

SOUTH PUTNAM

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



SOUTH PUTNAM MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
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Principal – Tona Gardner
Athletic Director – Troy Burgess
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Eligibility

Physical Examination and Medical Clearance

A physical examination is required for each student-athlete every school year and no student is to practice or participate in any sport until the correct forms are on file in the Athletic Department. A physical examination received after April 1st, of any year, is valid from the date of examination through the following school year.

All physical examinations must be recorded on the Pre-participation Physical Evaluation form provided by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). The physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner conducting the examination must have an unlimited license to practice medicine. These forms are available on the IHSAA and South Putnam School websites.

Student-athletes who are absent from school for five consecutive days, or who are physically unable to practice for five consecutive days due to illness or injury, must present a statement from a physician who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine to the Athletic Director or Athletic Trainer certifying that they are again physically able to participate in practices and athletic contests.

Absence of Athlete from School

A student-athlete must attend at least four classes in order to participate in a school event. Exceptions to this policy may only be made by the Principal or Athletic Director. An athlete shall not be eligible for practice or contest participation while suspended from school attendance.

Additional South Putnam Requirements

Athletes must be enrolled and attend either South Putnam High School or a combination of South Putnam High School and the Area 30 Vocational School to be eligible for athletic competition. Homeschool students living within the South Putnam school district may participate in South Putnam athletics if the following criteria are met by the student:

- has been in the homeschool environment for the previous three years in succession; and
- completes any state-wide examinations authorized by the Indiana Department of Education; and
- meets the minimum course enrollment and grades for participation (as defined on page 5 under scholarship) and provides proof to the school by the Eligible Certificate Date each grading period; and
- is enrolled and attending at least one full credit subject at South Putnam.

Athletic Permission Statement – **No students will be allowed to participate in a competition until the Signature Page is completed and in the possession of the Athletic Department.**

Athletic Insurance – Insurance is *required* for all members of athletic teams. **The South Putnam Athletic Department provides no athletic insurance to participants.**

IHSAA Eligibility Rules for All High School Students

Participation in athletics is a privilege earned by meeting the standards set by South Putnam Middle/High School, the Western Indiana Conference, and IHSAA. In the event of questions regarding eligibility, contact the Athletic Director or the Principal before eligibility is endangered. To be eligible to represent your school in Inter-School Athletics you must meet the following criteria:

Age – You do not turn 20 years old prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals tournament in a sport.

Amateurism – You have not played under an assumed name. You have not accepted money or merchandise directly or indirectly from athletic participation. You have not signed a professional contract in that sport.

Awards and Gifts – You have not received in recognition for your athletic ability any award that is not approved by your high school Principal or the IHSAA. You have not used or accepted merchandise as an award, prize, gift, or loan or purchase for a token sum. You have not accepted awards, medals, recognitions, gifts, and/or honors from colleges/universities or their alumni.

Conduct and Character – You have not conducted yourself in or out of school in a way which reflects discredit on your school or the IHSAA. You have not created a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral, and educational environment in your school.

Consent and Release Certificate – You have the complete certificate (physical form) on file with your Principal each school year, between April 1st and your first practice.

Enrollment – You enrolled in a school during the first 15 days of a semester. You have not been enrolled more than four consecutive years, or the equivalent (e.g. 8 semesters, etc.), beginning with grade 9. You have not represented a high school in a sport for more than four years.

Illness and Injury – If you are absent 8-14 consecutive school days due to illness or injury, you must have participated in at least four separate days of practice prior to competing. Absences beyond 14 days require 6 days of practice prior to competition.

Participation

During Contest Season – You do not participate in try-outs or demonstrations or athletic ability in that sport as a prospective post-secondary school student-athlete. You do not participate in a practice with or against players not belonging to your school, including students enrolled below grade nine. You do not participate in a non-school sponsored contest without an

approved waiver. You do not attend a non-school camp. You do not attend and participate in a student-clinic.

During School Year Out-of-Season – You do not participate in a team sport contest as a member of a non-school team where there are more than the following number of students listed below in each sport, including incoming freshmen, who have participated in the previous year in a contest as a member of their school team in that sport:

- Basketball – 3
- Baseball – 5
- Football – 6
- Volleyball – 3
- Softball – 5
- Soccer – 6

You do not receive instruction in a team sport from individuals who are members of your high school coaching staff (exception: open facility). You do not participate in a non-school contest that requires participation during school time, without gaining approval by the school Principal or his/her designee.

During Summer – You do not attend any school-sponsored fall sports camp and/or clinic after Monday of Week 4. You do not attend any non-school camp and/or clinic after Monday of Week 7 (see the Athletic Director for specific dates).

Practice – You have completed the required number of separate days of organized practice in your sport under the direct supervision of the high school coaching staff in your sport preceding participation in a contest.

Scholarship – You passed 70% of the full credit subjects or the equivalent (five classes per semester) that a student can take in your previous grading period. Semester grades take precedence. You are currently enrolled in 70% of the full credit subjects or the equivalent (five classes per semester) that a student can take. Incomplete grades on Eligible Certificate Dates (the date when the school reports grades to the IHSAA) count as a failure unless the school is granted a hardship waiver for an extreme situation outside the control of the student and the student's parents.

Transfer – All transfers must abide by the current IHSAA guidelines.

Facilities and Equipment

Care of School Facilities

Athletes are to be instructed by the coaches in the proper care of facilities and equipment. The coach must inform the Athletic Director of any damage to school equipment or facilities. Any damage caused by athletes must be paid for in full before being allowed to participate in further athletic activities. Suspension from athletic activities will be considered for some damages, depending upon circumstances; if sufficiently serious, a suspension of one year may be imposed.

School-Owned Equipment

Equipment issued to athletes remains the property of the school. Equipment that is not returned is to be paid for by the athlete. The cost will be equal to the replacement cost.

Exception: When the athlete pays for a part of the cost and is permitted to retain the item and then turn it in at the conclusion of the season. The athlete is to be responsible for the proper maintenance of the item. The coach is responsible for the equipment being returned.

No athletic equipment bought by the athletic department and issued to squad members may be worn outside of practice or game situations.

Exceptions: With the approval of the Athletic Director, athletes may wear game jerseys or shirts on the day of a contest. Each coach must inform his or her squad of the limitations of this rule.

All equipment shall be fitted by the coach and athletic trainer to insure proper size and to protect against injuries. The coaches are to issue all game and meet equipment and uniforms at the start of each season and check the equipment in at the end of each season. Team members should be instructed in the proper care and laundering of equipment. Equipment issued to athletes remains the property of the school unless the athlete pays part of the cost with the agreement that the equipment is then that property of the athlete. The athlete is responsible for the proper maintenance and replacement of equipment. **If equipment has not been returned, the person responsible will not be allowed to participate further in athletics until the equipment has been returned or payment for the lost equipment has been received.** The coach and the Athletic Director shall be responsible for the proper resolution of any such problem.

Awards

Qualifications for Awards

To qualify for awards, candidates must have met the IHSA and school rules, returned all equipment to the satisfaction of the coach and Athletic Director, and display proper sportsmanship to opponents, officials, and teammates. A participant must be in regular attendance at practice. He/she is to meet the practice schedule as set forth by the coach or assistant coach. A participant must be eligible and available at all times throughout the season for his or her chosen sport(s). The coach will determine excused or unexcused absences from practice or contests. Athletes who transfer to SPHS from another school will receive credit from their athletic record at the previous school after they have won a varsity award at SPHS.

In most instances, the athlete must complete the season. Injuries may waive this consideration for an athlete well into the season who has made an outstanding contribution to the team. The injury must be related to the sport (occurred in practice or game) and the candidate is not allowed to participate further in athletics on orders from a doctor. The candidate must further be qualifying for the award at the time of the injury.

For all teams, the sports season has not concluded until that team's individual season celebration night has been held. The celebration night will be held after completion/elimination from the State Tournament. This program is considered an extension of the athletic season and all athletes are expected to attend. An excused absence on the part of the athlete may come from the Athletic Director. An absence that is not properly excused may mean forfeiture of the award.

Coaches must recommend all recipients to the Athletic Director. Attitude on and off the athletic field are to be taken into consideration when an athlete is recommended for an award. The coaches of each sport reserve the right to recommend any senior athlete for an award who, in their estimation, has contributed satisfactorily. The coach of each sport will certify that each participant recommended for an award has met the minimum requirements for that particular sport.

Varsity Letters

Varsity – Varsity letter (initial award only) and Varsity pin

Reserve and Freshman – Certificates

Jacket Numerals - Awarded to any student athlete completing his or her first high school athletic season in athletic good standing.

Individual Sport Requirements for Varsity Letters – **Ultimately, all varsity letter decisions are at the coach's discretion.**

To be eligible, a student athlete must at minimum:

- be listed on the team's sectional roster
- complete the season in athletic good standing

Athletic Trainer Student Aids – Student Trainer Aids earn a varsity letter after completing two athletic seasons in athletic good standing and meet minimum requirements as agreed upon by SPHS administration and the athletic trainer.

Managers – Managers must be present for all practices and events and follow the same attendance policy as other team members.

Cheerleading – **Cheerleaders who complete the summer competition season are eligible to receive a varsity letter; however, points will not be added toward the end of the year selection of Outstanding Senior Athlete or the Blanket Award.** The varsity cheer coach will determine the successful completion of summer competition.

Letter Jacket

Any athlete may purchase a letter jacket after he or she has earned one varsity letter as a student at South Putnam High School. The total cost will be paid by the athlete; letter jackets will not be purchased by the Athletic Department. It is the athlete's responsibility to communicate with the Athletic Department about purchasing an athletic jacket.

Letter Blanket

Athletes must earn a total of nine varsity letters in order to be eligible for a letter blanket. It is the athlete's responsibility to inform the Athletic Department when he or she accumulates enough letters for a letter blanket.

Outstanding Senior Athlete

The recipients of these two awards will be determined by the South Putnam High School Athletic Council (Varsity head coaches, the Athletic Director, and the Principal) using the following guidelines:

Eligibility

An athlete must successfully complete two sport seasons in his or her senior year to be eligible for the Outstanding Senior Male and Outstanding Senior Female Athlete Awards.

Notification

It is the responsibility of the head coach in each sport to notify the Athletic Director of Conference and County awards prior to the end of the regular season, as well as any post-season awards which qualify.

Sportsmanship

The South Putnam Middle and High School Athletic Department views positive Sportsmanship as a non-negotiable aspect of participation by its student-athletes. Unsportsmanlike conduct and violations of the student athletic handbook will result in disqualification and/or loss of points as follows:

1. Any violation of the athletic handbook occurring during the athlete's senior year (beginning the day after the last day of school their junior year) that results in a suspension will disqualify an athlete from contention.
2. Being suspended from a game during an athlete's senior year, will result in the loss of one (1) point.

Selection

Athletes will be awarded points based on the table below. Athletes participating in individual events, receive points based on only one (1) event regardless of the number of events they are competing in.

The top three (3) scorers (Male and Female) will be presented to the Athletic Council who will determine the award by a simple majority vote.

Senior Athlete of the Year Points Breakdown

Award	Points (per season)
Participate in a sport	1
Letter in a sport	2
County Team Champion	1
County Individual Champion	1
All County Selection	.5
Conference Team Champion	1
Conference Individual Champion	1
All Conference Selection	.5
Academic All Conference	.33
State Qualifier (Individual or Team)	1

State Champion (individual or Team)	2
Mr./Miss Indiana in any sport	2
All American in any sport	3

The athletic council will take the top 3 athletes (3 male and 3 female) at the end of the year and vote for the winner. Each Head Coach, the Principal and the Athletic Director will have one vote. Athletes must still participate in a minimum of two sports to qualify for the Senior Athlete Award.

***Tennis will receive points based on their match with Greencastle (#1 Singles, #1 Doubles)**

Recognition

Athletes and their families will be notified no sooner than after the completion of the final spring tournament in which qualifying athletes are competing.

Twelve Season Award

To be eligible for this award, athletes must compete in athletics every season throughout their high school career. It is the athlete's responsibility to inform the Athletic Department once they have become eligible.

Rules and Regulations

All rules and regulations of the South Putnam Student Athletic Handbook must be met before athletic participation may take place. An athlete is an athlete 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day. Any violation during or between seasons will be handled in accordance with the Athletic Handbook and the Student Handbook. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the school corporation to follow the provisions of the Due Process and Pupil Discipline Statute (IC 20-8.1-5) in removing a student from participation in any athletic activity.

Violations of training rules as listed in the Athletic Handbook and/or Student Handbook violations including those related to the use of alcohol, nicotine, marijuana and/or controlled substances will be investigated immediately when a report is received by the Athletic Director. If the charge is not substantiated, the student will be notified and no further action will be taken. If it is ruled by administration that a violation has occurred, consequences will be implemented in or out of season.

A student athlete who is suspended out of school for disciplinary reasons may be subject to athletic consequences as well under these same guidelines at the discretion of the athletic director, and/or the school principal.

Any consequence resulting in a suspension from athletics may carry over to the next athletic season that the student participates in should he or she fail to serve the entirety of the suspension during the current season. A student who fails to successfully complete participation in an athletic season after successfully completing a penalty imposed under this policy must serve the penalty in full in each subsequent athletic season in which the student participates until such time as the student successfully completes participation in a sports season for the full term of the season in good sports standing. Any in-season tournament other than the IHSAA state tournament will count as one contest toward serving an assigned athletic suspension.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Paraphernalia Products

Includes controlled substances, look-a-likes, and drug paraphernalia as well as vape devices, e-cigarettes, Juuls, and all associated products.

An athlete shall not use or consume, have in his or her possession, buy, sell, or give away drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or look-alikes. This policy also applies to students who have violations or positive drug tests within the confines of South Putnam's drug policy.

Attending any event, or choosing to be in someone's company, where this rule is knowingly being violated or where substances are illegally being consumed or sold will be treated the same as a violation of the above rules unless the athlete leaves immediately. The policy does not apply to an athlete who has a valid prescription or order for a controlled substance, as long as the prescription or order was written for the athlete. This policy does not cover the use (not abuse) of over-the-counter medications for colds, allergies, or minor pain.

Consequences

Student athletes who admit to or ruled by administration to be using, possessing, buying, selling or giving away alcohol, controlled substances, drugs, tobacco or look-alikes or test positive for alcohol, controlled substances, drugs, tobacco, (including, but not limited to, reports issued by police or juvenile probation) will be suspended from all athletics according to the following minimum guidelines and may be suspended for an indefinite period up to and including the student athlete's athletic career:

- First offense: Suspension from performance or competition in co/extracurricular activities for 25 percent of the current season or the next season if not currently competing.
- Second offense: Suspension from performance or competition in co/extracurricular activities for 50 percent of the current season (unless the second offense occurs within the same season as the first offense in which case the athlete is suspended for the remainder of that season).

- Third offense: Suspension from co/extracurricular activities for one calendar year.
- Fourth offense: Suspension from co/extracurricular activities for the remainder of school career (for 8th-grade students: minimum of one calendar year).
- The suspension starts the day that the test results are received.

* Consequences may be influenced/reduced due to participation in the cessation program.

Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Cessation

As stated before it is the goal of the Board of School Trustees of the SPCSC to educate, help, and direct students away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. As part of that goal, South Putnam Community School Corporation is offering a cessation program to its students. Students may voluntarily opt to participate in the program. Students who have received disciplinary consequences associated with drug and/or alcohol abuse and voluntarily choose to participate in the cessation program may be eligible to return to class and/or extracurricular activities upon the completion of components of the cessation program as described below. Students using, distributing or in possession of particularly dangerous/ lethal drugs may not be eligible. Eligibility of students remains at all times at the discretion of the principal. Students with a 4th infraction may participate in the cessation program but will not be allowed to have restored extracurricular eligibility.

The cessation program can consist of educational components, counseling, community service and follow-up drug testing.

Extra-curricular/ Co-curricular Guidance:

	1st Infraction	2nd Infraction	3rd Infraction	4th Infraction
Suspension from Athletics and Extra-Curricular	25% of Current Season Or 25% of Next Season If Not Competing	50% of Current Season Unless Same Season as First Infraction - Then Remainder of That Season Or 50% of Next Season If Not Competing	365 Days	Remainder of School Career
Social Probation	(In accordance with Social Probation Guidelines)	(In accordance with Social Probation)	(In accordance with Social Probation)	(In accordance with Social Probation)

		Guidelines)	Guidelines)	Guidelines)
*Complete Education Including Building a Person Quit Plan	Initial Program (typically 4-6 sessions/ modules)	Second-Level Program (typically 6- 8 sessions/ modules)	Intensive Program (typically 8-10 sessions/ modules)	
*Participate in Counseling	2 Sessions (at least 30 min. each session) w/ school counselor	Intake plus 4 Sessions (at least 30 min. each session) w/ School-Based Community Counseling Agency Recommend One Session Include a Family Member	Intake plus 8 Sessions (at least 30 min. each session) w/ School-Based Community Counseling Agency 2 Additional Sessions Including a Family Member	
*Serve the Community	2 Hours Community Service w/ Organization May include PIE Breakfast(s) or Teen Court Session(s)	8 Hours of Community Service w/ Organization May include PIE Breakfast(s) or Teen Court Session(s)	20 Hours of Community Service w/ Organization May include PIE Breakfast(s) or Teen Court Session(s)	
Establish and Maintain Sobriety	*1 clean test Maintain weekly clean tests for the duration of the would-be suspension	*3 consecutive clean test Maintain weekly clean tests for the duration of the would-be suspension	*8 consecutive clean tests Maintain weekly clean tests for the duration of the would-be suspension	

Students must complete education, counseling and community service components as well as establish sobriety before returning to extra-curricular/co-curricular competition/performance. Students who fail a drug test as part of the sobriety component will have consequences restored. They will no longer be eligible to return to competition/performance during their suspension.

Involvement with Law Enforcement Agencies

Penalties begin with the competitive season and are based on conviction, admission by the athlete, and/or police report (minor traffic violation excluded).

- Misdemeanors – Up to one year maximum suspension.
- Felonies – Minimum suspension for at least one calendar year and possible suspension for entire high school career. All suspensions will be a minimum of the remainder of the season. If any suspension overlaps the beginning of a season, then the athlete is not eligible for reinstatement until the beginning of the next season.

Quitting or Being Dismissed from a Team

Once a student begins practice in a sport and his/her team membership is terminated by a coach for reasons other than being cut due to lack of ability, they are not eligible to practice or participate in any other sport in the current season unless given approval by the Athletic Director and by mutual consent of the coaches involved. A complete investigation is to be made.

When an athlete quits a team, he or she may not try out for the next season sport until the team he or she quit finishes their current season.

- Only mutual consent of the coaches involved and the Athletic Director may waive this rule.
- The rule further prohibits preseason conditioning for another sport, weight training, or intramurals until the uncompleted season has ended.

In-School Suspension

Disciplinary action for athletes who have received in-school suspension will be at the coach's discretion with approval from the Athletic Director.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship and character are to be emphasized at all times. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.** Procedure for athletes being disqualified or ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct:

- A conference between the head coach and athletes will be held the following school day. Each case is decided on its own merits.
- Penalties set by South Putnam will be decided in each case with no precedent being set by any case. A meeting with the Athletic Director and the Principal may follow.
- Penalties may range from a conference with the athlete, dismissal from the team, suspension, or exclusion from all athletics.
- If an athlete was ejected from competition for unsportsmanlike conduct, they are not able to participate in the following contest and they must also complete the required IHSA Sportsmanship Class.

Additional Circumstances

Any and all situations covered by these regulations are to be presented by the coach and resolved by the Athletic Director and Principal.

Additional Information

Transportation

All athletic trips must be made by school bus or white bus. No private transportation will be permitted unless approved by the Principal, Athletic Director, or School Board. This applies to all trips outside the school corporation limits.

Members of all athletic teams will return to the school unless there is an agreement otherwise between the athlete's parents and the coach. The parent must inform the coach in person if they wish to furnish the transportation for the athlete. If the coach directs the athlete to return to school by transportation provided by the school, the athlete is to comply with those directions.

Overnight Squad Trips

Approval from the School Board, through the Athletic Director, must be obtained for any overnight athletic trip. The coach of a squad making an overnight trip, or one of a longer duration, must forward a letter to the parents of the athletes involved with the following information:

- Purpose of trip
- Date and time of departures and the date and estimated return time
- Location of lodging for squad
- Method of contacting athletes in case of emergency
- Method of travel – If transportation is by private automobile, the names of adult drivers and the passengers in each vehicle are to be listed
- A breakdown of expenses for their athlete and who will assume the expenses

A parental consent form granting permission for the athlete to take part in the trip must be signed by the parent or guardian, collected by the coach and then be available to the Athletic Director prior to the trip.

Injuries

In the event of an injury, the coach should administer first-aid immediately unless the Athletic Trainer is present. The welfare of the individual athlete is first and foremost. In the event of an injury that is thought to be serious, the parent or guardian is to be contacted immediately and advised of the injury. If, in the Athletic Trainer/coach's opinion, the injury is serious enough to warrant the immediate summoning of an ambulance, the ambulance should be summoned and the parents notified as quickly as possible. The coach is to arrange for an adult to accompany the injured athlete in the ambulance or to follow in an automobile and then stay with the athlete until the parents arrive.

Hazardous Weather

Postponing Practice – On days when school attendance is canceled, consideration of the safety and welfare of athletes and coaches will determine the holding or postponing of practice. No mandatory practice will be allowed unless suitable improvement in condition is noted. Coaches are to inform the players of the cancellation of the practice or game.

Lightning Policy – Severe weather should always be taken seriously by every coach and athlete. If people can see lightning, they may be in danger. Coaches will remove their teams from outside venues when lightning is sighted, or thunder is heard, and may not return outside until thirty minutes after the last lightning bolt was sighted.

Sunday Practice

There shall be no contest, practice, formal or informal team meeting scheduled on Sunday (IHSAA Rule). The exception to this is the IHSAA Sectional Draws televised by the IHSAA.

Intramurals

Intramural contests should not displace athletic contests, practices, or open gyms.

Duties of Principal

The principal shall have complete control of the athletic program. This is an IHSAA regulation.

Athletic Council

Varsity head coaches, the Athletic Director, and the Principal comprise the Athletic Council.

Student Advisory Committee

The SAC (Student Advisory Committee) is composed of six junior and six senior athletes nominated by coaches and selected by the athletic department staff. Students are selected for their leadership potential and sportsmanship.

Chain of Command

Coaches, athletes, and parents will follow the line of authority as established by the South Putnam Board of Education, as follows:

- South Putnam Board of Education
- Superintendent of Schools
- Principal
- Athletic Director
- Coach

Problems should first be discussed on the lowest appropriate level on the chain of command before going to a higher level.

Fundraisers

All fundraisers must be submitted to the Athletic Director and approved by the building Principal. Neither the Athletic Department nor athletic events shall be used to raise money for individuals seeking to make trips or play in games while not representing South Putnam High School.

Rules and guidelines described in this Athletic Handbook should not violate the Student Handbook, South Putnam Community School Corporation Policy or IHSAA by-laws and are subject to those. In regard to questions, the principal is the administrative head, not only in name but in fact, of the interschool athletic activities of the School and of the students in the school as required by the IHSAA.

Application for Waiver to the Same Season, Multi-Sport Athlete Rule

The South Putnam Athletic Department recognizes the unique situation where an athlete may wish to compete in more than one sport in a season, and has support from both coaches to do so. These situations will be taken on a case by case basis and are NOT intended to be a blanket statement. This waiver must adhere to the following:

1. *Initiated by the student-athlete*
2. *Select a primary and secondary sport (may not change)*
3. *Waiver must be approved by the varsity head coaches of each sport*
4. *Waiver must get approval from the Athletic Director and Principal*
5. *Waiver must be submitted prior to the first official IHSAA event in the Primary sport of interest*
6. *Only points from one sport will count towards the Senior Athlete of the Year scoring*
7. *Athletes may not compete in both sports during events occurring simultaneously.*

General Considerations:

1. It will be the responsibility of the varsity head coaches to share practice time
 2. Regular season events take priority over practices
 3. County/Conference events over regular season
 4. IHSAA State Tournament events over County/Conference events
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Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Primary Sport: _____ **Secondary Sport:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Primary Coach: Approved: ____ Denied: ____ Signature: _____

Secondary Coach: Approved: ____ Denied: ____ Signature: _____

Athletic Director: Approved: ____ Denied: ____ Signature: _____

Principal: Approved: ____ Denied: ____ Signature: _____

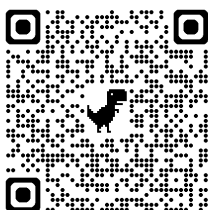
Date of approval: _____

Student Athletic Handbook

Acknowledgement and Signature Page

1. **Risk Awareness Verification** – Organized secondary athletics involve the potential for injury that is inherent in all sports. I acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observation or rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death.
2. **Parent/Guardian Permission to Participate** – Permission for my son/daughter/custodial person to engage in IHSA or South Putnam High School approved activities as a representative of his/her school must be granted by the parent/guardian. Consent for my son/daughter/custodial person to accompany the team or group as a member on its out of town trips must also be given. I understand that neither the School Board nor the Athletic Department carries insurance for injuries sustained in the interscholastic program.
3. **Signature Page** – The athlete is required to return the final page of the Handbook with his/her signature and the signature of his/her parent or guardian prior to being allowed to participate in any competition representing South Putnam High School.

The most recent version of the handbook can be accessed via the athletic website:



As a student athlete, I have read the South Putnam Student Athletic Handbook. I understand and agree to obey the rules and regulations listed in the handbook. I also understand the possible consequences if they are not followed.

Student Athlete _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

I, as the parent or legal guardian of the above named student, have read the South Putnam Student Athletic Handbook. I understand the rules and regulations listed and agree to abide by any possible consequences if my athlete does not follow these rules.

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____