

Millers Creek Christian School

Athletic Handbook

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*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct
thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:6

WELCOME

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

The Millers Creek Christian School Athletic Department believes the competitive athletic program is a part of the overall educational program of the school. In addition, participation in athletics is a privilege. Therefore, in order to run a successful athletic program, it is necessary to set forth rules and guidelines. This allows our athletic department to maintain credibility for its actions.

These guidelines and rules in this handbook apply to all students involved in athletics. Written policies are necessary in order for the student-athlete and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to be aware of our rules and guidelines. By providing a written code, everyone has equal access to, and prior knowledge of the disciplinary action that can result from rule violations.

Sincerely,

David Gurchiek
Athletic Director

Athletics

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Sports Available:

- ✓ Soccer
Varsity(Coed)
- ✓ Volleyball
Varsity &
Middle School
(Girls)
- ✓ Basketball
Varsity &
Middle School
(Boys and Girls)
- ✓ Track & Field
Varsity &
Middle School
(Boys and Girls)

Coming Soon!

- ✓ CAASC
Competitions
 - Choir
 - Solo
 - Art

MCCS' ATHLETIC MISSION STATEMENT

MCCS Athletics exist to glorify the Lord and to honor all others through sports, while growing together in heart, soul, mind, and strength.

THEME VERSES

Mark 12: 29-31

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Colossians 3:17

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”

**These theme verses should exemplify the attitude of all athletes at Millers Creek Christian School. Athletes are to display a God pleasing attitude by having Christ like attributes in their lives both on and off the court or field.

**This handbook has been prepared to outline the standards and rules for athletes at MCCS and to make the athletes and parents aware of what is expected of them.

PURPOSE

To glorify God through all of MCCS's athletic programs should be the overriding goal of all athletes, coaches, and parents. The paramount goal of MCCS coaches should be to educate and minister to the athletes by both word and deed. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Each athlete must earn this privilege through solid work ethic and attitude. Without these, the athlete cannot adequately represent the Lord, MCCS, or themselves. True athletic greatness is always partnered by great integrity. The athletic staff of MCCS

believes that a successful athletic program is established and maintained upon these principles.

WHAT IS A STUDENT ATHLETE?

A student athlete is a student first and an athlete second. The athlete is expected to put primary emphasis upon their academics. Any person wishing to become or continue as an athlete at MCCS must maintain a proper example in and out of school.

PARENTS OF ATHLETES

Full cooperation from parents is essential for the MCCS athletic program to be successful. Rarely do problems require parental conferences, yet one can be scheduled upon the request of the parent. Parental support, in the form of game attendance and spirited cheering, is greatly appreciated by the athletic staff, and teams. Unsportsmanlike behavior such as, but not limited to, booing players and heckling of calls by officials is not appreciated. Parents should always be constructive when talking about coaches or players from either team.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Millers Creek Christian School is a member of the Carolina Athletic Association of Schools of Choice (CAASC).

ATTENDANCE

- (1) Coaches will give notice to athletes as to practice times and places. At MCCA, we must coordinate with different venues at times.
- (2) All team members will attend all scheduled practices, meetings, and scheduled team camps and clinics.
- (3) No practices should be missed, but an athlete may be excused for serious illness or a death in the family.
- (4) If circumstances arise whereby the student athlete will miss or be late to a practice or meeting, the coach must be notified prior to the practice or meeting by personal contact, phone call, text or personal contact. The athlete is responsible for

making sure the coach is contacted.

- (5) Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up athletes promptly after all practices.
- (6) If an athlete is late or misses any part of a practice or game for reasons of detention, class, etc., that athlete may be held accountable for the absence or tardiness.
- (7) Any athlete who intentionally misses, or has an unexcused absence from school on game day may not be allowed to suit up for the game or match.
- (8) Excessive absences from team practices, games, or meeting may be cause for removal from the given athletic team.
- (9) All athletes are required to adhere to attendance and handbook policies.

ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITY

- (1) All forms required by MCCA and the CAASC must be signed and on file before an athlete will be able to participate.

- (2) Athletes may participate with travel teams, however, MCCA will take priority and no absences to MCCA practices or games will be allowed.
- (3) Athletes are to obey all rules outlined in the MCCA Student Handbook. Violation of these rules is reasonable cause for dismissal from the team.
- (4) Dress Code is the same as in the Student Handbook.

TRANSPORTATION

- (1) Athletes must abide by rules concerning transportation to and from games. When an away game is planned, you must leave MCCA with the rest of the team on the bus. Any deviation from this rule must be cleared directly through the Athletic Director or Coach.
- (2) After games, athletes may leave with their parents after checking with the coach. If the athlete plans on leaving in

any other way but the way they arrived, they must make prior arrangements with their coach or athletic director.

Written permission or a phone call from parents is required for a change in transportation following a game.

- (3) When the bus is not available for travel, the need for carpooling will be determined by the Athletic Director or school administrator.

GRADE ELIGIBILITY

- (1) Any athlete with a "D" or an "F" on a progress report will be put on probation.
- (2) Any athlete with an "F" for the final grade in any subject (semester) will be put on suspension as determined by the Athletic Director and/or Principal.

Probation: Athlete will not be allowed to participate or dress out (wear uniform) for a game for a period of time

determined by the Athletic Director and/or Principal. They will be required to practice and to attend all games during the probationary period.

Suspension: Athlete will not be allowed to practice or travel with the team until they are deemed off of suspension by the Athletic Director and/or Principal. If the suspension is due to earning an "F" for a final grade in any subject, the student must obtain credit for the failed class. This may be done through MCCS or any program that has been approved by the Athletic Director and/or Principal.

Athletic Letters: Athletic letters will be issued to students who compete and finish the season of a varsity sport and has also helped the team by participating in at least 20% of athletic competition. Students will not be issued a letter if he/she does not finish the season, is suspended from the team for any reason, or does not compete in a meaningful way during the

season. All decisions about the receipt of athletic letters are left to the discretion of the Athletic Director and/or Principal.

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." 1 Corinthians 9:24

UNIFORMS

- (1) If uniforms are paid for by the athlete, then payment must be received prior to uniform being issued.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the athlete to care for their uniform, and to wear or bring their jersey to all games.
- (3) If a uniform is damaged or misplaced the athlete will be responsible for the cost of replacing the lost or damaged uniform or warm-up.
- (4) Athletes must adhere to the CAASC guidelines pertaining to headbands, wristbands, socks, tees etc.

TEAM ORGANIZATION

- (1) Varsity teams will consist of 9th grade through 12th grade students. 8th graders may play on varsity with approval of Athletic Director, MCCA Administration and the CAASC.
- (2) Junior varsity teams will consist of high school athletes who are not getting playing time at the varsity level when there are enough athletes to make a team at this level.
- (3) Middle School teams will consist of 6th grade through 8th grade students only. 5th graders may play with approval of Athletic Director, MCCA Administration and the CAASC.
- (4) Tryouts will be held only when the number of Millers Creek Christians School students exceed the minimum number needed to form a team. Tryouts will be conducted by MCCA coaches and

the athletic director. The school administrator must approve the final rosters selected from tryouts and evaluations.

- (5) Homeschoolers will only be allowed to participate if there are not enough students from Millers Creek Christian School to fill the positions on the team. If there are more homeschoolers than positions, tryouts will be held for available positions.

compliance with the CAASC.

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Coaches must sign MCCA's Statement of Belief, Lifestyle Statement, and Statement of Moral Integrity as well as agree to and sign the MCCA Coaches contract.
- (2) Coaches must join the CAASC Coaches Association and are responsible for their annual dues.
- (3) Coaches must have a current CPR & First Aid Certification in

Student Athlete & Parent Agreement Sport Form

Student Name (Print): _____

I have read the Athletic Handbook and understand and will abide by its contents during the _____ (sport) season.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (Print): _____

I have read and understand the contents of the Athletic Handbook. My student is allowed to participate in _____ (sport) and he/she will be expected to follow the Athletic Handbook content during this sports season.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

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Coach Signature

Date
