



### Champion of the Community Pledge

Suffolk County is committed to ensuring the safety and health of all our student-athletes, faculty, staff, and spectators. Each of these individuals play an important role in keeping our community safe by limiting the spread of COVID-19. As a student-athlete, I understand that I have a personal responsibility to take steps to protect those around me to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure a safe environment for all students.

In order to reduce my risk of contracting COVID-19, I commit to abiding by all existing guidelines both on and off the field to ensure the safety of my teammates, classmates, community and myself. I commit to reviewing these guidelines and understand that my School District may provide updates as additional information is learned. It is my responsibility to stay apprised of these changes to protect myself and classmates.

As a Suffolk County student-athlete, I pledge to:

- **S**tay safe, healthy and informed of COVID -19 updates both on and off the field
- **U**nite with my team members and school community to have a memorable season
- **F**ollow face mask, hygiene and social distancing guidelines
- **F**ollow all of the additional health and safety requirements of the school. This may include participating in testing, self-quarantining, and contact tracing.
- **O**perate in a healthy environment and complete daily health attestations
- **L**ead by example and support members of my team who may be experiencing physical and mental health challenges
- **K**now that I am a role model for my team members and community

I have read, understand, agree to comply with **The Champion of the Community Pledge**. I recognize that COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus and it is possible to develop and contract the COVID-19 disease even if I follow all of the safety recommendations of the school and comply with the pledge. I understand that even though the school is following the guidelines issued by the CDC and other experts to reduce the spread of infection, a COVID-19 free environment can never be guaranteed.

I understand that if I do not honor my pledge, I would be failing to comply with a legitimate school directive and pursuant to school and Section XI policies, students, faculty, and staff will be subject to the appropriate accountability measures and disciplinary actions.

Suffolk County adheres to the highest standards of excellence both on and off the field. Sports plays a critical role in developing core values for our student athletes such as leadership qualities, instilling sportsmanship, embracing diversity in all people, fostering inclusion, integrity, and serving as role models for others to look up to in our community. These core values of our student athletes are the champions of character.

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STUDENT NAME

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STUDENT SIGNATURE