



WATERFORD-HALFMOON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

All members of our Waterford-Halfmoon community must do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 as we continue to reopen through Governor Cuomo's *New York Forward* plan. Over the past eleven months, we have received guidance from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and from our local health department (Saratoga County DOH).

We are committed to providing as safe of an environment as possible to our student-athletes, coaching staff, officials and spectators as we work through the challenges of COVID-19. In order for your child to participate, we ask that you review the expectations attached to this letter and provide parental consent. Additionally, we ask that you review the risks associated with COVID-19 below:

- Participation in a sport may expose student-athletes to COVID-19.
- Symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can spread the virus.
- Masking, distancing, and other mitigation measures reduce, but do not eliminate risk.
- At present, it cannot be predicted who will become severely ill if infected.
- COVID-19 can lead to serious medical conditions and death for people of all ages.
- The long-term effects of COVID-19 are, at present, unknown; even people with mild cases may experience long-term complications.
- There is a significant risk of transmission to those in the home of infected student-athletes.
- Older people and people with underlying health conditions are at higher risk of serious disease.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns at mrobbins@whufsd.org or (518)237-0800 ext. 1311.

Sincerely,



ATHLETIC ACTIVITY CONSENT AGREEMENT

- Health screening is conducted by a parent/guardian prior to student-athlete arrival at each workout or athletic activity. If a student-athlete participates, it is with the understanding that they have not demonstrated or reported any symptoms related to COVID-19. Coaches will also conduct a health screening upon arrival.
- Student-athletes must have a mask with them at all times and must wear a mask at all times.
- Spectators are not permitted at these activities.
- The symptoms that must be monitored are:
 - 100.0°F or higher
 - Respiratory symptoms, such as dry cough or shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Body aches
 - Chills
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Close contact with someone infected with COVID-19
- Report, as soon as possible, any exposure to COVID-19 to your child's coach.
- Keep your child home if they're feeling sick or if anyone in your household is feeling sick.
- Frequently wash/sanitize hands.
- Clean personal belongings before and after each workout/activity.
- Bring personal water bottle(s) for hydration.

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the agreement above. My child has my permission to participate in athletic activity provided by the Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD. I understand that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease and may still be contracted even if we follow all of the safety precautions outlined above, in addition to those recommended by the CDC and NYSDOH. I also understand that failure to comply with this agreement will result in immediate removal of athletic participation privileges. Furthermore, I agree to fully cooperate with case investigations and contact elicitation and to adhere to isolation and quarantine orders.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student-Athlete Name (Please Print)