL

DUAL TEAM MEMBERSHIP

ATHLETE'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____ **SEASON:** _____

COMPETING IN TWO SPORTS

Athletes wishing to participate in two sports in the same season must fulfill the following requirements:

- A request form must be filed with the athletic director two weeks prior to the season.
- The athlete should be passing all his/her classes with a "C" or better. If it is determined that the athlete cannot manage academics and two sports, the primary sport will become the only sport he/she can participate in for the rest of the season.
- Participating in two contact sports (football and soccer) should be closely monitored. A practice and participation plan needs to be developed and agreed upon in writing by both coaches, the athlete and the parents.

The athletic director should meet with the coaches of both sports, the parents of the athlete, and the athlete to determine whether the request will be granted. The principal is the final level of appeal.

Primary Sport: _____

Secondary Sport: _____

By signing this contract, both coaches have agreed to allow the above athlete to participate in each of their programs.

OTHER WRITTEN TERMS:

Athlete: _____

Primary Coach: _____

Secondary Coach: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

STUDENT/PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

We (parent and student) have received the New Buffalo Area Schools Athletic Handbook. We understand the rights and responsibilities pertaining to student athletes and agree to support and abide by the rules, guidelines, procedures, and policies of the district of New Buffalo Area Schools. We also understand that this handbook supersedes all prior handbooks and other written material on the same subjects. Furthermore, I also understand that it is my responsibility to provide insurance for my child. If I should, due to unforeseen circumstances lose insurance coverage or **am unable to obtain insurance coverage for my child**, I will notify the school in an effort to obtain the school's supplemental insurance.

Print Athlete's Name

Athlete's Signature

Parent(s) Signature

Date

