Eligibility

Mount Paran Christian School adheres to the GHSA guidelines for eligibility of student-athletes. Depending on the situation, the head of school, appropriate athletic director and/or division head of school may impose penalties above and beyond the GHSA rules.

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Good Standing and Medical Clearance

Good Standing
All students in good standing are eligible to try out for a place on any of our athletic teams. Good standing is determined by the division heads of school.

Medical Clearance
Students in good standing must also have all of their medical paperwork current and on file in the athletics office in order to participate in tryouts.

Academic Review and Limits of Participation

Student-athletes must familiarize themselves with their school divisions academic participation requirements and probation policies, which may be found in the division handbooks.

High School Handbook

Middle School Handbook

Academic Mentoring

Coaches should constantly monitor the progress of their student-athletes throughout the school year. Our efforts to help a student-athlete must always focus on the total person, not just helping them maintain or regain eligibility for the season. student-athletes should be required to submit grades at least once a month to their in-season coach. Coaches of student-athletes who are having academic trouble should contact their athletic director or guidance counselor to ensure necessary steps are taken (e.g. tutoring) to aid the student-athlete in becoming academically successful.

Ineligible or Inactive Student-Athletes
Student-athletes who are removed from play for academic or disciplinary reasons should still be made to feel connected to the program. It is during this time that an ineligible student-athlete must know that their coaches and teammates care for and support them.

Injured players or inactive athletes who can no longer practice or play for other reasons must also remain connected. These athletes are typically out for reasons beyond their control, and their contributions to the team must continue to be appreciated.

Behavior Expectations

Behavioral Issues, Disciplinary Consequences, and Poor Sportsmanship
MPC student-athletes are expected to set the standard for behavior and to honor Christ in all that they do. Conduct that falls short of this expectation will not be tolerated. Coaches who anticipate a suspension or any serious disciplinary consequences being imposed on a student-athlete should meet with their athletic director prior to communicating this decision to the student-athlete and their family.

Attendance at Practices/Games
Student-athletes who miss two practices or one game unexcused in a season will be penalized game time, as determined by the head coach. Further absences may result in removal from the team.

Detention, ISS, and OSS

View the High School Handbook or the Middle School Handbook for policies regarding detention.

Game Ejections
Any student-athlete or coach ejected from a ballgame will comply with the GHSA and METRO 10 rules for ejections. Severe cases may be reviewed by the athletic director(s) and/or head of school, and an additional penalty may apply.

Transfer Students

Eligibility regarding transfer students in grades nine through twelve (attending MPCS high school less than one calendar year) involves several factors including, but not limited to, previous school(s) attended, guardianship, current home address, previous home address, etc. Determining eligibility for these students can be a simple procedure or a tedious process involving appeals to GHSA. The athletic office must be made aware of any transfer students wishing to participate to ensure that their situation is under review and the process is moving forward. Coaches are expected to confirm that eligibility has been confirmed for their entire roster prior to their first regular season game.

Gender-Specific Teams

Due to our tremendous growth in athletics over the last three years, MPCS has many sport offerings for both genders. Teams that are gender specific will not allow members of the opposite gender to try out or participate.