

**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION GRADE 7-12
CONSENT FORM
2021-2022**

Student Athlete: _____

Grade: _____

This form is to be **signed by all Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Inc. (“Rockway Mennonite Collegiate” or Rockway”) students and parents** (regardless of intent to participate or not) to provide consent for and understanding of what is involved in terms of expectations, opportunities and risks in the participation of the student in extra-curricular athletic programs at Rockway. These programs potentially include Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Intra murals, Soccer, Track and Field, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Wrestling, Baseball and Rugby.

The Importance of Athletics: The purpose of Athletics at Rockway is to celebrate the joy of an activity well done and to promote excellence in individual and team skills, performance and character. The values of self-discipline, self-sacrifice and fair play are essential to all school athletic involvement.

Team Selection: Students choose to try out for Rockway teams. Selection of athletes will be based on athletic ability, skill set, coach-ability, and potential to contribute positively to a team.

Winning and Losing: Students on school teams will be taught that winning and losing demand equal measures of humility and dignity. Our goal is that the school teams will compete, win and lose with grace. Students will commit themselves to this goal in their actions and language.

Athletics and Academics: Athletic involvement can be an important aspect of a student’s high school experience. At all times, however, athletic involvement is understood within a larger context of academics and other school, family and community involvements and priorities.

a) Student athletes must maintain a minimum 60% overall academic standing, with no failing grade in any courses, in order to participate on school teams.

b) Team members must inform teachers when missing classes due to games and complete all necessary class work assigned.

c) Student athletes are not allowed to play in games if they have not been in classes that day.

Team Benefits and Responsibilities: The desire to be part of a Rockway team is a privilege and not a right. Student athletes will acknowledge that representing their school on a team entails both benefits, responsibilities and expectations.

a) **Benefits** related to this privilege include growth in individual athletic skills, lots of fun in a team context, working hard towards a team goal, participation in games and tournaments, travel opportunities and a level of recognition and esteem from younger students and peers within our school community.

b) **Responsibilities** related to this privilege include representing themselves and their school with appropriate maturity, leadership, sensitivity and class. All student athletes are expected to commit themselves to fair play and conduct themselves, both on and off the court, with respect for self, team-mates, coaches, opposing players and referees. Student athletes must understand that in representing our school, others within and outside of our school, look to them as positive role models.

c) **Expectations for conduct:** With regard to representing our school the following expectations related to student conduct apply.

Rest and Eating Well: To support individual and team performance, athletes are expected to get appropriate amounts of rest and to eat well throughout their entire season.

Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's policies on smoking, alcohol and drug use apply whenever students are participating in athletic activities whether it be on our campus or during an off campus event. Not only do the choices of procuring, consuming or in any way being associated with alcohol or drugs hurt individual and team performance, student athletes are legally under-age to consume alcohol, as well as drug and alcohol possession being illegal.

Travel:

a) **Bus Transportation:** Transportation to and from athletic activities will always be by a school purposes vehicle driven by a qualified driver only. While traveling to and from these destinations, as with all vehicular travel, there is a level of risk in the transporting of the students.

b) **Parent Transportation:** Parents may be asked to assist in transporting team members to athletic events in their own vehicles from time to time. Only parents who have filled out the school forms requiring appropriate MTO driver abstracts, a valid driver's license and appropriate insurance coverage may do so. At no time are parents to otherwise transport students other than their own children to or from athletic events unless they have been dismissed.

c) **Parental Permission for Private Vehicle Use:** We discourage any team members from driving a private vehicle to any athletic activity.

d) **No Driving Other Students:** At no time will any student be allowed to transport any other team member(s) or Rockway students to any athletic activity.

e) **Dismissal Following Games:** There will be school bus transportation provided for students following athletic activities, unless otherwise stated. Following athletic activities any students not returning on the school vehicle to Rockway, are considered dismissed from the school activity. At this point parents are fully responsible for the transportation and supervision of the Participant.

Supervision and Injury:

The risk of injury exists in every athletic endeavor whether in practice, game or tournament play. These injuries may range from minor sprains to more serious injuries. The safety and well-being of students is of prime concern and reasonable attempts will be made to manage this as effectively as possible as there are foreseeable risks inherent in athletic activities, and transportation to and from such activities.

Schedules: Each athletic activity has a schedule posted on the calendar website. Additional information about new dates or changes will be posted on the school event calendar as it becomes available and communicated through the Participant. Any athletic activities involving an overnight experience will have an additional schedule provided and an additional permission form to sign.

COVID-19:

I / We understand and acknowledge the highly contagious nature of bacterial and viral diseases, and the risk that I/my/our child may be exposed to or contract COVID-19 or other infectious diseases by engaging in the activities, which may result in serious illness, personal injury, disability, death, or property damage. I /We understand and acknowledge Rockway Mennonite Collegiate cannot guarantee that I/my/our child will not be injured or become infected with the COVID-19 due to participation in the activities.

Student Name: _____
Grade: _____

Confirmation

I / We understand that my/our child has the possibility of being selected to be a member of an athletic team at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. We acknowledge that this privilege also entails many opportunities and benefits along with a range of additional responsibilities and expectations. If they are chosen we commit ourselves to support our child in adhering, in spirit and letter, to all guidelines outlined within this document.

I / We, _____, the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of the "Participant" hereby give permission for the Participant to engage in all activities for which they have been selected. This includes attending all practices, exhibition and regularly scheduled games, any games for which their performance qualifies them for further competition (*WCEAA, *CWOSSA, *OFSAA) and tournaments both at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and in other locations. I/We acknowledge that for any overnight activities in this regard there will be a separate schedule and an additional permission form to sign.

In the event of a medical emergency, I/we give permission to a medical practitioner and/or a supervising employee of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate to authorize emergency care for my child. Such authorization will only be granted when a serious condition exists, and the medical practitioner(s) and/or an employee of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate has been unable to contact me/us. I/We agree that in the event of emergency medical attention, I / we will not hold Rockway Mennonite Collegiate responsible for any costs arising out of such emergency situation.

By signing this consent form, I / we confirm that I / we and our child have read the above outline of opportunities, responsibilities and risks. I / We understand that additional information will be communicated to me / us regarding team activities and any changes to the practice and game schedule or any additional events will be communicated to me through the Participant and posted on the web events calendar. I / We have carefully considered the Participant's ability to cope with this athletic team experience should they be selected and I / we are satisfied that the educational value of these experiences outweigh any potential risk to the Participant

I / We confirm that in the event the team qualifies for *WCEAA, *CWOSSA or *OFSAA play, permission is granted for the release of personal information as required by *WCEAA, *CWOSSA or *OFSAA officials.

***** PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN ONLY THIS PAGE. KEEP PAGE 1 & 2 FOR REFERENCE *****

Name of Student Athlete _____

I understand the benefits, responsibilities and expectations of being a student athlete on a Rockway Mennonite Collegiate team and commit myself to adhere in the spirit and letter, to all guidelines outlined above.

Signature of Student Athlete _____ **Date** _____

IF THE STUDENT IS 17 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Parent/Guardian (print name) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

A second form (Release of Liability, Waive of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnification for Student Athletes) also needs to be completed and returned to school.

*WCEAA (Waterloo Catholic Elementary Athletic Association)
*CWOSSA (Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association)
*OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association)