

# Marco Island Charter Middle School Athletic Handbook

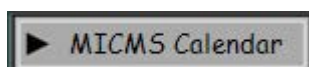


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## Marco Island Charter Middle School Mission Statement

The mission of the Marco Island Charter Middle School is high academic achievement and responsible moral character for its students, achieved through relentless attention to innovation in core discipline.

## Code of Conduct

The Marco Island Charter Middle School Board invites all students who possess the ability, attitude, cooperative spirit, and desire to favorably represent our school to become candidates to participate in our athletic programs.

Participation in our athletic programs is a privilege and not a right. There is a relationship between a participant's behavior on and off school property and the exercise of the privilege to participate in these activities. Student-athletes are representatives of the school and of their fellow students. Student-athletes have higher visibility and greater recognition than other students, assume leadership roles, and become examples for their peers. This creates a duty and responsibility on the part of a student-athlete to conduct himself or herself, on and off school property, in a proper manner detailed in the MICMS Student Agenda. The MICMS student-athlete is an ambassador for our school. There is a relationship between these activities and a participant's health, physical and mental ability, social competence and discipline. Appropriate behavior by a student-athlete can contribute significantly to the overall character of participants and non-participants. In order to maintain a high level of performance in activities, all student-athletes are required to subscribe to and abide by the rules set forth in this Athletic Code of Conduct and school's code of conduct. It is essential that these rules be adhered to for continued participation in our athletic programs.

In the event that a participant fails to comply with our school's high standards, it shall be interpreted by the coach, school administration and/or the Athletic Director that the participant does not have sufficient desire and discipline. Failure to comply with both codes may result in temporary or permanent suspension from athletic activities, as set forth below.

## General Misconduct

Student-athletes must maintain the highest standard of behavior at all times. "Winning at all cost" is not an appropriate goal. The importance of maintaining good physical, moral, and ethical behavior as well as a commitment to the core values of sportsmanship and citizenship are the strongest messages that our students must understand while they participate in our programs, in and out of school.

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, violations of laws, general disrespect and unsportsmanlike conduct toward the coach(es), teacher(s), players, fans, whether it occurs during school hours, at practices or during a game. The coach(es) or teacher(s) will report in writing to the Athletic Director, as soon as reasonably possible any such misconduct. Consequences for this type of misconduct may include suspension from practices and/or contests. The length of the suspension will be applied fairly and commensurate with the violation. The school reserves the right to review all discipline measures taken by the coaches and, if necessary, modify the measures.

## Substance Abuse

MICMS has a zero tolerance policy with regard to substance abuse. Student-athletes that are in violation will be disciplined according to the MICMS school code of conduct and the Collier County Code of Conduct.

## Athletic Eligibility

Physicals, Parent/Guardian Permission Forms - All potential student-athletes must have a current physical prior to the tryouts. Physicals are good for one calendar year. In addition, a completed "Consent and Release from Liability" form and proof of insurance, including the policy number, needs to be submitted prior to the first practice. Forms can be obtained from school office or at [www.micms.org](http://www.micms.org). If a family doesn't have insurance a student policy can be purchased through the school system at a nominal cost.

**Registered Students/Transfer Requirements** - To represent our school during a competitive event, all players must be either registered as students of the Marco Island Charter Middle School or meet the following requirements:

1. Meet the requirements set forth in Statute 1000.15 (3)(c) & (d)
2. Meet all Athletic eligibility requirements set forth in this handbook unless specified by law.

If a student-athlete transfers from another school, that student-athlete will receive all of the privileges of a bona-fide MICMS student-athlete after that student-athlete is officially registered in the MICMS and meets the medical and parental permission requirements as well as the academic eligibility mandates listed in the section labeled "Grade Requirements." If a team has been established and has no available team positions, then the transfer student must wait until the next season to participate.

**Attendance Requirements** - A student-athlete's primary responsibility is to receive a solid academic education and to learn good habits and conduct. Arriving to school on time and participating in the school's entire academic day is a prerequisite to assuming this responsibility.

Any student who is absent or arrives later than the start of the school day will be prohibited from participating in the game on that same day. Additionally, if a student-athlete is absent or arrives later than the start of the second period following game that student will be prohibited from participating in the next game.

Exceptions to this rule include, but are not limited to, medical appointments or dental appointments, but these absences must be validated with a written note from the doctor or dentist. All other exceptions must be cleared with the Athletic Director. The overriding goal of obtaining a solid academic education and learning good habits and conduct will always be at the forefront of the decision-making process when the Athletic Director needs to evaluate an individual exception.

MICMS may set an early dismissal time for student athletes participating in certain games or events depending on their scheduled time. Students should not be picked up prior to the early dismissal time.

**In the event a student is picked up prior to the early dismissal time, without prior consent, the student may be ineligible to play at that game or event.**

**Behavioral Requirements** - Any student-athlete who cannot or does not satisfactorily fulfill the role of a student in their scheduled classes could be considered ineligible for athletic practices or games. The determination will be decided by the Principal, Athletic Director and the Dean.

**Grade Requirements** - All student-athletes must meet grade requirements to participate in athletic events. These requirements are a 2.25 grade point average in all classes, not more than one D, and no F grades in the previous nine week grading period. Failure to meet these eligibility requirements renders the student ineligible for the duration of that team's season. The last nine weeks of the school grading period determine eligibility for the following school year. All incoming six graders are eligible for the first nine weeks. Once a student makes a team they are expected to maintain at least a 2.25 GPA while they are a member of a team. Failure to do so could result in an academic hearing, probation, or suspension from the team until the grade is brought into compliance.

**Physical Education Requirements** - Any student-athlete who cannot participate in their scheduled physical education class will be considered ineligible for athletic practices or games. This will remain in effect until they are able to take part in the physical education class.

**Two Sport Participation** - Student-athletes may be allowed to participate in more than one sport at a time if they receive with prior approval from both coaches, have at least a 2.5 grade point average in all classes and not more than one D, and no F grades in the previous nine week grading period. If a sport season overlaps the conclusion of another sport season the student will be prohibited from joining the latest sport until the first season's sport is concluded.

## General Athletic Policies

**Charges** - All of the sports programs have a designated participant cost which, typically, represents less than 50% of the expense of running each program. No student is denied participation due to inability to pay. Please contact the school for further information. Because no State funds are appropriated for our student-athlete program, player participation fees and fund-raising efforts are necessary to operate this program.

**Equipment** - Each student-athlete is expected to care for his/her equipment, including uniforms. When the student-athlete is issued a school owned uniform, it should be cared for according to directions on the uniform or from the coach. No student-athlete should alter or adjust any uniform or any other item that is the property of the school. School issued uniforms should be returned and cleaned, no later than one week after the last game of the season. If any uniform or equipment is damaged due to misuse, loss, or neglect, the student-athlete will be held responsible and expected to replace or pay for the item(s).

**Transportation** - The Marco Island Charter Middle School Athletic Program may provide transportation to games. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their child has transportation to any particular event. If a student-athlete needs to ride with another person other than their parent/guardian, they must have a note on file in the office listing the specific people that have authorization to transport the student prior to transport.

The school accepts no responsibility or liability for transporting the student-athlete to/from practice or any athletic event.

**Practice and Game Attendance** - Student-athletes are expected to be at all practices and games. If a student-athlete is consistently absent, he/she will face appropriate penalties (loss of playing time, extra running, suspension, dismissal, etc.).

Practices and games may be conducted no more than three times a week from Monday through Friday per sport. Extra practices or games may also be held if authorized by the Athletic Director. With the exception of being absent from school, the student-athlete should give prior written notice to the coach for any absence to be excused.

**Class work** - It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to obtain class assignments prior to leaving for an athletic event. Participation in athletics requires time management and preparation for classes. Student-athletes should be prepared for class and should plan ahead for athletic conflicts. A practice or game is not an acceptable excuse for failure to complete school work on time.

**Dress Code** - The dress code must be honored while representing the MICMS in traveling to athletic events. The dress code of MICMS is acceptable as is any team uniform. No jewelry is allowed during practices or games. Hats are only to be worn if they are a part of a uniform and should be worn as designed, (e.g. golf / tennis hats). Team jerseys can only be worn on game days. If a team jersey does not cover a student's shoulders the student must wear a shirt (e.g., T-shirt) underneath their jersey.

**Detention** - Student-athletes who receive detention will not be excused from the detention in order to attend practices and games. All detentions and suspensions must be served according to schedule and be completed before a student athlete can participate in any team activities including, but not limited to, practices, games or team meetings. All coaches will be notified of the suspension by the school.

**Suspension/Dismissal** - Coaches may at any time suspend or dismiss from the team a student-athlete who fails to comply with athletic guidelines. Suspensions due to game ejections are determined by the Athletic Director.

**Playing Time** - When participating in varsity competitive sports, playing time will vary from player to player. It is important that each student-athlete understands that playing time is not guaranteed. Coaches are encouraged to maximize playing time, so that learning and development takes place. However, the coach has the responsibility of determining who should play when the game is "on the line." Sixth Grade or Junior Varsity requires that all team members play an average of 25% of each event.

**Sixth graders** may only participate on sixth grade teams. Exceptions to this rule are cross country, tennis, golf or soccer.

**Seventh graders** may participate on varsity teams only.

**Eighth graders** may only participate on varsity teams.

**Quitting** - By making a team, a student has made a commitment to a team for the length of the season. If a student quits prior to the end of the season they may be in-eligible for the next season's sport. This will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

**Facility Usage** - It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to care and show respect for the facilities utilized at home and on the road.

## Communication

**Approaching Officials** - It is a violation of athletic rules for any fan, player, or parent to approach an official during or after a game. A violation of this section could result in, but not limited to, ejection from the facility.

**Communicating Concerns** - Persons with concerns should refrain from approaching coaches immediately following the event. It is unfair to expect a coach to be prepared to discuss immediately such issues. Whatever the concern, consult the coach in a spirit of cooperation, not confrontation.

If a parent has a concern about a student-athlete or an issue regarding the athletic programs, it is important that proper channels are followed. **First, any concerns should be brought to the coach no sooner than 24 hours after the event.** If this does not resolve the issue, then the Athletic Director should be engaged. If there is still dissatisfaction, the Athletic Director will bring the concern to the Principal.

**Communication from the School** - The school may use our all-call system to phone parents in case of late breaking news. For the up-to-date information regarding game schedules, directions to schools, or other questions, please contact: [www.micms.org](http://www.micms.org) and select **MICMS calendar** in the upper right hand corner.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role in the success of the Athletic Department and its programs. Many opportunities to volunteer exist within the Athletic Department. Please contact the school for further information.

### Sports Offered

The following sports are typically offered within the school calendar year:

**Fall Sports:** Girls Volleyball-6th Grade/Varsity  
Boys Volleyball-Varsity  
Girls Cross Country-Varsity,  
Boys Cross Country-Varsity,  
Cheerleading-Varsity (7th and 8th grade)  
Boys Football-Varsity  
Co-ed Golf-Varsity

**Winter Sports:** Girls Basketball-6th grade/Varsity  
Boys Basketball-6th grade/Varsity  
Cheerleading-Varsity (7th and 8th grade)  
Boys Soccer-Varsity  
Girls Soccer-Varsity

**Spring Sports:** Co-ed Tennis-Varsity  
Girls Track - Varsity  
Boys Track - Varsity

