

**SEASONAL ATHLETIC AGREEMENT/WAIVER  
MCPS MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

The MCPS middle school athletic program is based on middle school philosophy and best practices. Since middle school students are at a time in their lives when they are changing rapidly physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually, they all need to have the time to explore activities in a developmentally appropriate manner.

**1. Preseason Responsibilities**

- Read, sign and return MCPS middle school athletic agreement/medical waiver.
- Athletic Agreement/Medical Waiver must be signed by parents or guardian and be on file before an athlete may begin practice.
- Participation Fee – The fee is \$25.00 per sport with a limit of \$75.00 per student and \$125.00 per family for the school year.

**2. Eligibility Requirements**

- Students must be earning a passing grade in all subjects on a week to week basis. Grade checks are completed weekly to determine eligibility. Students who are ineligible one week may be eligible the next depending on classroom performance.
- During a week of ineligibility the student/athlete may practice.
- Student academic eligibility is subject to review based on IDEA and 504.

**3. Activity Attendance**

- Student absences for a documented legal, medical/dental, bereavement or school sponsored reason are exempt.
- Players absent from school or are serving an Out-of-School suspension on practice or game day are ineligible to participate.
- Athletes must participate in 80% of scheduled practices to play in competition. Athletes who do not attend regularly will be subject to loss of playing time.

**4. Medical Concerns**

Does your athlete have any medical concerns the coach needs to be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there a medical alert for your athlete identified in the school system? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

**5. Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

The essential elements of character building and ethics in athletics are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of athletics is achieved when completion reflects these “six pillars of character”.

Therefore I agree:

1. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
2. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak to coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
3. I will remember that student athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his or her performance.
5. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
6. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the student athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my own child to win.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the student athletes.
8. I (and my guest) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
9. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
10. I understand that any violation of this code of conduct will be cause for dismissal, suspension, or permanent expulsion from future athletic contests.

We have read this material, discussed it together, and agree to support the expectations and code of conduct listed above.

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Print Student's Name	Grade	Teacher	Sport	Student's Signature
Signature of Parent or Guardian				Date

### Missoula County Public Schools - Waiver

Missoula School District One must ask parents or guardians of those turning out for athletics to sign the waiver below or furnish a physician's release.

The waiver is meant for protection from claims by athletes who should not be playing because of existing physical defects not caused while participating in the school sponsored sports program, but which may be aggravated by it.

We recommend a physical examination for your child if any adverse medical history exists, particularly in heart or hernia cases. The District does not provide medical or hospital insurance. If this coverage is desired, it must be obtained by the parents or guardians.

In lieu of a physician's release for my child to participate in the school athletic program, I hereby release all people connected with the program from any and all medical claims. This waiver particularly includes any disorder, malady, or sickness that may be aggravated by strenuous activity whether said disorder is incurred during or previous to sport participation.

Player's Name	Grade	Teacher	Emergency Phone Number/Cell
Date	Parent or Guardian Signature		

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