

SCS Middle School Athletic Handbook

Participation

Each season the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be the starting point for four teams. Each team will be made up of students from that grade level. Once those numbers are determined, the teams may need to be balanced by moving some players to other teams.

Playing Time

As a step in the progression from Rotary ball to the high school the following guidelines apply to playing time. Playing time should be fair, but need not be equal. Middle school athletics emphasize participation and development of athletes. All athletes should normally play in every game. When the opponent is much stronger or weaker, those players who normally get less time should be given more playing time and may have an opportunity to start the game. In close contests, the stronger players will naturally get more court time. Over the season the time could be nearly equal. 5th and 6th grade teams will be closer to equal playing time for all players.

Teams

Part of the development of athletes at this age is the team concept of the game. Learning to play with the same group and to know your role on a team are items not usually learned earlier. Players and parents need to focus on team not on individuals.

Emergency Medical Authorization Form

All athletes must have an emergency medical authorization form on file with the coach on the first day of practice. This authorization form must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian. The emergency medical authorization will be kept on file with the athletic director and coach for a period of one school year and is valid for all activities taking place during that school year. Coaches are responsible for the collection of the emergency medical authorization.

Athletic Objectives

- ❖ Compete in a manner pleasing to God (100% all the time)
- ❖ Develop relationships through athletics
- ❖ Be a witness to the competitors
- ❖ Develop good sportsmanship that will last beyond high school
- ❖ To enjoy and exhibit the abilities God has given us.

Absences

Any team member who is unexcused for a practice may miss the next game. A second unexcused absence may result in dismissal from the team. This applies to all managers and players. Please let coaches know in advance if a player is going to miss practice. Work is not a reason for missing practice and will be considered unexcused. **Students must be at school by 10:00AM to be eligible to participate in practice or games on a school day.**

Fees

Middle School athletes pay a \$70.00 fee. Fees must be paid by the second week of practice. Coaches are responsible for the collection of athletic fees. Financial aid is available so that all students who desire may play a sport.

Traveling

Participation in athletics will require traveling to some away games. Parents driving to the games will provide transportation to each of these events. However, any other expenses incurred during the course of the trip will be the student's responsibility. To defray the costs of food, an athlete may bring a sack lunch. All other costs will be announced in an informative letter prior to the trip.

Eligibility

A middle school student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities is dependent on that student's ability to maintain academic, attitudinal, and behavior standards expected of a middle school student attending Stillwater Christian School. A student becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities if they are failing to meet any of the above mentioned standards.

Picking Up Athletes

Parents it is your responsibility to pick up your athlete promptly after practice, which ends at 5 P.M., and after games, home and away. The only exception is when the games are in Eureka; the athletes will be brought back to the school and you can pick them up there.

Also, after home games we need parent volunteers to stay and help clean our gym.