Purpose
Participation in a school sponsored activity is a privilege, not a right. The participant must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of those, the participant must discipline himself/herself to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve excellence. The faculty of Spiro Public Schools believes that tradition of winning is established and maintained upon these principles. In order for a determined course of action for the pursuit of high achievement and the character training of young persons, the following "Participation Policies" must be understood and agreed to between the school, the student participant, and parents.

Attendance
All team members of each sport or organization will attend all scheduled practices and meetings. No practices can be missed. If circumstances arise whereby the student cannot attend a practice or meeting, the coach/sponsor must be notified prior to the practice or meeting missed by personal contact, phone call or written statement from the parent or guardian. Any participant who cuts practice, fails to appear for a game or contest, fails to make scheduled team or individual meetings, or fails to attend school on game, contest or practice days, may not be allowed to suit up or participate for any game or contest for a period of time to be determined by the coach/sponsor and Athletic Director. Excessive absences from the team practices, games/contest or meetings may be cause for removal from the school sponsored activity. All participants are required to attend classes regularly. Participants delinquent in class attendance are subject to disciplinary action. A student who has not attended classes 90% of the time for the semester becomes ineligible.
Eligibility
To be eligible for games/contest, the participant must be in compliance with the Spiro School Policies concerning incorrect or illegal enrollment and the rules and regulations of the OSSAA. Eligibility for weekly participant participation shall be determined by a weekly grade check. The participant must be passing to be eligible for any competition that week.

Activity Changes
It is recommended that all participants participate in as many activities as they are capable. Once a participant begins the in-season training period of a activity he/she should not quit while that sport/activity is in season. Any participant who quits a sport/organization to participate in another sport/organization shall be subject to being withheld from participation until the season of the sport or contest dropped by the participant is over. It shall be the prerogative of the coach/sponsor, of the in-season activity to release the participant to another activity. No participant may participate in a second sport/activity until the participant has been cleared for the first sport/activity by obtaining a written release. When an participant is released, that participant shall be free to try out for any sport/activity of his choosing. The head coach of the sport or sponsor of the organization shall have the right to determine if an participant is skillful enough to remain on the squad.

Jobs
The participant shall not obligate himself/herself to a job that in anyway interferes with practice time or regular competition time.
**Personal Appearance**
Because a participant is constantly in the eyes of the public, he/she becomes a representative of the school and is considered to be in a position of leadership. Therefore, the participant's personal appearance not only reflects his/her attitudes but those whom he/she represents. His/her hygiene must be such that it is not harmful to the participant's well-being while participating in athletic/organizational competition. Participants will be required to abide by the following rules established by the Board of Education and Spiro Public Schools. Participant's are expected to dress appropriately at all times during school hours and when attending school sponsored activities. Participants will dress accordingly with the Spiro Public Schools student handbook. Lack of adherence to the rules may result in the participant being held out of practice, games or contest. Failure to comply after further notification may result in suspension from the team and/or removal from athletics or school sponsored activities.

**Personal Health Practices**
Due to the harmful effect upon the health of the individual, all participant's will refrain from use of: tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, including beer, abusive drugs of any kind, improper diet, and improper rest. Verification of drinking alcoholic beverages or using abusive drugs by the participant, may result in immediate dismissal from the team or organization.

**School Decorum**
All participants are expected to govern his or her conduct in accordance with the rules and regulations of the "Student Handbook" and that violation of the student's obligations under that handbook may result in removal from competitive athletics or school sponsored organizations.
SPIRO HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Training Rule

BASIC TRAINING RULE: The 1st violation of any of the basic rules listed below could be suspension for at least one game or contest. The 2nd violation of any of the basic training rules listed below could be removal from the team or organization!!!

1. Smoking
2. Influence or possession of alcohol
3. Influence or possession of illegal drugs
4. Drug Abuse

Denial from participating with the team/organization for a period of time (to be determined by the coach/principal/spONSOr) may result from the following:

1. Insubordination
2. Obscene gestures, swearing
3. Provocation
4. Fighting
5. Stealing
6. On the ineligible list for three (3) consecutive weeks during the season.
6. Other disciplinary situations which shall rise.

- Any participant who is removed from the team for disciplinary reasons will not be eligible to practice or play another sport/activity during the season of that sport/activity.
- Athletic uniforms and equipment are not to be worn or used by any student except during practice of school sponsored events in which he/she participates.
- Equipment issued to the participant is his/her responsibility for the return. If the equipment is not returned, replaced, or paid for, no other equipment will be issued to the participant for any other sport/activity.
- With administrative approval, coaches/spONSOrS may establish additional training rules, schedules, curfews, etc...., for each sport/organization.
SPIRO PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION FORM

Before any student may be permitted to participate in any athletic event or for organized practice for such sports, his/her parent or guardian must read this form which includes the following:

I hereby certify that my child, Grades 7-12, Sport ___All Activities___, has my approval to play on the athletic/school sponsored teams of Spiro Public Schools, grades 7-12, from this date until this participation is revoked in writing by me. To the best of my knowledge he/she is physically fit to engage in competitive athletics or contest and is not suffering from any diseases or injury.

1. I understand that Spiro Public Schools, the athletic department and any school sponsored organization are not legally liable under Oklahoma laws for injuries of any nature at any time or any place to any students, teachers, other employees or any other person whatsoever.

2. I understand that the Spiro Board of Education has approved a group insurance policy which is available for all students, (at the student's expense) who expects to participate in athletics or school sponsored activities grades 7-12.

3. I understand that Spiro Public Schools and its employees assume no responsibility for any student's accident or injury, except to render first aid treatment, and if necessary, to take the individual to his home or such place as may be advisable.

4. All claims for injuries, if any, will be handled by the parent or guardian directly with their insurance company.
Name: __________________________ Birthday: ____________ Age:______

School: ___ SPIRO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ___ Sport(s): ___ ALL ACTIVITIES___

Parent/Guardian Name: _______________________________________

Phone number of Parent/Guardian: ______________________________
If Parents cannot be reached, Contact: ____________________________
Contact Phone Number: ________________________________________

Family Doctor:___________________________ Phone: __________________
Preferred Hospital: ______________________________
Known Allergies: __________________________________________________

The team physician, athletic trainer, coach or sponsor may apply first aid
treatment until a family Doctor can be contacted. YES ________ NO __________

I give my consent for coaches, sponsors, trainers and team physician to use their
judgment in securing medical aid and ambulance service in case parents cannot
be reached. YES __________ NO __________

Be it know that I, the parent or guardian of the student named above, do hereby
give and grant unto any medical doctor or hospital, my consent and authorization
to render such aid treatment or care to said student as, in the judgment of said
doctor or hospital, may be required, on an emergency basis, in the event said
student should be injured or stricken ill while participating in athletics, activities
or contest.
SPIRO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATION CONTRACT
SIGNATURE SHEET

I have received, read, understand and am agreeable to the rules of all the forms listed below.
(All forms listed below can be found on the Spiro High School Website)

- Spiro Public Schools Participation Contract
- Student Athletic Participation Guidelines
- Spiro Public Schools Participation Form
- Spiro Public Schools Sportsmanship Policy
- Spiro Public Schools Emergency Information and Parent Consent for Emergency Care,
- House Bill 2615
- Concussion Fact Sheet for Athletics and Parents
- Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet
- Student Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy

I understand that if I have not kept my agreement to fulfill the above obligations, I could be removed from Football, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Track, Cheerleading, Band, FFA, FCCLA, BPA or any other sport or organization that I might be involved in.

DATE: ____________________________

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________