

Otselic Valley Junior Senior High School

Parent/Guardian Permission for

Interscholastic/Extracurricular Participation

Participation in an extra-curricular activity is a privilege that adds to the life experiences for every person involved. This should be approached in a positive manner but by its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risks of injury. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate the risk. Participants can and have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury through the following means:

- Obey all safety rules
- Report physical problems to the coach immediately
- Condition properly
- Inspect their own equipment daily
- Have an updated Sports Physical

PARENTS OR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE RISKS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS PERMISSION FORM.

Interscholastic/Extracurricular Program Guidelines

It should be understood that these guidelines governing our interscholastic/extracurricular programs extend beyond the boundaries of our school. Membership in an organization or on a team carries with it the responsibility of representing our entire school community in a positive manner at all times.

1. Any student wishing to participate in Interscholastic/Extracurricular Programs must have a 70% or higher overall average in all courses or attend the academic study hall to fulfill the eligibility policy.
2. All participants in any activity or practice session are expected to attend meetings or practice sessions. An unexcused absence may result in suspension from the activity.
3. Any student who quits an activity without a good reason will not be permitted to return to it or join another team during that sports season.
4. As per revised New York State regulations, students going to any activity in a school vehicle — whether a field trip, away game, parade — must return via the school vehicle. The only exceptions are those students who:
 - 1st: Bring a parental permission slip prior to each activity. Permission slips must be presented upon the student's arrival to school to advisor, nurse or to the main office.
 - 2nd: Have the permission slip authorized by an administrator.
 - 3rd: After the administrator has authorized the permission slip, it will be given to the coach/ advisor.

5. Only a parent and/or guardian wishing to transport his/her own child from an activity may sign a release form with the appropriate OV personnel. **Please note that a sibling is not a guardian.**
6. Students who continually present disciplinary problems in the school will forfeit the privilege to participate in the extracurricular program.
7. **A student must be in school by the start of the first period (8:00 A.M.) of the day of a scheduled activity in order to be permitted to participate as a spectator or participant.** If a student is absent from school due to illness for any part of the school day, coach/advisor reserves the right to determine the extent to which that student may participate. The excuse must be presented at the time the student arrives to school. Generally speaking, if a student is too ill to attend school all day that student will be considered too ill to participate in athletics or other activities. **If a student leaves unexcused during the school day, he/she will not be permitted to participate in activities that day.**
8. Students who display undesirable conduct, or a lack of cooperation or disrespect toward their advisors, chaperones, bus drivers, or anyone placed in a position of authority may be suspended from further participation in that activity. All students must understand that they are representing our entire school community when participating in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities. Therefore, everyone is expected to maintain a neat, respectful appearance as well as conduct themselves in a socially acceptable manner.
9. Students are expected to arrive on time for all activities and practice sessions. Your late arrival serves only to hold up everyone else. Lateness may result in suspension from the activity.
10. The use of alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco is prohibited on school grounds. The use of alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco is prohibited while training as an interscholastic athlete. Any student found possessing, using or selling drugs, including alcohol, will be suspended from all activities and subject to the disciplinary procedures of the Otselic Valley Central School Code of Conduct. Any student found or reported to be using alcohol, drugs, tobacco and/or tobacco products will be suspended from participating in any school related or sponsored event or activity according to the following:
 - First Offense:** Suspension from two games and mandatory counseling
 - Second Offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the season and mandatory counseling
11. Uniforms are issued as an integral part of many school activities. It is the primary responsibility of the student to maintain the proper use and care of the uniform at all times. Parents will be billed for lost or damaged uniforms. *Any senior who wants to borrow a uniform may do so by leaving a \$10.00 deposit, per uniform, in the main office. The deposit will be refunded when the uniform is returned.*
12. To maintain academic achievement, coaches/advisors will support the Policy on Academics.
13. If there is a question regarding the placement of an athlete on a particular squad (modified, JV, varsity), the varsity coach of that sport will be responsible for determining the appropriate level of competition. This decision must be made with consideration for the best interest of the sport program as well as the best

interest of the athlete in mind. Input from the other coaches, the Athletic Director, and the parents of the athlete in question are encouraged in making this decision. It should also be noted that, according to NYSPHSAA rules, "a player in grades 7, 8, or 9 who practices or competes with or against a JV or varsity level opponent in a school-sponsored sport, shall **not** return to the modified level in that particular sport during that sport season."

Any student who violates the rules against the foregoing during the actual participation during a public event, *i.e.*; while representing the school at a performance or scheduled activity will be suspended immediately for the remainder of the season. (Activity = game or event, not practice)

I further agree not to hold the school or anyone acting in its behalf responsible for any injury occurring to the above-named student in the proper course of such athletic activities or travel.

PLEASE TEAR OR CUT OFF ON THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN THE SIGNED PORTION TO YOUR COACH AND KEEP THE GUIDELINES FOR YOUR RECORDS.

I hereby give my consent for my child _____ to participate on the _____ team and to follow the guidelines listed.

I have read and understand the above and will abide by the principles and regulations contained therein.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____
Student