



A Contract Sport is defined as an athletic activity or experience, outside Nichols School, that is not available on a regular basis to the Nichols School student body. It is usually taken for credit in lieu of membership on an athletic team. Participation in a Contract Sport is limited to a maximum of one sport season per year and must have prior approval by the Director of Athletics and Physical Education.

Rationale:

As part of Nichols School mission, we in athletics and physical education are committed to the physical and social development of all our students to prepare them for leadership, life-long learning and service to the community. We feel it is essential for them to learn self-esteem, cooperation with faculty and peers, responsibility for self and to others, and a commitment to Nichols' community through an introduction to and participation in appropriate Nichols sponsored programs. As contract sports occur outside the Nichols community, opportunities are limited.

Procedure:

A student wishing to enroll in a Contract Sport for credit must make an appointment with the Director of Athletics and Physical Education at least two weeks in advance of the season to discuss his/her area of interest. Consideration of this request will be determined by the following factors:

1. The program is not regularly offered by Nichols School
2. The time commitment must be comparable instruction and competition to regular team participation at Nichols. **6 hours per week**
3. A review of the credentials of the instructor(s) of the Contract Sport must be conducted.
4. In the 2009-10 academic year, a contract sport will be considered for: Figure Skating, Swimming, Horseback Riding, Skiing, Gymnastics and Fencing. Students must be involved in a competitive program.

A student must complete the Contract Sport Application (available from the Associate Athletic Director). Notification of the decision will be made in writing. If permission is granted, the student is responsible for the certifying Contract Sport instructor completing both the Contract Sport Accreditation and Sport Evaluation Forms by prescribed deadlines.

If a student is going to try out for a team sport at Nichols, but is not sure they are going to make the team they should APPLY NOW for a contract sport. Therefore, they will be all set with the application if they do indeed get cut from another team.

NICHOLS UPPER SCHOOL
CONTRACT SPORT APPLICATION
2009-10

Student Name _____

Date _____ Independent Study Requested _____

Inclusive dates from _____ to _____

Days and times you will be participating:

M _____ T _____ W _____ TH _____ F _____ SAT _____ SUN _____

Site of Activity _____ Address _____

Instructor Name _____ Work Phone _____

Describe the proposed activity and explain why you are making this request:

The following due dates are very important for contract sports participants:

Contract sport applications received:	Approved by:	Evaluation form due:
Fall betw. 6/2009 – 9/8/09	9/10/09	Friday, 10/30/09
Winter by Wed., 10/28/09	10/30/09	Friday, 2/26/10
Spring by Wed., 2/24/10	2/26/10	Friday, 5/28/10

If a contract sport is granted it will be for a maximum of ***1 sport season per year.***

I have read and understand the Contract Sport Policy. I understand that a completed Contract Sport Evaluation Form (returned to the Athletic Office) is necessary to receive credit towards graduation. If an evaluation form is not received on time, credit towards graduation for that sport season will not be awarded.

NOTE: *In the event that my family has elected not to be covered by Nichols School Accident Insurance coverage, my parents and I recognize that coverage for any injury will be solely our responsibility and not that of Nichols School.*

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Instructor signature _____ Date _____

cc: Student/Parent
 Instructor

Approved _____

Not Approved _____

Date _____

**NICHOLS UPPER SCHOOL CONTRACT SPORT
ACCREDITATION FORM**

Nichols Student Name: _____

Athletic Program to be accredited: _____

Program Director: _____ Work Phone: _____

Company Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Name of Instructor: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Credentials of Instructor: _____

Philosophy of Program: _____

Primary goals and objectives of program: _____

Why should your program be considered for the Nichols School Contract Sports program?

As instructor of the Nichols Contract Sport, I understand that I am assuming responsibility for instructing and evaluating Nichols School athletes. I will notify Holly Fewkes, Associate Director of Athletics (875-8212 ext. 114) immediately if the above student is not fulfilling his/her requirement of at least six hours of supervised instruction or activity, Monday through Sunday, in the above program.

(signature) _____ (title) _____ (date) _____

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(To be completed by Instructor)

Student Name: _____

Please evaluate the above student on each of the following items with a letter: (E) Excellent, (G) Good, (S) Satisfactory, (P) Poor. Please feel free to comment on any of the following criteria.

1. Attitude

Cooperation _____
Willingness to listen _____
Willingness to try new skills _____
Sportsmanship _____
Enthusiasm _____

2. Participation

In practice _____
In competition _____

3. Performance

In practice _____
In competition _____
Skill level _____
Honors or Accomplishments _____

4. Attendance

For practice _____
For competition _____
Usually early, on time or late _____

Comments:

Does this student deserve to receive a "credit or "no credit" grade for this season based on the criteria above?_____. If "no credit" please explain why?

Would you be willing to coach and supervise this student in a contract sport again?
YES_____ NO_____

Instructor's signature_____ Date_____

Please return at the END of the contract season to:
Holly Fewkes, Associate Athletic Director
Nichols School, 1250 Amherst Street, Buffalo, NY 14216-3698
716-875-8212 ext. 114 Fax: 716-877-2053