

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) All-Star Game Guidelines

The following guidelines regard all-star games involving predominately MCPS student-athletes. MCPS does not organize, administer, or endorse all-star games. These guidelines are for the mutual protection of student-athletes, coaches, schools, and the school system.

1. **Permission**—All participants should sign a pre-participation permission sheet/waiver. The permission sheet should indicate that participation is voluntary, should hold harmless the event sponsors and the school system, and should include signatures of both the participant and his/her parent/guardian. It should be made clear that MCPS has no affiliation with the event.
2. **Insurance**—Participants and the persons running the contest should be insured. Sometimes national associations in a particular sport will offer insurance options; sometimes groups can get an insurance rider by going through or working with a youth organization
3. **Location**—Games are either conducted off MCPS school facilities or the sponsoring group obtains the facility through Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF).
4. **Sponsor**—The sponsoring agent should be clearly designated.
5. **Officials**—Certified officials should be used.
6. **Safety/Rules**—Though certain rules may be modified as appropriate, all prevalent NFHS safety rules should be enforced without compromise.
7. **Eligibility**—Participation should conform to MPSSAA regulations regarding all-star games. Among other regulations, all-star participants must be seniors, they must have exhausted their eligibility in that sport, and they may participate in a maximum of two all-star games.
8. **Finances**—Appropriate accounting procedures should be used for gate receipts and game financing. This includes gate receipt collection and disbursement as well as other income or expenditures associated with the game.

Sample—All-Star Permission Form

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, we hereby authorize and consent to our child's participation in this voluntary all-star game sponsored by **(insert group name)**. This event is not affiliated, sponsored by, endorsed, nor supported by MCPS. We understand that the sport in which our child will be participating is potentially dangerous, and that physical injuries may occur to our child requiring emergency medical care and treatment. We, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), will be responsible for any medical care that may result from participation in this game.

In consideration of the selection of our child to play in the **(insert name of game)** game, we agree to release and hold harmless the **(insert group name)**, its agents, its members, all coaches, assistant coaches, any and all of their agents, servants and/or employees, and agree to indemnify each of them from any claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses arising from our child's participation in the game.

We hereby give consent and authorization to the **(insert group name)**, its agents, servants, and/or employees to consent on behalf of our child, to emergency medical care and treatment in the event we are unable to be notified by reasonable attempts of the need for such emergency medical care and treatment.

We understand and agree that we will be responsible for all medical bills and costs that may be incurred as a result of medical care and treatment of our child, and agree to provide proof of insurance coverage of our child against accidents and injuries in the All-Star game during travel to and from the event.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Printed Name

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

Student-Athlete's Signature

Home Number

Parent/Guardian Cell Number

Emergency Contact Number

Sample—All-Star Selection Letter

Dear **(Name of Student/Athlete)**:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Coaches All-Star Selection Committee I would like to congratulate you on your selection to the **(insert year)** Annual Montgomery County Coaches **(insert sport)** Senior All-Star game. A group of current high school coaches selected you for this honor. Please be aware that Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) rules limit participation in all-star games to seniors, and seniors may participate in a maximum of TWO all-star games for each varsity sport in which they participate. Your participation in this game will count as one of the two you are allowed to play in for **(insert sport)**.

The All-Star game will take place **(insert date/time)** at **(insert location)**. All student-athletes should plan to arrive at the game by **(insert time)**.

In order to participate in the all-star game, the following is required:

1. Completion of Waiver: Fully complete the waiver to play in the game. Please note the waiver must be signed by each student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). The waiver should be sent to **(insert name and address)**.
2. Registration for Insurance: While there is no cost to the student-athlete for this insurance, each player must complete the registration process included with this letter. Insurance registration must be completed by **(insert date)**.

Please note, in order to guarantee your spot, both of the above tasks must be completed by **(insert date)**.

On the date of the all-star game student-athletes will need to wear their school uniform and should arrive by **(insert time)**. There will be no practice prior to the game. Each student-athlete will be presented with a commemorative t-shirt to keep. However, these shirts may not serve as uniforms for the game.

Again, on behalf of the Montgomery County coaches, congratulations on your selection as one of the top student-athletes in the county. We look forward to receiving your confirmation to participate in the All-Star game and watching you compete. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (cell # **and email address**).

Sincerely,