

SPORT SEASONS

FALL (Practices begin August 15)

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Pompons
Boys' Soccer
Girls' Soccer
Girls' Tennis
Girls' Volleyball

WINTER (Practices begin November 15)

Boys' Basketball
Girls' Basketball
Cheerleading
Indoor Track
Pompons
Swimming/Diving
Wrestling

SPRING (Practices begin March 1)

Baseball
Cheerleading
Girls' Gymnastics
Boys' Lacrosse
Girls' Lacrosse
Softball
Boys' Tennis
Track
Boys' Volleyball
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ORGANIZATION FRAMEWORK

The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) high school interscholastic athletic program operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (MPSSAA). The MPSSAA is the governing body for public high school interscholastic athletics in the state, and all public high schools are members. MCPS is empowered to develop and adopt regulations beyond those specifically delineated by the MPSSAA. MPSSAA rules and regulations are contained in the current annual *MPSSAA Handbook*. Major MCPS athletic rules and regulations are contained in the current annual *MCPS High School Athletic Handbook*. There are other athletic rules and regulations not specifically delineated in the annual *MCPS Athletic Handbook*. Participants should request from their athletic director interpretations of rules, regulations, and policies not specifically addressed in the aforementioned publications.

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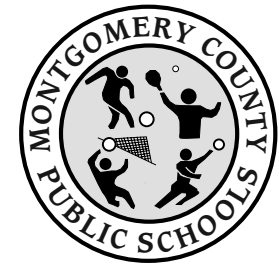
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High School Athletic Eligibility Information



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Emphasis in the MCPS high school interscholastic athletic program is placed on wholesome competition and sportsmanship. Standards for appropriate behavior apply equally to coaches, athletes, parents, and spectators.

THE ATHLETE'S CODE

As an athlete, I WILL:

- Pursue personal academic excellence
- Obey all school and district policies and regulations
- Exhibit exemplary character and behavior
- Respect the value of athletic competition
- Abide by the rules of the game in letter and spirit
- Respect teammates as well as opponents
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- Maintain good health habits and observe athletic training rules
- Conform with team rules and decisions made by the coach
- Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials
- Exert full effort in developing skills and pursuing goals

There are a number of criteria and regulations that relate to a student's eligibility to compete in the MCPS high school interscholastic athletic program. The following list only highlights some of the pertinent guidelines.

You are eligible to participate in MCPS high school athletics IF:

1. You are not 19 or older before August 31 of the school year in which you intend to participate
2. You have not played more than three seasons in any one sport in grades 10, 11, and 12; 4 seasons if you played in grade 9.
3. You only participate on one team in any one season
4. You have completed and submitted a parental permission form
5. You have submitted a current medical examination form (MCPS Form SRS-6) completed by a qualified physician/or nurse practitioner
6. You reside within the boundaries of the school for which you compete or have obtained a waiver to participate from the coordinator of athletics
7. You have achieved a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average and have no more than one failing grade in the previous nine week marking period
8. You have attended all of your scheduled classes on the day of an event or practice
9. You are aware that other restrictions including participating on outside teams, participating in all-star games, maintaining amateur status, etc., also effect a student's eligibility. Consult the coach or your school athletic director on other restrictions

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you are academically eligible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you will be younger than 19 before August 31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you have submitted an up-to-date physical exam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you have submitted a signed parent-permission form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you live within the jurisdiction of the school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you have obtained a legal transfer and athletic waiver if you have changed schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you have maintained amateur status in your sport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you are within the number of semesters allowed for participation by both MPSSAA and MCPS regulations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you have consulted the coach or athletic director on other eligibility concerns not specifically addressed in this brochure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you agree to adhere to the Athlete's Code as described in this brochure |

If your answer to any of the above questions is No, please contact your coach or your school athletic director.