

**North Andover High School
Captain's Compact
2009-2010**

The election/selection of a team captain is a very important aspect of any team. Athletes look to their peers for leadership. North Andover High School captains are expected to always represent themselves and the school in an exemplary manner, and are expected to exert a positive influence on fellow athletes.

Captains are expected to be major contributors to the tone and direction of a team both on and off the field. A team captain should:

- ✓ Be a student in good academic standing
- ✓ Combine solid ability with a great attitude
- ✓ Be a positive leader who sets a good example
- ✓ Communicate effectively with coaches and teammates
- ✓ Have good discipline and work habits
- ✓ Be committed to do everything within his/her power to make his/her respective sport a successful program at NATHS

All captains are required to sign this Captain's Compact in order to be officially named captain of any athletic team. As stated above, captains are elected/selected to be leaders of their team and school, and as such, are expected to be role models for others. As a captain, a student athlete is held to a higher standard. The tenure of a captain is defined as from the moment of election/selection through the completion of the final game of captaincy. **The position of captain carries with it tremendous responsibility.** Before accepting this key leadership position, weigh the responsibilities that come with it. If you accept the role of captain you will be expected to:

1. Refrain from being suspended from school during his/her tenure as captain. Any Level 5 infraction (see Student Handbook) will result in the removal of captaincy.
2. Refrain from violating the Chemical Health Policy. Violation of the Chemical Health Policy will result in the loss of captaincy.

3. Remain academically eligible at all times. If a captain becomes academically ineligible, regardless of whether or not it is in or out of season, he/she will lose his/her captaincy.
4. Model good citizenship and respectful behavior at all school events and in the community. Any incident resulting in an arrest on or off school grounds will result in the removal of captaincy.
5. Attend all meetings of the Captains' Council unless excused in advance by the Athletic Director.
6. Understand that the Coach, Athletic Director or NAHS Administration reserves the right to remove a student's captaincy for poor decision-making and/or behavior.

If an elected/selected captain fails to meet any of the aforementioned criteria, the coach, after meeting with the Athletic Director, will remove the captain from his/her position. It is possible if a student-athlete is removed as captain, he/she will not be allowed to hold another athletic leadership position for the remainder of the school year. Prior to removing the student as captain, the coach will provide the student-athlete with reasons for the proposed removal as well as an opportunity to respond. The Athletic Director will review the coach's decision at the request of the student-athlete.

I have read and understand the Captain's Compact.

Student Athlete (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

As parent/guardian of the above student, I have read and understand the Captain's Compact, and recognize the responsibilities attached to the role of Captain at North Andover High School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date