

**ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRACK & FIELD AT BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**MISSION STATEMENT** – To provide student-athletes an opportunity to participate in a quality high school track program, where they can better themselves physically and mentally, obtain the skills needed for setting goals, and learn that hard work leads to success.

**ATTENDANCE** – You must attend 8 practices before you can compete in a track meet. If you anticipate being absent or late for a practice you must communicate with Coach Pederson via the excusal form found on [www.bozemantrack.com](http://www.bozemantrack.com) before 3:00 pm. School-sponsored absences must also be communicated before the absence. Attending a practice when you have not attended school that day is not encouraged. Practices begin at 4:00 pm in the South Gym. At that time, doors will shut for our daily Team Meeting. An athlete with a note from a teacher or trainers will be excused for being tardy. However, please do not make a habit of being in the training room past 4:00. An athlete who is late without an acceptable reason will be marked tardy for practice. **On the third tardy for practice, the athlete will receive an unexcused absence and be ineligible for their next scheduled meet.** Any athlete that misses practice and does not notify Coach Pederson beforehand will be considered unexcused. **Unexcused absences will result in the following: 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Warning & Meet with Coach Pederson. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Ineligible for their next scheduled meet. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Dismissal from the track program.**

**BEHAVIOR** – Student-athletes should be a part of the track program for the right reasons: to be responsible for one's actions, to get in shape, to become a better athlete and competitor, and to dedicate oneself to achieving goals. As a member of the track team, you are representing Bozeman High School. With this in mind, we expect all student-athletes to be respectful of all coaches, teammates, opposing teams, and meet officials. **We expect appropriate behavior in school, during off time, and during track practices and meets.** We expect our student-athletes to wear school colors at all times during track meets – Red, Black, and/or White. We expect student-athletes to leave the locker room, bus areas, and track areas in a clean manner. Any behaviors that reflect poorly on the Hawk Track Program and Bozeman High may result in a student-athlete being either suspended or dismissed from the track program.

**WORK ETHIC** – Student-athletes are expected to complete all workouts to the best of their ability. The Bozeman High School training room is available for the treatment and rehabilitation of injuries. An athlete will consult with both a trainer AND Coach Pederson if concerned about persistent, continual or repeated aches, pains or strains. If an injury requires you to miss a practice, you will have to receive clearance from training staff and Coach Pederson before competing in the next track meet.

**AWAY MEETS** – Bozeman High School policy states that all student-athletes must ride the team bus to away meets. Student-athletes will be on the bus *before* the scheduled departure time. **The bus will leave on time.** We will not wait for a student-athlete nor stop to allow an athlete on the bus. The student-athlete will remain at each meet until the completion of the final event. An athlete will be allowed to leave a meet with his/her parent at the completion of the meet, and only after the parent has signed the athlete out with a coach. During away meets that are on a school night, student-athletes may be signed out and leave with a parent when they have completed their final event.

**CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT** – An athlete will wear an approved red hooded sweatshirt and black sweatpants to all meets. A hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants – color not specified – will be worn at all practices. During bad weather at meets or practice, other outer coats may be worn. School issued clothing or equipment not returned at the end of the season will result in the student-athlete paying to replace it before he/she is allowed to participate in another school sport or graduation ceremonies.

**CELL PHONE & ELECTRONICS** – Student-athletes are expected to be attentive to the meet and to their teammates. Headphones and ear buds are to only be used in team area during meets – use of electronics while warming up in the event area can result in a disqualification.

**A student-athlete may be dismissed from the Bozeman High School track program for reasons of attendance, violation of team or school rules, poor behavior, or inappropriate conduct detrimental to the team. By participating in Hawk Track and Field, student-athletes agree to the guidelines above.**

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Parent Name

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Signature

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Date