

Michigan Lutheran Titan Middle School Sports Standards and Responsibilities

Athletics is an important part of any school's total educational program. Titan Middle School Sports will be conducted with this philosophy: **Christian education through athletics**. The following standards and responsibilities are requirements for participation in Titan middle school sports.

1. The eligibility for participation on a team for each student will be the rules of that student's home school.
2. A current MHSAA physical form must be turned in to the middle school athletic director before participation is allowed. This form also requires signatures for permission to compete and permission to treat in an emergency.
3. The Titan middle school program does not carry injury/accident insurance. Student insurance is the responsibility of the home school of the student.
4. Athletes should attend all games and practices. If an athlete must miss or be late for a practice or game, the coach must be informed ahead of time, if possible. This is so that the coach can prepare properly for the game or practice.
5. It is expected that middle **school** practices and games will take priority over **non-school** practices and games. If an occasional conflict arises, the situation should be cleared with the coach.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to . . .

1. let my light shine so that all know that Jesus is my Lord.
2. remember that academics is more important than sports.
3. show respect for my teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
4. respect the decisions of the game officials without question.
5. play fairly, show good sportsmanship, and display proper conduct on and off the court/field.
6. follow all school athletic rules and regulations.
7. win with modesty and lose with dignity.
8. communicate with my coach if I have questions.

As a parent, I understand that it is my responsibility to . . .

1. lead my son/daughter by example, displaying a Christian attitude to all involved with the game – players, coaches, fans, and officials.
2. attend the preseason team meeting.
3. support the athletic program by volunteering service to take tickets, help with concessions, or help at the scoreboard..
4. help my child in making responsible choices concerning the demands of time between school and sports.
5. provide transportation to and from practices/games.
6. help my child to understand a good athletic work ethic.

As an athlete and parent, we understand that . . .

1. playing time is the prerogative of the coach. The guideline for the coach is that all players should receive minimum playing time **approximately** equal to ¼ of a game. Tournament games are the exception.

2. if I have concerns about how/why something happened in a practice/game, I (or we) will make an appointment with the responsible coach to schedule a “sit down meeting” Meetings should not happen directly after a game. Calling or texting to ask for an appointment is acceptable. The situation will not be discussed with a text or a call, but will happen face to face. We will refrain from talking to others about our concerns until we have spoken directly to those who are involved. If the situation is not resolved with a meeting, the middle school athletic director should be contacted.

3. our purpose is to bring glory to Jesus in all that we do on and off the court.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S SIGNATURE

PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE

DATE

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