2017-2018 STUDENT-ATHLETE AGREEMENT AND GRADE RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

As a student-athlete of Nichols College, I agree to abide by the standards set forth by the Athletics Department, the College, the Conference and the NCAA.

- **CODE of CONDUCT:**
  To participate in athletics, I accept responsibility for my personal conduct and accept the College’s standards and policies. I will pride myself on promoting exemplary sporting behavior.

- **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:**
  To participate in athletics, I must carry 12 credits per semester with a minimum of 1.5 (1-31 credits)/ 1.75 (32-45 credits)/ 2.0 (46 or more credits) career GPA and demonstrate satisfactory academic progress. It is my obligation to maintain communication with my professors and abide by policies regarding missed work and class attendance due to competition.

- **ELECTRONIC FORMS of COMMUNICATION/ SOCIAL MEDIA:**
  I am aware that electronic communication/social media is considered a public forum and information posted may be viewed by anyone. Information posted electronically may be monitored and may be brought to the attention of conduct officials when they are seen as possible violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

- **TRIP CONDUCT:**
  As a student-athlete, I understand that I am required to travel to and from athletic competitions with the team. Permission from my Head Coach must be obtained to travel with my parent(s)/ guardian(s). A violation is subject to immediate disciplinary action.

- **HAZING:**
  I fully understand the College’s zero-tolerance policy towards hazing and agree not to engage in such activities. The consequences for such activities may result in suspension, probation or expulsion.

- **GAMBLING:**
  I understand engaging in such activity is a violation of NCAA policy and suspension will result.

- **TOBACCO**
  My use of tobacco may result in suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

- **ALCOHOL:**
  I understand the general laws of Massachusetts, the College and Athletics Department regarding alcohol use. Violations of civil laws and policy may minimally result in suspension from competition and may be cause for dismissal from the team.

- **DRUG POLICY:**
  My use, possession or distribution of narcotic or dangerous drugs and paraphernalia as defined by state and federal laws is prohibited. I understand that violations will result in suspension from competition for a minimum of 20% of scheduled contests. A second offense will result in dismissal from competition for one full calendar year. Distribution will result in immediate expulsion from the College.

- **EQUIPMENT ROOM POLICY:**
  I am responsible for all equipment/apparel issued to me by the Athletics Department. All items are the property of the College and will be respected and returned at the end of the season. It is my obligation to work with equipment room personnel to handle all needed repairs, adjustments, replacements and exchanges. I will address such needs in a timely and responsible fashion. It is also my obligation to return apparel immediately following contests for cleaning.

- **MEDICAL CARE:**
  I understand that with athletic participation comes inherent risk of injury. It is my obligation to communicate and work with the Sports Medicine Staff of the College with regard to any health/injury issues, evaluations, treatments, care, rehabilitation and recovery.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge my responsibility to uphold the standards set forth by the Athletics Department, the College, the Conference and the NCAA for the academic year of 2017-2018. I authorize the release of my grades and pertinent curriculum information to the Director of Athletics for monitoring my academic progress/eligibility as a student-athlete in conjunction with appropriate coach(es).

Print Name  _______________________________  Sport(s)  _______________________________

Signature  ___________________________________  ID#  _________________  Date  __________