

## Sullivan High School Athletic Department CONTEST TRAVEL RELEASE

The Department of Athletics wants to emphasize the importance of student-athletes riding the team bus to and from athletic events. The riding of the team bus creates a bond – a team unity among teammates and coaches. It is a sanctuary where athletes can commiserate after a loss or celebrate after a victory. It is an educational classroom where coaches can discuss team goals, strategies, give skill, game or practice instruction. Places where a coach can console, congratulate, or motivate an athlete. It is where the athlete and coach have an opportunity to communicate without any interruptions or outside interference. It is an environment that cannot be duplicated or recaptured at any other time than at that moment.

You take these experiences, opportunities and more away from your child and our team when you transport them to or from a contest. **UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR EXCEPTIONAL SITUATIONS**, athletes may be excused from riding either to or from an athletic event on school-authorized transportation. (Examples: funeral, medical emergency or hospitalized relative, religious observances, weddings or relatives, etc.)

Please help us provide the best opportunity for your child and our team before considering this option.

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to ride home from  
the \_\_\_\_\_ athletic contest on \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Sport) (Student's Name) (Date) (Location of Contest)

I certify that I am personally transporting the above named student, or have arranged for transportation with an adult (non-student) of my choosing.

The reason for not riding the bus is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Reason must be sufficiently urgent to family needs to justify not riding the bus)**

I understand that the Sullivan Athletic Policies require that student's ride the bus to and from all athletic events and a departure from this requirement will release the Southwest School Corporation from all liability for any adverse results that may occur.

I agree to release the Southwest School Corporation and its employees and officers from all liability with reference to the above stated transportation.

**This form must be on file in the Athletic Office prior to the dismissal of school on the day of the contest.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of AD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of adult that coach is releasing athlete to(DONE AT CONTEST)

**COACH SHOULD RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY AFTER THE EVENT.**