

MIAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL – ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The following policies and guidelines are to be adhered to and enforced by all administrators, teachers, and coaches at Miami Middle School. It should be noted that these policies and guidelines are a direct result of the FWCS Middle School Athletic Conference (MSAC) and the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

ATHLETIC STATEMENT

Miami Middle School Athletic policies and procedures are governed by the MSAC Handbook. This athletic document is designed to inform athletes and their parents/guardians of the rules, regulations, and information that are specific to Miami Middle School. Participation in middle school athletics is a privilege which carries with it varying degrees of honor, responsibility and sacrifice. Since athletic competition on middle school teams is a privilege and not a right, those who choose to participate will be expected to follow the MSAC Code of Conduct as well as the Miami Code of Conduct established by the administration, teachers, and other specific coaches' rules for their sport. Athletes represent their school and student body and are to conduct themselves in a manner that is becoming to their family, Miami Middle School, and the Fort Wayne community.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY / MISSION

The goal of the Miami Middle School Athletic Department is to provide the best opportunities for student-athletes to excel in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline and moral character. The department's purpose is to provide each participant with experiences that will be positive and memorable. The Miami Athletic Department seeks to help the athlete develop the capacity for commitment to a cause, accept responsibility, and develop loyalty towards any chosen endeavor.

ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility of all contestants shall be certified by the principal of the school in accordance with the following guidelines (MSAC Handbook Section #6).

1. Students enrolled in the sixth grade will have three consecutive years of athletic eligibility. If a student is retained, the year of retention will count as a year of eligibility.
2. ***Any student-athlete who receives one "F" in a subject on a grade card is declared ineligible for interscholastic sports.***
 - a. ***Appeals must be made in writing to the MSAC Commissioner.***
3. ***Ineligible athletes may not practice with the team.***
4. ***Students who are ineligible remain ineligible until the next scheduled grade card is issued.***
5. Fourth quarter grades determine eligibility for the next school year.
6. Any class that meets every day shall be counted as a class. Any two classes that meet on alternated days shall be averaged together as one class.
7. Students who are ineligible at the end of a grading period are ineligible until the next (9) week grading period.
8. A student, who is granted an official transfer from Family Student and Support Services and/or Special Education Department, will be considered eligible for middle school athletics.
9. If a parent or guardian moves from one FWCS middle school district to another, the student may change schools at the time of the move, the end of a season, at the end of the semester, or remain for the year in the school she/he was first enrolled and will retain athletic eligibility.
10. Students must be in school ½ day either AM or PM in order to compete on that given day.
 - a. **½ day is defined as before or after 11:00 AM**
11. In order for a student athlete to compete in any MSAC events, games, or matches in the regular season or during tournaments, including city championships, the student must be a member of an MSAC sanctioned team at his/her home school.

CONDUCT

Contestants' conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as (a) not to reflect discredit upon their schools, or (b) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral, or educational environment in the schools (MSAC Handbook/Rule 7 Section 1).

Should a student violate a Miami or FWCS rule – the following will be the consequences:

Athletes Grades (during athletic season)

Grades will be checked each Friday during the school year. If a student is failing a class, the student will not be able to participate in any competition until the grade is passing. The student will also be required to attend study tables with that teacher, who teaches the class they are failing, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 3:10 PM. Student may attend practice after 3:10 PM. The teacher will sign off once the student is passing and at that time the student may participate in competitions.

Tardies (Per Season/Per School and Grade Level Guidelines)

- 1. 5 Tardies Conference with athlete/parents/coach
- 2. 10 Tardies Loss of next athletic contest
- 3. 15 Tardies Loss of next TWO athletic contests AND review with athlete/parents/admin/coach for possible removal from the team
- 4. 20 or more Removal from team

Referrals (Per Season)

- 1. 1st Referral Warning and conference with coach
- 2. 2nd Referral No practice and no games the day of infraction/Conference with athlete/parents/coach
- 3. 3rd Referral No practice or games for 1 week - Conference with athlete/parents/admin/coach
- 4. 4th Referral No practice or games for 2 weeks - Review with athlete/parents/admin/coach for possible removal from the team

In-School Suspension (Per Season) (1/2 a day or more given as a ODR consequence)

- 1. 1st Offense No practice and no games for the day of infraction
- 2. 2nd Offense No practice and no games for the week
- 3. 3rd Offense No practice and no games for 2 weeks AND review with athlete/parents/admin/coach for possible removal from the team

Out of School Suspension (School Year)

- 1. 1st Offense No practice or no games for that week
- 2. 2nd Offense Student is ineligible for sports the remainder of year (per MSAC Handbook)

We have read and understand the Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct.

Student/Athlete Name (Please Print) _____

Student/Athlete Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Sport(s) _____ Date _____

(Please return the bottom portion of the page to your coach)