



## Athletic Handbook

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**Section I.**  
**Middle School Sport Teams**

**Fall**  
**Co-Ed Soccer**  
**Co-Ed Golf**  
**Girls Volleyball**

**Winter**  
**Boys' Basketball**  
**Girls Basketball**

**Spring**  
**Girls Softball**

**Other Participant Opportunities:**

Every team will offer opportunities for student managers.

**Section II.**  
**MBS Athletic Philosophy**

The primary goal of MBS Middle School Athletics is to introduce our students to Interscholastic Sports, while promoting the development of our student-athletes. Being a developmental program, we strive to equip our students with the tools and skills needed to be successful, while putting a large emphasis on the team concept. Our coaches and volunteers promote good sportsmanship and commitment while our athletes work hard to acquire the physical, psychological, and tactical habits needed to advance.

**Section III.**  
**Athletic & Academic Policies**

**Practices:**

Practices will be scheduled by each coach. Attendance and participation are mandatory, unless told otherwise by the coach. Practice is meant to improve conditioning and develop skills and strategy to give our athletes the best chance for success. All coaches will strive to be fair and nonbiased, making decisions with their professional not personal judgment. If you are unable to attend practice, it is your responsibility to let the coach know prior to the start of practice.

**Game Day Attendance:**

On Game Day, attendance at school is mandatory to participate in the game. If a student is not present for a half day or longer, they will not be eligible to participate. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **Academic Commitments:**

It is important to remember that our athletes are “Student Athletes.” Academics and Spirituality are the foundation of MBSCS. Therefore, if an academic subject grade drops below a 76%, for any reason, a student must complete their work to improve this grade before they can participate in athletics. If no improvement has occurred, it may be determined that the student should be removed from the team.

### **Academic Procedures:**

Grades will be checked regularly by Mr. Haskell or Mrs. Stillman. If a student has dropped below a 76%, the participant and their parent will be notified, and the student will not be eligible to participate in any athletic event (practice or game) until the grade has been brought up. If the grade continues to stay below a 76%, the student and parent will be called in for a conference with the teacher, where further action will be put in place. Tutoring and academic assistance is provided by teachers during lunch, recess and after school if arranged by the teacher and parent.

### **In-School Discipline:**

Respect, reverence, and responsibility are key at MBS. Repetitious, unproductive patterns of behavior may result in a student being denied admission to a team or cause his/her removal from a team. Remember, character is what you do when no one is watching.

## **Section IV. Sports Participation Fees**

To provide the most robust athletic program possible, MBS Athletics collects a sports participation fee. The purpose of the fee is to help pay for new jerseys, new equipment and more game day officials. The fee structure is the following: \$50 for a student’s first sport of the academic year, \$25 for a student’s second sport of the academic year and \$10 for a student’s third sport of the academic year.

## **Section V. Uniform Policy**

The athletes will be solely responsible for their uniforms throughout the entire season. Responsibility includes bringing the uniform on game day, washing the uniform correctly and regularly, and returning the uniform at the end of the season. If the uniform is not returned, a bill will be sent to the athlete. A bill will also be sent if the uniform is damaged because of incorrect cleaning, neglect or misuse.

**Golf:**

- Students will need to provide the following
  - Clubs and bag
  - Balls and tees
  - Shoes (either golf shoes or any rubber soled shoe/sneaker)
- Each student will receive an MBS Golf Polo that is to be worn on match day with their school uniform pants or kilts.

**Soccer:**

- Students will need to provide the following
  - Cleats
  - Shin Guards
- Each student will receive an MBS Soccer Uniform for the soccer season.

**Girls' Volleyball:**

- Students will need to provide the following
  - Knee Pads
  - Black Athletic Shorts to wear over Spandex Shorts
  - Black Spandex Shorts
- Each student will receive an MBS Volleyball Uniform for the volleyball season.

**Basketball:**

- Students will need to provide the following
  - Basketball Sneakers
- Each student will receive an MBS Basketball Uniform for the basketball season.

**Girls' Softball:**

- Students will need to provide the following
  - Cleats
  - Face Guard
  - Softball Pants
  - Glove
  - Batting Helmet
- Each student will receive an MBS Softball Jersey for the softball season.

## **Section VI. Cancellations**

Cancellations will be determined by 12pm or as soon as possible given weather conditions. Students will be responsible for contacting their parents to arrange pick-up. If school is cancelled, all athletic events are also cancelled. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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## **Section VII. Transportation Policy**

For our away games, the student and their parents are responsible for scheduling transportation to and from the game. Each student must complete and turn in a Transportation Waiver if they wish to travel with another family from MBS. If a waiver is not completed, the athlete may only travel with their parent or guardian. NO EXCEPTIONS!

## **Section VIII. Student Athlete Responsibilities**

1. Each player will make a commitment to his/her MBS athletic team. All practices and team meetings require mandatory attendance.
2. Each player must come to practice wearing appropriate clothing.
3. Athletes will be excused from practice only with a coach's consent. Athletes must notify coaches 24 hours in advance if they will not be attending practice/game.
4. Athletes must notify coaches immediately of any injuries.
5. Athletic contests do not give an athlete an excuse for missing an assignment or not being prepared for a test.
6. Once you commit yourself to a team, you may not change in season. If you choose to stop playing for that particular sport, contact the coach.
7. All athletes represent MBS. Any negative or inappropriate behavior that is apparent during a practice/game will be reported to the Principal and Athletic Director.
8. Every athlete must realize the concept of **TEAM**.
9. Any athlete who is absent from school on the day of the athletic competition may not participate in the event.

These rules and expectations, along with all guidelines in the MBS Student Handbook, are to be followed by all MBS athletes. Any additional rules established by a team coach must also be followed.