**Crestdale Middle School**

**Student-Athlete Contract**

As student athletes, you are bound by a stricter moral and behavior code than non student-athletes. As such, you will be responsible for conducting yourself in a manner above and beyond non student-athletes on and off campus. If you choose to accept this responsibility, you and your guardian must sign this contract, and in doing so, you agree to abide by the consequences set forth below and in accordance with the behavioral policy of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:

Absences:

• Students with *excused absences*\* from practice sessions or games shall not be penalized.

• Students with an *unexcused absence*\*\* from a practice session may not be allowed to participate in the next practice or contest, whichever occurs first.

• Students with an *unexcused absence*\*\* from a game may not be allowed to participate in next game. However, the student-athlete must still attend the game as part of the team. Failure to attend will result in the student athlete being suspended for an additional game.

• A students with 2 or more *unexcused absences*\*\* from games or practices will be suspended from the team until the player and his/her parents meet with the coach and athletic director to find a solution to the excessive absences. (This penalty does not carry over from season to season.)

• If the student-athlete is absent from school for more than half of the school day he/she may not participate in the game or practice that day. (Arrival after 12:30 pm or departure before 12:30 pm is considered an absence)

\*EXCUSED ABSENCE – doctor’s appointment, student illness, death in the family, student injury or school-approved activity.

\*\*UNEXCUSED ABSENCE – participating in another sport league activity, family trip not related to death in the family, shopping trip, church activity, community activity, ASD, ISS or any other than those listed as excused.

\*\*\*ABSENCE – Game: missing a game or arriving later or leaving before the end of the contest Practice: missing any part of a practice or an entire practice.

Discipline:

• Receipt of two lunch detentions or one before/after school detention (ASD) will cause the student-athlete to be suspended for one full game.

• Out-of-school (OSS) or in-school suspension (ISS) from school may result in the student-athlete being suspended from the team. The student-athlete is required to write a letter of reflection. The body of the letter must include an explanation of why the behavior occurred and a plan he/she will implement to prevent the behavior from recurring in the future. A student-athlete is prohibited from participating in any school-sponsored activities during the suspension and for five school days from the last day of the suspension.

• Two out-of-school/in-school suspensions during the course of the season permanently removes the player from the team.

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Signature of Student-Athlete Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date