



## EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM POLICY

Highland Park High School is committed to providing all student-athletes with the necessary equipment and uniforms to participate in their respective sports. It is essential that athletes, as well as their parents/guardians, understand their responsibilities in maintaining and caring for these items throughout the season. This section outlines the expectations for the care, use, and return of all athletic equipment and uniforms.

### 1. Athlete Responsibilities for Equipment and Uniforms

- **Proper Use and Care:** Student-athletes are responsible for the proper use and care of all issued equipment and uniforms. This includes wearing the uniform and using the equipment only for its intended purpose and ensuring that it is kept clean and in good condition. Any damage to equipment or uniforms due to misuse or neglect may result in the student-athlete being held financially responsible.
- **Return of Equipment/Uniforms at End of Season:** All equipment and uniforms issued to student-athletes must be returned in good condition at the conclusion of the season. Student-athletes will be provided with a return date and are expected to return all items by the specified deadline. Failure to do so may result in the athlete being charged for the cost of replacing any unreturned or damaged items.
- **Personal Responsibility:** Student-athletes must keep track of their uniforms and equipment throughout the season. This includes items such as jerseys, shorts, practice gear, footwear, and sport-specific equipment. Lost or damaged items should be reported to the coach or Athletic Director immediately so that arrangements can be made for replacement or repair.



## 2. Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- **Support in Care and Maintenance:** Parents/guardians are encouraged to assist student-athletes in the proper care and maintenance of their equipment and uniforms. This includes ensuring that uniforms are washed appropriately, with special attention to preserving the integrity of team logos and materials. Equipment, such as helmets, pads, or shoes, should also be cleaned and maintained regularly to ensure safety and longevity.
- **Financial Responsibility for Lost or Damaged Items:** If any equipment or uniforms are lost or significantly damaged due to neglect or misuse, parents/guardians may be responsible for covering the cost of replacement. Parents should be aware of the fees associated with lost or damaged items and help their child keep track of all issued materials.

## 3. Uniforms

- **Issuance of Uniforms:** At the start of each season, uniforms and other team apparel (such as practice gear) will be distributed to athletes. Student-athletes are expected to wear these items only during team activities and competitions.
- **Condition of Uniforms:** Student-athletes should ensure their uniforms remain in good condition throughout the season. Any damage (such as rips, tears, or stains) should be reported to the coach immediately for proper assessment and possible repair.
- **No Alterations:** Uniforms should not be altered in any way without prior approval from the coach or Athletic Director. Any modifications, including cutting, sewing, or marking on uniforms, may result in disciplinary action.

## 4. Equipment

- **Issuance of Equipment:** Student-athletes will be issued sport-specific equipment (e.g., helmets, pads, gloves, etc.) based on the requirements of their sport. This equipment is provided for safety purposes and must be maintained according to the manufacturer's guidelines.



- **Maintenance and Storage:** Students should clean and store their equipment after every use. Parents/guardians should assist with maintaining the condition of this equipment to ensure it remains safe and functional. This includes keeping equipment in a dry, clean place to prevent damage.
- **Return of Equipment:** At the end of the season, all equipment must be returned to the school, including any borrowed items. Missing or damaged equipment will be assessed, and athletes may be charged for the cost of replacement.

## 5. Consequences for Non-Compliance

- **Failure to Return Equipment/Uniforms:** Any student-athlete who fails to return their equipment or uniforms by the designated deadline may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include withholding of future participation privileges, suspension from sports activities, or financial charges for the replacement of items.
- **Financial Penalties for Lost/Damaged Items:** If an athlete loses or damages issued equipment or uniforms, they may be held financially responsible for the replacement cost. The amount will be determined by the school based on the replacement value of the item(s).
- **Access to Future Equipment:** Any student-athlete who has unresolved financial obligations for lost or damaged equipment/uniforms may have their access to future team equipment or uniforms restricted until the balance is paid.

## 6. Support and Communication

- **Reporting Issues:** If any athlete is having trouble maintaining or caring for their equipment, they should communicate with their coach as soon as possible. This includes reporting any damage, malfunctions, or issues with uniforms or equipment. Early reporting allows for prompt resolution and minimizes the risk of further damage.
- **Parent Involvement:** We encourage parents to stay involved in the care and maintenance of athletic gear and to assist their child in keeping track of uniforms and equipment. Parents should feel free to contact the coaches if they have any concerns about the condition of their child's gear or uniforms.



By ensuring that student-athletes are responsible for the care, maintenance, and return of uniforms and equipment, the Highland Park High School athletic program aims to create a culture of accountability and respect for the resources provided to our student-athletes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Marc Mortellaro". To the right of the signature, the text "PH.D., ATC, CSC" is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

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## Equipment and Uniform Policy Acknowledgement Form

Student-Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Season: ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Highland Park Athletics issues equipment and uniforms to student-athletes to support their participation and representation of our school community. These items are the property of Highland Park Public Schools and must be returned in good condition at the conclusion of the season.

- Policy Guidelines:
- All uniforms and equipment must be returned within one week of the season's conclusion or the team's final contest.
- Items must be returned clean and undamaged.
- Lost, stolen, or damaged items will be the responsibility of the student-athlete and their family and must be paid for in full.
- A student-athlete may not receive additional uniforms or equipment, or be cleared for participation in a future sport, until all items are returned or paid for.
- Repeated failure to return items or pay for lost equipment may result in further disciplinary action.

By signing below, both the student-athlete and parent/guardian acknowledge and agree to abide by the above Equipment and Uniform Policy and understand the responsibilities associated with it.

Student-Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_