



Unicoi County Schools
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Homeschool Student Contract of Understanding for Athletic Participation

Athlete Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Address: _____

Current Homeschool Program: _____

Desired Sport(s): _____

School Year: _____

TSSAA/TMSAA has established 10 eligibility requirements to participate in TSSAA/TMSAA athletics. It is the responsibility of the family/guardian of the athlete requesting eligibility to provide ALL required information before eligibility can be determined.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

1. YES/NO The student shall be enrolled in a homeschool conducted by his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The students must take a minimum of five (5) academic subjects in a traditional calendar or four (4) in a semester block calendar which count toward graduation at the school where the student wishes to participate. **Official enrollment documentation MUST be submitted with the intent form.**
2. YES/NO The participating student must have a legal residence within the school district of the school where he/she will be participating. **Documentation of legal residence MUST be provided with the intent form.**
3. YES/NO The parent or guardian must complete the intent form and submit to the Unicoi County Board of Education no later than August 1 for the upcoming school year.
4. YES/NO The homeschool athlete shall meet the same academic and conduct standards required of a member school student-athlete to participate in the athletic program. The Director of School or designee shall confer with the parent(s) or guardian(s) conducting the homeschool to determine that the home school student is academically eligible. If a homeschool student's course of study does not include five (5) subjects in the traditional calendar or four (4) in a semester block calendar, then the Director of Schools or their designee and the parent/guardian shall develop an alternative measure of academic progress and submit to the TSSAA for approval. In no event shall a homeschool student be eligible who is not receiving the minimum four (4) hours per day of instruction

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administered by their parent/guardian. In no event shall a homeschool student be eligible who has fallen three (3) or more months behind the student's appropriate grade level. **A student schedule and official transcript/progress report must be submitted for verification.**

5. YES/NO The homeschool student must provide proof of liability insurance coverage which names the TSSAA as an insured party or the administration of the school must submit to TSSAA a copy of the TSSAA Indemnity Form signed by the guardian(s).
6. YES/NO The LEA may impose a participation fee for each sport in which a homeschool student participates. Such participation fee shall not exceed the fees or costs charged to or borne by students enrolled at the school and shall be paid in full prior to the first regular-season contest.
7. YES/NO The homeschool student must meet all other TSSAA eligibility requirements.
8. Eligibility issues may be appealed in accordance with the Bylaws of the TSSAA.
9. The homeschool athlete must adhere to the same standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and code of conduct as other participants of the team.
10. Ultimate decisions on team rosters are left to the member schools and individual coaches.

The homeschool athlete requesting eligibility for participation:

_____ HAS been granted _____ HAS NOT been granted

****Homeschool students will be responsible for submitting weekly, mid-term and nine weeks grades as all student-athletes MUST submit these.****

Athletic Director Signature

Date

Principal Signature

Date

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