

**CONWAY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**



**ATHLETIC
HANDBOOK**

**2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR
BOARD APPROVED**

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ATHLETIC CONSENT FORM**

Students Name (Printed)

Birth Date

Grade: _____ **Male** **Female**

I give my consent for my child to compete in interscholastic sports and related practice sessions, and to go with the coach on trips. I acknowledge that even with the best of coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of the rules, injuries are still a possibility. I understand that the District or its employees will not be liable if an accident occurs. I also give my consent, if an injury does occur, for the coach/trainer to secure treatment at the best medical facility available.

I understand that Conway Regional Therapy Centers provide Certified Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapists, and/or Sports Medicine staff to work with Conway Public Schools. I authorize them to evaluate and treat any injury/illness that occurs as a result of my child participating in sporting activities with Conway Public Schools. This includes, but is not limited to, any and all reasonable and necessary preventative care/activities, treatment, and rehabilitation for these injuries/illnesses.

I authorize the disclosure and release of pertinent medical information between the appropriate coaching staff, athletic administration, and any involved medical care providers. Medical information not relevant to the injury/illness will remain confidential.

I understand that all Conway Public School District students participating in interscholastic athletics are covered by a secondary group accident insurance policy which is non-duplicating. The premium is paid by the Conway Public School District. The insurance company is selected on a bid basis by the District. **If you don't have primary insurance coverage on your student, it would be beneficial for you to seek some type of coverage.**

I understand that if a parent takes an athlete to a doctor or hospital to receive treatment for an athletic injury, the coach must be notified within three days or the school athletic insurance will not be filed. When taking an athlete for treatment the expenses must be billed to the parents, not the school. I understand that the Conway Public School District will not be responsible for payment of any medical bills that the family's personal insurance or the District's athletic insurance does not pay.

I agree to be responsible for the return in good condition of any athletic equipment issued to the above named student.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE READ THE ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE BOOK.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Athlete

Date: _____

NOTE: This Handbook must be read and all the forms signed and returned to the coach before an athlete may take part in any athletic sport or practice.



WAMPUS CAT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

This material is presented to you because you have indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics. We believe participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunity and experiences which will assist you in personal adjustment. We are concerned with the educational development of boys and girls through athletics and feel that a properly controlled, well-organized sports program meets the student's needs for self-expression, mental alertness and physical growth. It is our hope to maintain a program that is sound in purpose and to further each student's educational maturity. A student who elects to participate in athletics is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline and self-denial. This concept of self-discipline and self-denial is tempered by our responsibility to recognize the rights of individuals within the objective of a team.

We as school officials have committed ourselves to providing: (1) equipment and facilities; (2) trained coaches; (3) trained officials; (4) transportation; and (5) secondary insurance.

We are pleased to share this educational experience with you. It is our goal that every student will develop the skills necessary to become an independent problem solving adult.

UNDERSTANDING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS HANDBOOK BY STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We hope that the parents and athletes understand the rules and regulations covered in this handbook. If a rule or regulation is broken and dismissal from a team is necessary, ~~then~~ the parent will be notified why the dismissal took place. It should be understood that the coach has the final say and is the final authority regarding dismissal from a team.

Any athlete or family members of an athlete that are removed from an athletic event by an official, police or administrator is subject to suspension from all athletic events for the remainder of that season or that year.

Any fan that disrupts an athletic event is subject to suspension from all athletic events for the remainder of that season or that year.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE CONWAY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The philosophy of the Conway Athletic Department is to maintain a broad-based program that will afford all students with athletic interest an opportunity for safe participation in the sports of their choice.

The coaches shall deal with the athletes with firmness and fairness in order to establish the leadership they respect and admire. They will create enthusiasm for success and encourage

high ideals in the process. Coaches' will establish goals and then create the desire to pay the price to attain these goals. They will also maintain an organization to which it will be an honor to belong.

GOAL OF THE CONWAY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Our goal is that student athletes will develop the skills necessary to become independent problem solving adults.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONWAY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Athletic experience shall endeavor to accomplish the following:

- A. Develop attitudes that must be a part of each individual for success in athletics and life. Specific attitudes are as follows:
 - ❖ Pride in performance
 - ❖ Sacrifice and persevering application
 - ❖ Competition to win – the purpose of athletics is to win and to dilute the will to win is to destroy the purpose of athletic contest.
 - ❖ Sportsmanship – the good of the team comes before individual glory and desire.
 - ❖ Educational goals – the main reason why boys and girls go to school is to receive an education; athletic participation is secondary
- B. Develop in athletes an appreciation for optimum health and physical fitness. The importance of proper rest, good eating habits and cleanliness will be stressed at every opportunity.
- C. Encourage athletes physically, mentally and socially as they develop an appreciation for sports. They should become aware that this will take strength and courage.
- D. Base all teaching and learning situations on a sound progressive educational approach. Successful coaching is teaching at its best.
- E. Include coaches' training. Constant evaluation and improvement of techniques must be evident if the athletic program is to be outstanding.
- F. Develop all programs in such a manner that the end result will be one of unity, harmony, and success. Mass participation is to be emphasized and encouraged below the varsity level.
- G. Attempt constantly to motivate athletes to be better students. Coaches should display approval for school life and classroom achievement.
- H. Cultivate in all athletes a strong desire to be a Wampus Cat or Kitten.

- I. Instill in all athletes the desire to represent their school and community in a manner that will make school administrators, teachers, parents and the people in the community proud of them.
- J. Emphasize to athletes, at all levels of competition, the realization that athletic competition is a privilege that carries definite responsibilities. Some of the responsibilities are training, loyalty, eligibility, improvement, courage and perseverance.
- K. Bring recognition – to attain success in athletics, the participants must train their minds and bodies to respond instantly and effectively to the multitude of situations that arise during the course of play. This, of course, parallels success in later life.

The competitive world among children as well as adults is neither gentle nor overly kind. In such a world, however, the youngster under wise direction begins to grow toward social maturity by learning to do the following: (1) suffer mild hurts, mental and physical, in silence; (2) control emotional outburst; (3) overcome feelings of fear; (4) restrain the outward expression of sudden impulses; (5) understand and endure delays in getting what he/she wants, and (6) reject being “babied”.

Athletics is an elective; however, due to physical and emotional makeup and for other reasons many youngsters should not participate in competitive athletics and should not be expected to do so. Reasonable efforts should be made to locate and identify students in the elementary and junior high schools who have the interest, desire, ability and the heart to participate.

RULES FOR ATHLETES
PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.

REQUIRED PHYSICAL AND PERMISSION SLIPS: All athletes and managers must pass a physical examination and have signed and returned the permission forms in the front of this handbook before being allowed to participate in the athletic programs offered by the Conway Public Schools. **Physicals will be given by the school in May and will cost \$1.00 per student.**

BEHAVIOR AND CITIZENSHIP: The conduct of an athlete is closely observed by many, and it is important that an athlete’s behavior be above reproach. Appearance, expression and actions always influence people’s opinions of the athletes as well as the sport and school. Once you have volunteered to be a member of a squad, you have made the choice to uphold certain standards expected of all athletes in this community. Be proud to be an athlete, for it is a privilege, not a right.

The way an athlete acts and looks is of great importance; thus proper dress, appearance, grooming and personal cleanliness are expected. Athletes should be leaders and fellow students should respect and follow them. Proper dress and appearance will be established by the coach and is a continual process.

Athletes are expected to be good school citizens. Students who are suspended or expelled from school cannot participate in extracurricular activities during the time of their suspension/expulsion, and they are not allowed to attend school activities during this time. Students who remain in school, but whose behavior is inappropriate, may be disciplined or removed from extracurricular participation (including practice) at the discretion of the coach, of that sport, or a building administrator.

Any athlete charged with a felony will automatically be suspended from that sport and will not be allowed to try out or practice with another sport until they have been cleared of all charges. They are not allowed to attend any athletic events.

An athlete should never use tobacco, alcohol or drugs; it's been proven that athletes that refrain from the use of these substances perform at higher levels than those that do. Research clearly states that the use of tobacco, alcohol, and any type of mood modifying substance produces harmful effects on the human organs. If one wishes to be a Wampus Cat one must refrain from the use of tobacco, illegal drugs and alcohol.

Special rules apply regarding possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco and fights.

THE CONWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WILL USE A THREE STRIKE POLICY FOR GRADES 7TH THRU 12TH. THE THREE STRIKES APPLY ONLY TO INFRACTIONS CONCERNING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. THE SUSPENDED DAYS WILL CARRY OVER FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT.

FIRST OFFENSE:

- ❖ Athletes who possess or have been charged with possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs (a misdemeanor) will be suspended from participation in games or attending all athletic events for a period of **20 School Days**.
- ❖ Athletes who possess or use tobacco (in any form) will be suspended from participation in games or attending all athletic events for a period of **5 School Days**.
- ❖ Athletes who have been charged with fighting off campus will be suspended from participation in games or attending all athletic events for a period of **5 School Days**.

SECOND OFFENSE:

- ❖ Athletes who possess or have been charged with the possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs (a misdemeanor) will be suspended from participation in games or attending all athletic events for a period of **40 School Days**.
- ❖ Athletes who possess or use tobacco (in any form) will be suspended from participation in games or attending all athletic events for a period of **10 School Days**.
- ❖ Athletes who have been charged with fighting off campus will be suspended from participation in games or attending all athletic events for a period of **10 School Days**.

THIRD OFFENSE:

- ❖ Athletes who possess or have been charged with the possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs will be denied participation in athletics for the remainder of his/her enrollment in the district.
- ❖ Athletes who possess or use tobacco (in any form) will be suspended from all participation in attending all athletic events for a period of 20 **School Days**.
- ❖ Athletes who have been charged with fighting off campus will be suspended from all participation in or attending all athletic events for a period of **20 School Days**.

THE ABOVE NAMED OFFENSES AND PENALTIES WILL APPLY DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR.

DURING THE FIRST SUSPENSION, THE ATHLETE MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PRACTICE BUT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN TO ALCOHOL COUNSELING OR DRUG COUSELING AND HAVE A NEGATIVE DRUG TEST. HE/SHE CANNOT COMPETE OR DRESS OUT FOR ANY COMPETITION.

COUNSELING AND DRUG TEST WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PARENTS.

HOW TO REPORT A COMPLAINT

When reporting a complaint, the procedures are as follows:

1. Contact the coach who had direct supervision of the athlete at the time. If satisfactory resolution of the complaint is not made, then;
2. Contact the Head Coach of the sport in which the athlete was participating. If satisfactory resolution of the complaint is not made, then;
3. Contact the Athletic Director of the Conway School District. If satisfactory resolution of the complaint is not made, then;
4. Contact the building principal of the school. If satisfactory resolution of the complaint is not made, then;
5. Contact the Assistant Superintendent of the Conway School District.

ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

Being a member of a Conway athletic team is the fulfillment of an early ambition of many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained. Our tradition has been to win with honor, pride and dedication. When an athlete wears the blue and white of our school, we assume that he/she not only understands our traditions but also is willing to assume the responsibilities that go with being a Wampus Cat or Kitten.

1. **In the classroom:** In the academic area, the athlete is expected to become a good student. A good student does not mean all “A’s”. A good student means doing the best in academics.
2. **On the field/floor:** The desire to win is the most important factor in achieving success in athletics. Wampus Cat/Kitten athletes are expected to play with a burning desire in order to win with honor, dedication, pride and loyalty while adhering to the rules of the game.
3. **Practice & Games:** The athlete is expected to attend regardless of holidays, job commitment, social activities or week-ends.
4. **Absences:** An athlete should consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practice or an event without good reason will be dealt with severely. An athlete missing for any reason is expected to make up the practice session. Disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the coach.
5. **School Attendance:** **Students who miss school or check out on the day of an athletic event will not be allowed to participate unless they missed for an emergency or the building principal excused their absence.**
6. **In School Suspension:** If an athlete is sent to In School Suspension they may not attend, play, or practice in any school extra curricular activity and no coach or school personnel will be allowed to work them out until they have completed their in school suspension.
7. **Eligibility Guidelines and SIP School:** The athletic department encourages the academic excellence of all athletes. The eligibility requirements are those set forth by the Arkansas Activities Association and the State Department of Education. Students that are not eligible can practice with the team as long as they have permission from the head coach. The student can practice, but they are not permitted to play in a game or travel with the team.

Rules are as follows: All first semester 7th and 8th grade students have no requirements to be eligible. Second semester 8th and first semester 9th must pass (4) courses, three must be of the core. If you are in 10th, 11th or 12th grade you must pass (4) courses and have a 2.0 GPA. If a student passes (4) courses but doesn't have a 2.0 GPA, he/she can attend SIP classes. This class meets each Wednesday for 100 minutes. **If a student misses a class they automatically become in-eligible.**

8. **Care and Responsibility for Equipment:** Equipment should be turned in within one week following the end of the season. An athlete is financially responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. The cost of destroyed/lost equipment will be replacement costs. An athlete must treat school equipment as though it were his/her personal property. It should never be abused. If an athlete is involved in the theft of school equipment, he/she could be dismissed from the team.

9. **Attendance at an Athletic Event:** An athlete will get in free to sporting events that he/she participates in. **They must be stamped by their coach, or be listed on a current roster, or they will have to pay. It's the athlete's responsibility to ask the coach to get stamped.** No exception will be made. Those that are stamped must come through the pass gate entrance.

10. **Student Athletes and Social Networking:** As a student-athlete, one is a representative of the school and community and always in the public eye. The Athletic Department advises student-athletes to exercise extreme caution in their use of social networking (ie; Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube, etc.). Student-athletes should not post inappropriate information or pictures on social networking websites that damage or embarrass individuals, teams, the Athletic Department or the school.

Student-athletes should keep the following information in mind before participating in social networking:

- ❖ Always represent oneself and one's school respectfully.
- ❖ Once any text, photo, tweets, or video is placed online, it is completely out of your control, regardless of whether you limit access to your page. Assume that everything posted is permanent.
- ❖ Do not post information, photos, tweets or other items online that could embarrass you, your family, your team, the athletic department or school. This includes information, photos, tweets and items that may be posted by others on their page or on your webpage.
- ❖ Do not post disrespectful comments or engage in inappropriate behavior such as the following:
 - Derogatory or defamatory language;
 - Derogatory or defamatory comments about teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, athletics or the school.

Student-athletes could face disciplinary action and even dismissal for violation of school, team, athletic department or Arkansas Activities Association policy or rules.

11. **Bullying:** Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. (Refer to the Conway Public Schools Student Handbook bullying policy)

12. **Proper Conduct and Sportsmanship:** Proper conduct and good sportsmanship are expected at all times. Athletes should be good role models both in and out of the classroom. Cell phones and text messaging are not allowed during school.

As ambassadors of Conway Public Schools, student-athletes and coaches should strive to represent the very best spirit and tradition of athletics. Remember that athletes not only represent oneself, but one's teammates, coaches, the entire athletic department, the school and community. Student-athletes shall exemplify good sportsmanship on and off the field of play, during pre- and post-game comments to the media, and when traveling and participating at other institutions. Profanity, derogatory comments or other intimidating

actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated.

13. **Athletes Pick-up:** All athletes should be picked up from an event in a timely manner.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITY

- ❖ Common goals and group loyalties.
- ❖ Subordination of self-interest to team values.
- ❖ Self-discipline and personal sacrifice for team goals.

The coach and athletic director are primarily responsible for implementing these goals and standards. No student is obligated to take part in athletics. Athletics is a privilege, not a right. Since it is a privilege, the coach should have authority to revoke the privilege, when rules are broken. Each athlete will realize that the school wishes the athlete to reach his/her very best achievement level, both in life and in interscholastic athletics.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ATHLETICS

SUMMER WORKOUTS: All athletes are expected to maintain their physical conditioning throughout the summer. Coaches should inform athletes of any special workout programs to be followed. **Weight rooms and gyms will be open as scheduled through the summer.**

TEAM CAMPS: Coaches may enroll their teams in organized team camps during the summer. Athletes are encouraged to attend if possible. Spirit team members will be required to attend camp.

FALL SPORTS PRE-SEASON: Fall sports (Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, and Spirit groups) begin their pre-season workouts during the month of August as per Arkansas Activities Association guidelines. Athletes should keep an eye on the media as to the starting dates of practice or get in contact with their coach. If conflicts arise, athletes should contact their coach to resolve these conflicts.

OFF SEASON: The purpose of an off-season is to prepare a student physically and mentally for participation in athletics; therefore, it is in the student's best interest to have completed a conditioning program before participation in a sport. Required participation is left up the discretion of the coach. No athlete shall be required to be involved in an off-season while participating in an "in-season" sport.

TEAM TRIPS: All students must travel to events in transportation provided by Conway Public Schools. Special arrangements can be made for travel if approved by the building administrator. Sign-out sheets will be provided by the coach, sponsor or teacher for students to go with their parents after the event. **Parents can sign out only their child with the Coach.**

SPIRIT GROUPS: This entire Athletic Handbook as well as the following pertains to all members of any Spirit Group:

- A. AACCA Safety guidelines will be followed.
- B. The primary goal is to promote school spirit in the school and at athletic events.
- C. All Try-outs will be held in the spring.
- D. Competition is at the discretion of the Coach.

COLLEGE RECRUITING: In the event an athlete should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, he/she has an obligation to work through his/her coach. Inform your coach of such contact as soon as possible. College recruiting information is available in the counselors' office.

ATHLETIC AWARDS: The requirement for earning an athletic award, in any sport, in Conway Senior High is that the athlete makes the traveling squad for the varsity team for the entire season. Exceptions may be made for the athlete who is injured during the season, who transfers into the season, or who shows marked improvement during the season and earns a place on the varsity traveling squad at the end of the season. All exceptions are at the discretion of the coaching staff.

- ❖ 1st Year Student may purchase a letter jacket with the letter C on it.
- ❖ 2nd Year Certificate and Two Bars that can be added to the letter
- ❖ 3rd Year Plaque or Certificate and Three Bars that can be added to the letter
- ❖ 4th Year Plaque (These are sports that you can start in 9th grade)

BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP: The Conway School District has one Athletic Booster Club for grades 7th thru 12th. The purpose of this organization is to support all Conway schools athletic programs. Membership into the Booster Club is encouraged.

PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES IN DIFFERENT SPORTS:

1. The athletic department's philosophy is that each sport complements the other, both physically and competitively.
2. Students will be encouraged by the coaching staff to participate in all sports.
3. The head coach in each sport has absolute total discretion as to who plays, how long they play and under what circumstances they play or do not play.
4. Try-outs: Sports that are limited to a number of participants will conduct try-outs based on ability and grade level. Selection of the team will be at the discretion of the coach.
5. An athlete must complete his/her season in the sport they are involved in before they can try-out for another sport. They will be allowed to try-out for any team after their season even if the selected team has already had try-outs.

DROPPING & TRANSFERRING SPORTS: An athlete who is participating in a sport is not allowed to quit that sport, while in season, and take up another sport without the consent of both coaches involved. This, of course, does not apply to discipline cases.

SPRING SPORTS FOR NINTH GRADE ATHLETES: A 9th grade athlete may compete in spring sports on the High School level if the following criteria are met.

- ❖ A particular sport is not offered at the Junior High
- ❖ An athlete is too old to compete on the Junior High level.

UNDERCLASSMEN PLAYING ON VARSITY TEAMS: Only special circumstances would allow a student to participate in a sport higher than their grade level unless they are in the 9th grade and they are trying out for a sport not offered at the Junior High level. Circumstances would be evaluated by the coaching staff and athletic director.

CREDIT FOR ATHLETICS: Sports that are offered during the regular school day in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will count as elective credit. The first semester that a student participates in a sport may count for Physical Education credit if needed, to meet graduation requirements and will receive a percentage grade. All other semesters of sports participation will be given a pass/fail grade.

TITLE IX: Conway Schools Athletic Department adheres to Title IX guidelines. Conway Public Schools Title IX coordinator is Dr. David Westmoreland; you can reach him at 450-4845 ext. 226 or by mail at 2200 Prince St. – Conway AR 72034. If you should have any questions or complaints concerning Title IX call Dr. Westmoreland.

ATHLETIC INJURIES AND INSURANCE POLICY TERMS

The school district has purchased a group accident insurance program covering students while practicing for, and competing in, interscholastic sports and AAA sanctioned events. Students are covered by the accident policy while they are participating in sports and AAA activities that are school scheduled, school supervised and school funded during the regular school term. Participants are also covered while they are traveling as a sponsored group in a school assigned car, bus or van operated by a licensed driver over the age of 21, to and from the school and a covered event site, and while staying overnight, as a school supervised group, during a covered event held away from the home school. Individual travel or travel in a vehicle that is not owned, assigned or operated by the school is not covered by the policy.

Arkansas schools are not required to buy insurance or pay student medical expenses associated with school injuries. The school purchases the accident insurance policy as a public service to assist parents that may be without insurance or need to supplement their own personal insurance program. The school policy will not provide 100% reimbursement for all medical expenses incurred. The plan has limitations and benefits. The school cannot assume

responsibility for payment of medical expenses that are not covered by the accident insurance policy.

If you have other insurance, you must first file a claim with your insurance carrier and obtain benefits from that insurance. This policy is designed to consider payment of the eligible expenses that are not paid by your insurance carrier. A complete description of the policy benefits and limitations will be mailed if we receive an accident claim from you athlete's coach. All billing on an injury must be filed through the parents, not the school.

REPORTING INJURIES

- A. Any injury, large or small, should be reported to the coach immediately.
- B. Any injuries requiring a doctor's care should be noted and a doctor's release required before the athlete is allowed to play or practice. Any athlete not having a doctor's release will not be allowed to play or practice.
- C. Injuries not requiring a doctor's care will be assessed by the coach in charge or the athletic trainer in order to determine the athletes' ability to play or practice.
- D. If injuries are not reported within three days, the school's secondary athletic insurance will not be filed.

SPORTS OFFERED IN CONWAY SCHOOLS

7th Grade: Football, Volleyball, Basketball and Track

8th and 9th Grade: Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Cheer and Dance

Senior High: Football, Volleyball, Golf, Tennis, Cross Country, Basketball, Bowling, Swimming, Wrestling, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Track, Cheer and, Dance.

There are four teams (Bob Courtway, Carl Stuart, Ruth Doyle and Simon) on the 7th grade level for football, volleyball, basketball and track. There are two teams (Blue and White) on the 8th and 9th grade levels for football, volleyball, basketball, track, cheer and dance. There is one senior high team for the sports listed above.

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR NCAA AND NAIA

High school athletes who wish to participate in college sports in a NCAA Division I or II school or in a NAIA school must meet the following requirements.

NCAA Clearinghouse Requirements:

- 1) Graduate from high school.
- 2) Complete a minimum of 16 core courses for Division I and II (Course requirements differ for each—please refer to applicable website.).
- 3) Present the required grade-point average (GPA).
- 4) Present a qualifying test score on either ACT or SAT.
- 5) Complete the amateurism questionnaire and request final amateurism certification.

NAIA Requirements:

- 1) Graduate from high school.
- 2) Meet **two of the following three** requirements.
 - A. Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT.
 - B. Achieve a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - C. Graduate in the top half of the high school class.

Course requirements and qualifying scores are listed in the Conway High Course Catalog which each student received last spring. All information concerning both eligibility centers may be viewed on their websites, listed below.

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

www.playnaia.org

Please review the material above, fill out the form below, and return it to your student's coach.

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ have reviewed the information concerning the NCAA and NAIA eligibility requirements and am aware of the student athlete's responsibilities with both.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF NCAA AND NAIA REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE SURE THAT HE OR SHE TAKES THE NECESSARY COURSES AND COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAMS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE.