Student Athlete Contract

Student Athletes Name:_____

I have chosen to participate as a member of the Manhattan High School Girls soccer program. I realize that this is a **privilege** and not my right to be a member of this team. As a Lady Indian, I realize that I will be representing not only myself, but also my family, school, team and coaching staff. I will adhere to and always abide by the following policies and recognize the penalty for breaking any of the policies is a personal responsibility to be borne by myself. If you choose to accept responsibility, you and your guardian must sign this contract, and in doing so, you agree to abide by the consequences set forth below.

The following violations may result in suspension or dismal from the MHS Girls Soccer program.

1. Attendance/School Work (School):
    a. School work: you are a student/athlete. Your studies come first. If you are having an issue, please let the coaching staff know so that arrangements can be made so that you can be successful in the classroom.
    b. NO attendance issues (absent)- Class attendance correlates with academic success.
    c. Student-athletes are expected to adhere to all rules at MHS. If a player receives in-school suspension, he/she will be allowed to participate in practice but not in games on those days.
    d. You must be present in class on gameday to be eligible to play per KSHSAA rules.
    e. Active participation in Edgenuity classes (online).
2. Attendance (Soccer): Attend and be on time for all team activities (meetings, practices, games, fundraising events, etc.)
    a. Attendance is mandatory – exceptions include illness, that results in a student missing school, school related activities (such as choir performance), and family emergencies (funeral, family illness, etc.).
    b. Be on time or early for all training sessions, games, bus departures or team functions (rule of thumb; 3:45pm for 4pm session.)
    c. Three unexcused absences from practice will result in dismissal from team.
3. Playing time
    a. Playing time is not up for discussion between coaches and parents! Playing time is determined at the discretion of the Manhattan High School coaching staff and is not guaranteed.
    b. Playing time questions: The coaching staff will follow the Athletic Department policy on communication. The four steps the Athletic Department recommends are numbered below in bold. To prevent the need for parent meetings the staff will meet individually with the players and give them a clear understanding of their role on our team and what they can potentially expect regarding playing time. We will play the kids who offer us the best opportunity to be successful on the field based upon our own soccer education and experience. If a player has questions about playing time **(Step 1)** he/she is encouraged to talk with the coaching staff. We believe this is a good learning opportunity for our kids to become self-

advocates. This skill will come in handy as they mature in life. **(Step2)** If step 1 has been met and you determine as a parent that a meeting is a must then we can meet, but we will require that your son/daughter be present so that he/she is aware of the discussion of his/her as it relates to soccer at MHS. **(Step 3)** If step 2 has been met the athletic director may be asked to join the meeting if deemed appropriate by the coaching staff or parents. **(Step 4)** If step 3 has been met a building administrator may be asked to join the meeting if deemed appropriate by the AD, coaching staff or parents.

c. The coaching staff does not discuss tactical decisions with parents. Many parents maybe knowledgeable about the game and have important insights, but the coaching staff believes there needs to be a clear separation concerning parental involvement in this area.
d. 24 Hour Rule: If you begin to speak to me about anything negative, I'm going to stop you and say, "I'm sorry, that's a violation of the 24-hour rule." Let's speak again tomorrow. Emotions after a game are supercharged. Your child is your star, and you want what's best for them. I must be concerned with what's best for the team. So, we'll stay away from making decisions with emotions, and we'll stay away from confrontations with emotions. This rule is in place so that we take measures to speak clearly with each other and avoid discussions full of emotion.

4. **All players will travel on the bus to and from away games unless pre-approved by Coach Sanchez and Mr. Marsh.**
5. Social media/Electronic communication
    a. Should be positive and should never negatively reflect on other teammates or coaching staff. If it is not positive don't post it.
6. Uniforms/Equipment
    a. Soccer uniforms and subsequent items (warm-ups, bags, etc.) are checked out to each participant at the beginning of the season. If a uniform is not turned in at the end of the season, or has been made unusable **for any reason**, the participant will be financially responsible for replacing the uniform. Uniforms must be always worn properly.

By signing below, you affirm that you have read this and fully understand the rules set forth by this contract. You are also stating that you understand that violations of the Manhattan High School Girls Soccer program behavior policies could result in you being dismissed from the program.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____