



ATHLETES & PARENTS  
PRESEASON MEETING

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## CHEERLEADING

ALYSSA SPA

## VOLLEYBALL

AMANDA PIRIH

## DANCE

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## BOYS & GIRLS GOLF

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## BASEBALL

TBA

## BOYS BASKETBALL

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# EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

- Participation in extra-curricular activities is a **PRIVILEGE** and not a right.
- Participation is optional and voluntary and requires the acceptance of additional conditions.
- The extra-curricular code is cumulative beginning with the students and parents signing the code.

- The code is in effect throughout the athlete's entire high school career.
- These procedures are in effect on and off the campus throughout the entire calendar year.
- This includes weekends, summers and out of season.
- The code does not supersede, but are in addition to Father McGivney school disciplinary procedure.
- **Signature by athlete and his/her parent indicates they are prepared to meet and accept these provisions.**

# SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

- All reports of violations of the CODE of CONDUCT are made to the Administration or the Director of Athletics.
- We will research the incident to make sure we have a violation.
- The Administration or Athletic Director will meet with the athlete and go over and inform them of the violation and the penalty.

- The parents will be contacted and inform of what took place in the meeting. A letter will be sent as a follow up.
- The parents can request a meeting with the Activity Council to talk about violation and penalty.
- Penalties will be applied in every area of activity in which the athletes participates.

# VIOLATIONS OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

- **A student who knowingly uses, attempts to use, possesses, sells or assists any other student in the following:**
  - A. use of tobacco in any form, whether smokeless or otherwise on school property or in violation of rules promulgated by the coach or sponsor;**
  - B. possession, sale, distribution, transporting and/or use of beer, wine, whiskey or any other alcoholic beverage;**
  - C. Possession and/or use of any form of controlled substance, illegal drugs, look-a-likes, drug paraphernalia other than those prescribed by a physician.**



# DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

## 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE

The student will be suspended from participating in any public activity for a period of four (4) school weeks, but may attend practices and meetings.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE

The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities/social activities for three (3) school months. The student may not attend practices or meetings associated with any extracurricular activity. The student will be required to have a substance assessment (at their own expense) and follow the prescribed recommendation. The student will be required to provide proof of the assessment and completion of the treatment recommendation.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> OFFENSE

The student is ineligible for further participation in extracurricular activities/social functions at Father McGivney Catholic High School and may be recommended for expulsion.

# CITIZENSHIP

- Students representing Father McGivney Catholic High School must exemplify the highest standards of moral integrity and good citizenship within school and within the community. Behavior that violates this principle is unacceptable and may result in a temporary suspension from an organization or team, complete loss of eligibility, or suspension or expulsion from the school.

# HAZING OR INITIATION

- Father McGivney High School recognizes the dignity and worth of all individuals and in keeping with that belief, prohibits any and all forms of hazing and initiation rites for any school-sponsored athletic team. This includes behavior, which is demeaning degrading, or contrary to accepted standards of common decency and is based upon affiliation with any group, sex, race, religion or economic status.
- **Any student athlete involved in hazing or initiation rites will be subject to disciplinary action. This action may include but is not limited to dismissal from the team; suspension or a recommendation to the school board for expulsion from school; and/or exclusion from participation in subsequent school events or activities.**

# Eligibility

- A student must be enrolled in and passing twenty (25) hours of classroom work each week in order to remain eligible
- A student must have also passed twenty (25) hours of classroom work the previous semester (does not apply to incoming freshmen)
- Students are allowed to make up one class during summer school to become eligible for the first semester
- Coaches may set stricter guidelines for their teams during the season concerning grades.

# Absences

- If not in attendance five consecutive class periods (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – entire period), he/she will not be eligible to practice or play in a contest
- Exceptions:
  - A.) Absence due to death in family.
  - B.) Absence due to school-sponsored field trip.
  - C.) Prior approval by principal or assistant principal.
- Athletes will not be allowed to participate in activities or athletics while serving in-school suspension or suspended from school.

# ATTENDANCE OF ATHLETES AT PRACTICE SESSIONS

**An athlete must attend each scheduled practice session. The only exceptions are the following:**

- 1. Serving a school or teacher detention. Detentions must be served at the assigned time. Having a detention is not an excuse to miss a practice or a game. Similarly, having a practice or a game is not an excuse to miss a detention. Coaches have the option of penalizing an athlete for missing a practice or a game due to the fact the athlete was serving a detention.**
- 2. Excused all day absences (If the athlete is in school and goes home prior to practice the athlete should contact his/her coach or the Athletic Director prior to leaving).**
- 3. Pre-arranged events approved by the coach. Whenever possible, athletes are asked to seek approval from their coach 24 hours in advance.**

# ATTENDANCE AT SCHEDULED ATHLETIC CONTESTS

1. Athletes are to attend all scheduled athletic contests for their team.
2. If an athlete must miss a contest due to an emergency, the athlete shall contact his/her coach prior to the event for approval.
3. Players who are in a program are expected to be at other games in the program when games are being played at home the same day or night.

# PENALTIES FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

## Unexcused Absence from Practice:

1. 1st Offense: The athlete will not be allowed to start the next contest and will be expected to do personal improvement drills at the next practice as outlined by the coach prior to the beginning of the season.
2. 2nd Offense: The athlete will not be allowed to participate in the next contest. Athletes will participate in all practices prior to the contest to be missed.
3. 3rd Offense: The athlete will be subject to dismissal from the team as determined by the coach and Athletic Director.

## Unexcused Absence from Contest:

1. 1st Offense: The athlete will not be allowed to participate in the next contest and will do personal improvement drills at the next practice as outlined by the coach prior to the beginning of the season.
2. 2nd Offense: The athlete will not be allowed to participate in the next three contests. Athletes will participate in all practices before contests to be missed.
3. 3rd Offense: The athlete will be subject to dismissal from the team as determined by the coach and Athletic Director.



# Equipment

- Athletes are responsible for all school equipment checked out to them.
- Athletes will be expected to reimburse the school for any lost equipment.
- Athletes must return all equipment no later than one week after the conclusion of the activity.
- Athletic awards will be held if all equipment issued is not returned or paid for.

# Appeal Process

- A student and his or her parents may appeal a decision in writing within three (3) school days of the suspension.
- A Review Board, consisting of Head Coach if athletics, Activity Sponsor if not athletics, Athletic/Activity Director and Principal will review the appeal within five (5) school days of receiving the appeal.

# INJURIES

- All injuries regardless of type are to be reported to the coaching staff.
- Coaches need to be made aware of injuries so proper care can be recommended and given.
- **If the injury needs medical care and a medical excuse is given to prevent practice or game participation, a written release from the doctor will be needed before athlete can resume participation.**

# TRANSPORTATION POLICY

- Athletes will ride to all athletic events on school provided transportation. Exception may be made by the administration do to certain circumstances.
- It is strongly recommended that all freshman and/or sophomore players stay for the varsity contest.
- Coaches may require athletes to ride the bus back to the school.
- **If an athlete is allowed to ride home with their parents or legal guardian they must have a signed bus transportation form on file and their parent or legal guardian must sign the Athletic Contest Parent Sign-Out Form. The form needs to be signed with a coach present. The athlete may then leave with his/her parents or legal guardian and NO ONE ELSE.**

# FORMS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION

- 1. CURRENT PHYSICAL** - Physicals (including freshmen) must be on file before an individual will be allowed to go out for a sport. Physicals are good for 395 days
- 2. INSURANCE WAIVER** - Athletes must show proof of insurance. Waiver form *must be completed each year* and must be on file prior to the athlete participating in sports. School insurance is available.
- 3. EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND PARENT CONSENT FORM** - In the event that your son/daughter is injured at any time, these are only for emergency situations when you are not readily available.
- 4. IHSA STERIOD TEST POLICY/CONCUSSIONS** - No student-athlete may participate in IHSA state series competition unless the student and student's parent/guardian have this form signed and on file.
- 5. ATHLETIC PERMIT CARD** – Cover items talked about and has places for signature of parent and athlete stating you support and agree to follow Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct.

# PLAYER/PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

## **This is what you should expect from every coach:**

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations the coach has of all athletes
- Locations and times of practices/contest
- Discipline procedures
- Fairness and communication

## **The following is what coaches should expect from parents:**

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach
- Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance
- Support of son/daughter in all related activities
- Sportsmanship at all contests
- Understanding that there are always two sides to every story

## **The following are appropriate concerns to discuss with the coaches:**

- The treatment of your son/daughter, mentally and physically
- Ways to help your son/daughter improve
- Concerns about your son'/daughters' behavior
- Concerns about academics
- Guidance in relationship to possible college scholarships
- Guidance in off-season activities.

## **Issues not appropriate to discuss with the coaches:**

- Playing time of all team members
- Team Strategy
- Play calling
- Other student-athletes on the team

## **If a conference with a coach is needed.**

- **Understand that you do not confront a coach after a contest or practice**
- Call to set up an appointment to see the coach, either directly or through the high school office
- If the coach cannot be reached, contact the AD's office, who will in turn set up a meeting
- **Son/Daughter must attend meeting or the meeting will not take place**
- Profanity has no place in the discussion

## **If this meeting does not provide a satisfactory resolution.**

- Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director, **UNDERSTAND** that the AD will insist that you speak with the coach before a meeting will be set with the AD
- At this meeting the discussion will only concern your son/daughter
- An appropriate next step will be determined
- **Son/Daughter must attend meeting or the meeting will not take place**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Letters from colleges – How, When, Importance of Letters
- What should you do as athletes and parents
- Coaches role – Importance of his role
- NCAA Clearinghouse – at the end of Junior year and no sooner – must have first 6 semester grades before filing
- MOST IMPORTANT – YOU WILL ALWAYS GET SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR GOOD GRADES

THANK YOU AND ENJOY YOUR HIGH  
SCHOOL ATHLETIC CAREER.