



MIXED COMPETITION

Dear Parent,

Your child has expressed a desire to participate on an athletic team comprised of individuals of the opposite sex. The process for determining your child's eligibility is called "mixed competition". These guidelines, which are included in this packet, govern interscholastic competition involving members of both sexes on a single school team. The purpose of the regulation is to preserve the health and safety of students while assuring that students of both sexes have opportunity to participate successfully in interschool competition. The regulation provides for students involved in mixed competition to be placed on teams at appropriate levels of competition based upon the individual's medical history, maturity, physical data, fitness scores and skills.

It is important to understand that:

- In schools that do not provide separate competition for male and female students in a specific sport, no student shall be excluded from such competition solely by reason of sex.
- In the sports of football and wrestling, the fitness of given student to participate in mixed competition shall be determined by a review panel consisting of the school physician, a physical education teacher designated by the principal of the school, and if requested by the parents of the pupil, a physician selected by the parents. Such panel shall make its determination by majority vote of the members.
- In the sports of bowling and golf, approval from the panel is not required.
- In the sports of baseball/softball, basketball, cross country, indoor track, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track, separate teams are offered by Jamestown Public Schools.
- Where a school does not provide separate competition for male and female pupils in interschool athletic competition in a specific sport, the Superintendent of Schools or the section may decline to permit a male to participate on a team organized for females upon a finding that such participation would have a significant adverse effect upon the opportunity of females to participate successfully in that sport.

In order for this process to continue, the following steps must be taken:

1. A parent/guardian must sign the permission form and turn it in to the athletic office.
2. Your son/daughter must take the athletic performance test, which is the same test used in the Advanced Placement Process. This will be used as a means of assessing your child's fitness level.
3. In some cases, the school physician may need to examine your child.
4. The review panel, led by our school physician, will then make a determination on the appropriate placement of your child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (716) 483-4378 or email bdrake@jpsnny.org.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Drake
Director of Athletics and Physical Education



MIXED COMPETITION PARENT PERMISSION

I understand the purpose as well as the regulations of mixed competition on interschool athletic teams. My child, _____, has my permission to participate on the following team:

Level
(Modified, Frosh, JV, Varsity)

Boys/ Girls

Sport

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____