

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

SHARED ATHLETE PROGRAM

- Purposes:
1. To enhance the **VARSDITY** sports program at CHHS
 2. To encourage cooperation between sports programs
 3. To permit those athletes with unique and/or diverse skills and talents to enlarge their scope of opportunities

Past Practices:

1. Certain activities can be shared with less difficulty than others, for example, a team sport and an individual activity (example, Basketball and Gymnastics)
2. Two team sports generally do not share athletes well (example, Volleyball and Soccer).
3. The shared athlete should be the kind of athlete who can make a significant contribution to both activities **at the varsity level**.
4. Participation shall be limited to two sports per season.

The following guidelines have been accepted by the coaching staff of Cuyahoga Heights High School:

1. Each athlete who has been approved by the head coaches of both sports to participate in two sports in the same season **MUST** designate one sport as primary and the other sport as secondary.

Primary sport _____

Secondary sport _____

2. Athletes will participate in all primary sport functions—contests, practices, etc. Participation in the secondary sport will take place only when there is no conflict, or with mutual permission of the head coaches of each sport.
3. Attached are the terms for participation in both sports for the shared athlete. It is understood that changes can be made upon agreement of the coaches of both sports, or based on rescheduling conflicts.
4. All athletes who participate in two sports will follow the rules and regulations established by each sport. The extent of participation will be based on adherence to these rules as well as the discretion of the coaches. There is no guarantee of playing time in either sport. It is the exclusive right of the coach to determine the extent of any athlete's playing time for any given contest.

5. Parents are expected to respect the coaches' decisions and support the terms and conditions of this contract.
6. An athlete may not switch primary sports during the current season. Quitting the primary sport forfeits the athlete's right to participate in both sports.
7. This contract must be completed and signed by the first day of competition for each season.
8. The athlete must complete his/her current season of competition before entering into a Shared Athlete Program contract. For example, an athlete must complete the fall season before entering into a Shared Athlete Program contract for the winter season.

The undersigned agree to abide by these terms for the duration of both seasons and to accept any and all consequences for violations of these terms.

Student's signature

Parent's signature

Primary Sport

Coach's signature

Secondary Sport

Coach's signature

Date approved

Athletic Director's signature