



## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a member of the Thomas Heyward Academy Athletic Program, do agree to abide by the following rules and standards of conduct. I realize that athletic involvement is a privilege, and not a right, and carries with it responsibilities. I further acknowledge that there will be consequences for misconduct or not fulfilling my commitment.

- A. I agree to attend and be on time for all practices, meetings, and games. This includes Awards Banquets, team parties, team pictures and all other team functions. Though I may have outside activities, I will not allow them to interfere with my THA commitment.
- B. I agree to personally gain PRIOR permission from my coach if extenuating circumstances arise where I must be late or miss a team function (i.e. – academic help, family emergency, etc.) This does not excuse vacation or out of school activities.
- C. I agree to give 100% effort during practices and in games.
- D. I agree to inform my coach of an illness or injury that I feel may affect my playing ability. I recognize that lack of practice due to an injury may limit my playing time and that I am still responsible to attend practices and games when injured unless excused by my coach.
- E. I agree to inform my coach of transportation problems as soon as they arise.
- F. I agree to keep an attitude of encouragement towards my teammates in every situation.
- G. I agree to perform any function that the coach, in his/her best judgment, not my own, determines is best for the team's overall success.
- H. I agree to refrain from smoking, drinking, and profanity anytime and anywhere.
- I. I realize that being late due to a detention WILL NOT be tolerated and will avoid actions/attitudes that may lead to detention.
- J. I agree to maintain my academic eligibility and to inform my coach of any academic problems that may occur such as: term paper due, or upcoming tests, which may necessitate help in managing my time properly or included tutoring.
- K. I agree to take care of any uniforms or equipment that may be issued to me and will return it when I am asked. If any damage occurs during my possession, I agree to pay for repair or replacement costs. I agree to not use any school issued equipment for any outside activities unless approved by my head coach and/or the Athletic Director.
- L. I understand if I am not in school attendance three periods on game day, I will not be allowed to participate, unless prior arrangements have been made with Athletic Director or Headmaster
- M. I agree that if I break my commitment to my teammates, coaches, and THA by quitting the team, I will not be allowed to try out for any other teams until the beginning of that sport's season the following year.
- N. I agree that if I quit during a season, I am not eligible for any postseason awards.

**By signing below, I, the student-athlete, and we, the parents/guardians, agree to the above stated responsibilities.**

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Student-Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date