



Stockbridge Middle School Athletic Contract
2024 - 2025

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. You are accountable for all rules and procedures in this contract.

Stockbridge Middle School student athletes are representatives of the school and student body. Each team member shall represent SMS with the highest degree of integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation among themselves, the student body, faculty, and other athletes. A high level of commitment to the team and coaches is necessary in order to maintain a position on the team.

Qualifications:

A. Grades

1. All team members will be governed by the eligibility rules of the HCSMAL Policy.
2. Student must have passed 5 out of 6 classes including four core classes & two connections classes. (Math; Science; Social Studies; Language Arts; Connections 1; & Connections 2)

B. Eligibility

1. If a player withdraws from the school at any time after being selected, he/she will be dismissed from the team. If a player quits during the season or is dismissed from the team for any reason, all money that is paid at the time a player quits or is dismissed from the team will not be reimbursed.

C. Insurance Coverage

1. Each student must have either accident insurance or a private policy that will cover the student if injured while participating in or traveling involving the sport. (PROOF OF INSURANCE IS REQUIRED.)

D. Parent Consent

1. The parent/guardian must sign the Application Form and Athletic Information- Consent Form before student is eligible to tryout and participate.

E. Physical Examination

1. A physical exam is required before tryouts. Players are required to get a new physical, if one is not on file with the school, before they can attend practice. (The physical they receive will be good for up to 1 year of the date of the physical.)

Rules and Regulations

A. School Discipline

1. The following conduct is strictly prohibited on school grounds, at a school function, or in uniform and will result in immediate dismissal from the team: smoking, use of alcohol or other drugs, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, using inappropriate language, and inappropriate physical contact.
2. Any player assigned to In-School Suspension after making the team will sit out for the next game scheduled.
3. Any player assigned In-School suspension for the second time after making the team will be immediately dismissed from the team.
4. Any player receiving Out-Of-School Suspension will be immediately dismissed from the team, unless the Athletic Director and SMS administration determine that the consequence is too severe.
5. Any player placed in Alternative School will be removed from the team.
6. Any behavior that the coach deems intolerable, such as but not limited to insubordination, poor attitude, disrespect, unsportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate physical contact and the inability to get along with others, etc. will result in disciplinary actions from the coaches, and possible dismissal from the team.

B. Financial Responsibilities

Once a participant has made the team, it is the responsibility of the parent to pay any outstanding financial obligations owed whether the player stays on the team, is dismissed, benched, or quits.

C. Practice

1. All scheduled practices are mandatory for all team members.
2. In order to be excused from practice, the member must have been absent from school due to illness, family emergency or have prior consent from the coach (for very limited reasons). **As soon as a player knows that he will not be at practice due to one of the previously stated reasons, he/she should immediately contact the coach.** Any unexcused absences may result in the player sitting out of the next scheduled game. If missing practice becomes a habit, that player will be removed from the team.

3. No outside activities should interfere with a student's attendance at practice or games. This will limit other activities students may participate in at the school level. Remember, you choose to tryout and therefore are expected to be in attendance for all practices and games.
4. Failure to be on time to practice will result in disciplinary action and possibly sitting out of the next scheduled game or dismissal from the team.
5. All team members are expected to help with clean up at the end of all practices and games.
6. No cell phones or other electronic devices will be used during practice without the coaches' consent. Violators will have their phones confiscated and turned in to the front office.

D. Games

1. We ask that all parents, family members, and guests represent Stockbridge Middle School in a professional manner. Please refrain from any discussions with the referees, coaches, players, opposing coaches, opposing players, and opposing guests.
2. Every player is required to attend all home and away games. The only excused absence from a game is for personal illness or a family emergency. The coach must be contacted immediately when a player will miss a game.
3. In order to be eligible to play in a game, you must be counted present at school for at least one half of a game day.
4. No food, gum, candy or drinks will be allowed on the bench.
5. Players must stay in a designated area during the games.
6. At the conclusion of practices and games all students should be picked up in a timely manner from the bus lanes.
7. Outstanding sportsmanship should be displayed at all times.
8. Misconduct while traveling to events or while at events will not be tolerated. Discipline procedures will be enforced as necessary, and the school handbook policy is still in effect.
9. All games are \$5.00 a person, unless otherwise stipulated.
10. Should the team do well enough during the season, and make it to the playoffs, the price for those games will be \$6.00, unless otherwise stipulated.

E. Appearance

1. No jewelry or cell phones are permitted during practice or games. You may use your cell phone to call home at the end of the game.

F. Pick-Up

1. SMS parents will pick up all players from the bus lane located at the back of the building after all practices and games.
2. Parents may pick up their player at opposing schools, BUT they must be present BEFORE the bus leaves the opposing school heading back to SMS. We cannot leave anyone behind to wait for parents and the bus will not wait for us to leave.
3. All players need to be picked up in a timely fashion. Any player who remains after practice/games for longer than 10 minutes will be considered late. Athletes who are continually picked up late without any prior communication from parents/guardian may result in being dismissed from the team.

Disciplinary Procedures

Warning: A verbal warning is issued to the player

Physical Conditioning: The player is given extra physical conditioning (running, push-ups, lunges, etc.)

Benched: The player is unable to participate in an event (game, pep rally, competition).

Suspended: The player is unable to participate in practices or events. The length of suspension will be determined by the coach when that suspension is assigned by the coach.

Dismissal: The player is dismissed from the team with no chance of returning.

Unexcused absence to game: Dismissal from team

Coaches are not available for discussion immediately following games. Coaches can be reached via email.

Please sign and date below verifying that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by this contract.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

