

The University of Tennessee at CHATTANOOGA

III. Acknowledgment of Shared Responsibility for Sports Safety

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPORTS SAFETY

Participation in sport requires an acceptance of risk of injury. Athletes rightfully assume that those who are responsible for the conduct of sport have taken reasonable precaution to minimize such risk and that their peers participating in the sport will not intentionally inflict injury upon them.

Periodic analysis of injury patterns leads to refinements in the rules and other safety decisions. I realize that despite improvement in equipment standards, and how well rules are refined by athletic governing bodies or enforced by officials risks still exist. These risks require my compliance and cooperation with any and all safety guidelines in order to minimize injury to myself, as well as other participants. I understand "compliance" means respect and cooperation on everyone's part for the intent and purpose of a rule or guideline.

I have read the above shared responsibility statement. I understand that there are certain inherent risks involved in participating in intercollegiate athletics. I acknowledge the fact that these risks exist and I am willing to assume responsibility for such risks while participating in athletics at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

ATHLETE SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

The undersigned, herewith,

- A. Understands that he/she must refrain from practice or play during medical treatment until he/she is discharged from treatment or given a written permit by the attending physician to resume participation.
- B. Understands that his/her having passed the physical examination does not necessarily mean that he/she is physically qualified to engage in athletics; but only that the examiner did not find a medical reason to disqualify him/her.
- C. Fully realizes that the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga cannot be held responsible for any previous medical condition(s) that he/she might have.

ATHLETE NAME _____

DATE: _____

(Please print legibly)

ATHLETE SIGNATURE _____