

# Midland Public Schools Dual-Sport Participation Policy

## Rationale

Midland Public Schools seeks to provide quality co-curricular athletic opportunities for its students. Some students have talents and abilities which they have a desire to contribute to more than one team in a particular athletic season and both of these teams can benefit. Some activities may struggle with low numbers, and this can boost participation in those sports.

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TWO ACTIVITIES DURING THE SAME SEASON

1. Students are allowed to participate in two co-curricular sports activities during the same season. Students wishing to participate in two sports during the same season will need to obtain a request form from the athletic director and follow the guidelines set down by the athletic department involving dual sport participation.
2. Students are not allowed to participate in "open gyms" as well as other non-school competition in another sport, on the same day they are participating in a school-sponsored co-curricular sports activity without permission from the head coach of the sport in which they are currently participating and the athletic director.

## RULES OF DUAL-SPORT PARTICIPATION

1. A student who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must work with coaches involved to designate a primary sport. This designation must be before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by Midland Public Schools for the season of participation.
2. A primary sport is defined as the sport which takes precedence over another sport in the event there is a conflict of schedule or any other matter that could lead to a conflict. The student must adhere to the primary sport in the event of any and all conflicts of schedule. If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence.
3. The student must practice in both sports but the amount of practice time must meet the agreed requirements of the head coaches of those sports involved.
4. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the sport season. The athlete then will participate in the primary sport only.
5. The student and parents or legal guardians, must sign a contract of dual-sport participation before the first practice session he or she attends.
6. In the event that a student is disciplined for any infraction in a specific sport, the consequence will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation. For example-Student A is suspended 25% of a season for drug use. That suspension is to be served for both the primary sport and non-priority sport.

7. The High School Athletic Director and the High School Principal will serve in the capacity of advisors and final judgments on matters concerning dual-sports participation.

### **Request for Dual Sport Participation**

It is the intention of the athlete named below to participate in two sports during the same season. In order for this to occur, the following stipulations must be met in accordance with Midland Public Schools Procedures:

1. The process must be initiated by a scheduled conference with the athletic director.
2. The athlete must declare which sport is primary and secondary for participation purposes.
3. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the sport season. The athlete then will participate in the primary sport only.
4. Practice and Game/Meet requirements must be established prior to the sport season. Contests take precedence over practice, and the primary sport contests take precedence over secondary sport contests. This should be detailed in writing below after a conference between the athletic director and coaches involved.
5. Failure to uphold this agreement will terminate participation in the secondary sport immediately.

Name of Student-Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice and Game/Meet Requirements (attach calendar):**

#### **Additional Stipulations:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student-Athlete Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Signature of Head Coach-Primary Date

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Signature of Head Coach-Secondary Date

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Signature of Athletic Director Date

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Signature of Principal Date