

Dear Mustang Athlete and Parent/Guardian,

As a member of the team, it is expected that you will exemplify the best qualities of a student-athlete. It is your responsibility to be an outstanding citizen on and off the court. You must be able to manage your time, grades, and behavior while also dedicating yourself to physical conditioning and improving your skills as a player to best help the team.

Attendance at practice while not mandatory will affect playing time. If you must miss practice, your parents must notify your coach with an email. Attendance is crucial for you to improve your individual skills, learn to play with your fellow teammates and increase your understanding of the team's system. It is during practice that you will work on new aspects of your game, ask questions, and make mistakes. This is also where you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your level of preparedness for matches.

Each scholar will have playing time during a match, but all players may not have “equal” time. Many aspects are considered by coaches, participation during practice, grades, coachability, to be balanced, to put the most competitive team on the court at all times. Time on the court during games is determined by a multitude of factors and is ultimately the coach’s decision. This will include Intramural team Tournaments as well. We want to foster an environment of fun and learning but also encourage a competitive atmosphere.

All concerns need to be addressed directly to the coaches prior to escalating to the Intramural teams Director or School Administration. Coaches have been encouraged to communicate with scholars and parents after practice or during a requested meeting. Approaching any coach after competition to address a disagreement or concern will not be tolerated. This can lead to a hostile situation, and we can absolutely wait until the following workday or by scheduling a meeting. If you, as the scholar or parent, feel that the issue is more urgent you may reach out to the Intramural teams Director who will hear your concerns but may direct you to the coach.

Coaches are here as leaders and mentors to guide your scholar in a particular sport. Not all of us have years of experience or have even coached before. Just as scholars are learning, so are our coaches. There will be no college scouts or recruiters present at Intramural team

games. So let us all come together to encourage and cheer for each other as we are all giving our best effort. Winning and losing will happen, but ultimately, we are here to learn, grow, and cultivate a love for the sport and build Intramural team camaraderie.

“Dreams are free. Goals have a cost. While you can daydream for free, goals don’t come without a price. Time, Effort, Sacrifice, and Sweat. How will you pay for your goals?” - Usain Bolt

Please complete and sign the form below and turn it into your coach.

Warmly,

Elisabeth Christensen, Dean of Students/Intramural Team Director

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Scholar's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player/ Parent Commitments

- I understand and accept that every participant will play, but not everyone will have an equal amount of playing time.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

- I understand and agree that attendance at practice, preparedness, and attitude may affect my playing time.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

- I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to talk to the coach and not the other players/parents if I disagree with decisions the coach makes. I will give my best effort and communicate with my coach to resolve any concerns prior to addressing them to the Intramural teams Director or School Administration.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that I/my child is required to keep a passing grade of at least 60 in all subjects to remain eligible to play in Intramural team games. If I am not passing any subject by Friday of any week, I will continue to support my Intramural team during the game from the stands. Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that any yelling at referees, coaches, other parents or players during games will result in removal from campus and ineligibility to attend future games.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that I/my child will not be allowed to participate in a game if I am wearing clothing that does not meet the Intramural team dress code.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

- Parents - I understand that I will be charged \$1 per minute after the scheduled pick up time of 5:10pm if I am late in picking up my child. Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Scholar Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

By signing, both my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I have read the Intramural teams participation letter and the player commitments above and agree to the conditions for being a member of the Intramural team.