

SCHOOL SPORT ALBERTA
Completion required by School Principal in order for
school athletic teams to access competition in any SSA sport



ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT (Principal) School Year: _____

WHEREAS Alberta Schools' Athletic Association operating as School Sport Alberta ("SSA") is a voluntary, non-profit organization that has been established to coordinate a program of worthwhile athletic activities for the young people of Alberta in an educational setting;

AND WHEREAS _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] is one of more than 400 member high schools which together ultimately determine the policy of the SSA through representation on the Board of Governors of SSA;

AND WHEREAS _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] is also a member of the Metro Edmonton High School Athletic Association ("MEHSAA") which also has Bylaws, Rules and Policies which govern the participation of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] in athletic activities;

AND WHEREAS it is acknowledged that it is the responsibility of the Principal of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] to ensure that all of its administrators, coaches and student athletes and their parents are informed of the Bylaws and Policies of SSA and MEHSAA;

AND WHEREAS it is not in the best interests of any of the student athletes who are served by the work of SSA and MEHSAA for them to spend resources responding to court applications brought by individual student athletes, their parents or guardians;

I, _____ [NAME OF PRINCIPAL], acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. All personnel of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] including volunteer coaches will abide by all of the Bylaws and Policies of SSA and MEHSAA.
2. _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] will accept the outcome of any appeal process available through SSA or MEHSAA or any decision by them regarding any matter concerning an athlete registered as a student at _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] or a coach of a _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] team as final and binding on the administration of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] except where I, as Principal of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] have a reasonable belief that there are grounds for a judicial review of the outcome, in which case I will provide the SSA or MEHSAA a written explanation of the basis for that belief (including the basis of the belief that the decision is subject to judicial review) within 5 clear weekdays from the receipt of the decision on the outcome of the appeal. Any application for judicial review regarding that decision must be commenced within 15 clear weekdays of the receipt of the decision on the outcome of the appeal.
3. All athletes registered as students at _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] and their guardian will acknowledge in writing prior to participation in competition by that student that any outcome of any appeal process of the SSA or MEHSAA is final and binding upon the student athlete and that any application for a review of that decision by a Judge in a court of law must be brought by the administration of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] failing which _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] will oppose the application for review.
4. On request, _____ [Name of School] will provide a copy of any acknowledgment by the student and their guardian referred to in paragraph 3.
5. We have had an opportunity to review the Bylaws and Policies of the SSA and MEHSAA which are available for our review at:
[--schoolsportalberta.ca](http://schoolsportalberta.ca) [---http://metroathletics.ca/index.php](http://metroathletics.ca/index.php)
And in particular have read and understand the obligation of full and honest disclosure set within the SSA policy handbook.
6. Membership in or SSA of and the MEHSAA terms is a privilege and not a right. Any violation of Agreement the Bylaws may be Policies cause of SSA for or the expulsion of _____ [NAME OF SCHOOL] from SSA or MEHSAA or both.

[Note: SSA Bylaws Article II 4. states that upon a 75 percent majority vote of the provincial Board of Governors at a general meeting, any member can be expelled from the SSA for any cause that the Board of SSA may deem reasonable]

Principal Name (print) _____

Principal Signature _____

Date _____

Print, Sign, Scan and return signed form to MEHSAA Manager