

**Mt. Bethel Christian Academy**  
**Middle School - Grades 6, 7, and 8**  
**Athletic Policies and Procedures**

MBCA Athletics plays an important role in the life of a student's education and spiritual process. The level of participation and competition is based on the development, ability, and interest of each student athlete. The purpose of athletics is to teach the student athlete not only the fundamentals of sports, but what it means to have pride in one's self and school to be the very best he/she can be. Teaching sportsmanship and how to deal with adversity provides the student athlete the opportunity to deal with real life as they grow and mature.

**Sportsmanship/Discipline:**

1. Coaches, parents, and student athletes are to demonstrate the highest standard of Christian principles and sportsmanship at all times.
2. Each student athlete will follow the rules and regulations set forth by athletics and their respective coaches.
3. The discipline of an athletic team is the responsibility of the coach and athletic director, and when it relates to school policy, the principal.
4. The following will not be tolerated by any student: theft, profanity, and any use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Any violation of this policy may impact the student athlete's participation in any sport.

**Academics:**

5. Students must maintain a passing average at each quarter grading period in all subjects and maintain an over C average in order to represent MBCA in any athletic activity. When a student achieves a passing grade in all subjects, he/she can resume MBCA athletic participation.

**Sickness/Injury:**

6. Student safety and welfare is a priority of the athletic program. The question of participation, due to sickness or injury, in an athletic event will be the responsibility of the parents, a physician, and judgment of the coaches.

**Equipment:**

7. The MBCA Athletic program will provide most of the equipment necessary for participation in an athletic event. Some of the exceptions will include personal equipment like knee pads, shin guards, tennis rackets, gloves, etc. Equipment issued needs care and upkeep, and are the full responsibility of the student athlete. Items issued must be returned to the coach at the end of the season. A fee may be charged and transcripts will be withheld until all equipment is returned.

**Uniforms:**

8. Coaches will issue uniforms at the beginning of each sport and collect the uniforms at the end of the season. Each student athlete is responsible for the proper care of the uniform. Uniforms are not to be worn as personal clothing, and game uniforms are not to be worn to practice. Any student athlete that loses or damages a uniform will have to pay the full cost to replace the uniform.

9. All coaches and participants are to wear shirts while participating in practices. Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times.

**Participation:**

10. Any middle school student athlete may try out for any sports team. The number of cuts for each team and sport will be determined by the athletic director and head coach of that sport. The names of the student athletes who make the team he/she is trying out for will be posted on or just after the final day of tryouts. The time and place of the post will be determined by the Athletic Director.

**A spot on any team does not guarantee a student playing time. MBCA athletics is a play to win program in accordance with the school mission statement.**

11. A student athlete may participate in more than one sport per season with permission from the parents, each coach and the athletic director. When there is a conflict with games, the coaches and athletic director will decide which sport is the primary sport with the Athletic Director making the final decision.

12. If a student athlete quits one sport, he/she may not join another sport in season without permission from both coaches and athletic director.

13. Student athletes are not permitted to compete on a non-MBCA team which conflicts with the sport without permission from the coach and athletic director.

14. Student athletes who are absent from practices or games must notify the coach in advance and give a reason for their absence. Any unexcused absence from practices or games may lead to the student being suspended for one or more games. A second violation may lead to a student being suspended for the season.

15. Student athletes must have a current athletic physical form/transportation waiver on file in the athletic office to try out or participate in any sport. All forms are available for download under the athletics page on edline.

16. Student athletes must attend school at least one-half day on the day of an athletic event to participate in the athletic event.

**Transportation:**

17. Normally, the school will provide transportation for students to and from away games. When buses or drivers are not available, parents will be responsible for getting their student athlete to and from away games.

**If student athletes do not ride the bus for the return trip to MBCA, parents must notify the coach of that sport after each game.**

