

***NORTHSIDE METHODIST
CHURCH AND ACADEMY***

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Dear Parents and Athletes:

This letter is to inform you of the policies and rules of Northside Methodist Academy's Athletic Program. Also check your handbook for further information.

Eligibility:

1. A copy of the participant's birth certificate must be on file in our office.
2. Each player must have current physical report on the athlete's physical condition on file in our office.
3. Each player must pay a \$35 usage fee per sport by the designated deadline.
4. An authorization to Consent to Medical Treatment and Permission to Travel form must be signed by both parents and on file in the office by the designated deadline.
5. Players must ride to the game with the transportation arranged by the school. Travel cost is determined by the cost of the bus, van or cars traveling per trip. The cost will be divided by the number of players and cheerleaders riding the bus, van or cars. Athletes will travel by Southern Coaches' bus company, rented van or in cars with designated parents. The money must be turned in at least 24 hours before departure to the Athletic Secretary. If a player wishes to ride home with parents, you must give a written request from your parents to the coach. This will not change the amount charged for the trip. Over-night lodging is arranged by the school. The total cost is divided by the number of players on the team. If you decide not to go, you will still be responsible for your portion of the cost. If a parent would like to pay a large sum at the beginning of the season, we will credit the athlete's account. A charge will be made against the credit at the time of travel. The athlete will be notified when the credit has been deleted.
6. All players must commit to their NMA team first. All scheduled games, tournaments, and practices take priority over any other teams or extra-curricular activities.
7. If a player is absent or late from any practice, he/she will be subject to the coach's discipline.

8. All players are responsible for the care of the equipment and the facilities. The athlete will be issued a uniform. This uniform must be returned to the Athletic Department within 7 days of the last game of the season. The uniform must be returned clean and in good condition or damage fee will be assessed or replacement cost charged. Please read the care label in the uniform and follow the recommended directions. It is suggested that uniforms hang to dry if numbers are not sewn on. Please note that failure to return the complete uniform will result in a charge of \$150.
9. **If your sports account becomes past due by \$150.00, your student WILL NOT be able to participate until your account is up to date.**
10. **IF YOUR TUITION ACCOUNT IS DELINQUENT, YOUR STUDENT CAN NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPORTS.**
11. Parents will be asked to help during the various activities and functions throughout the year.
12. Players have permission to go to their cars after the final school bell or at the designated dismissal time to get their equipment but should not leave campus without proper authorization.
13. NMA wind suits may be worn on Game Days.
14. Shorts worn in practice and in gym classes must be of appropriate length, if not spandex MUST be worn under them. This applies to away games as well.

Class work, Homework, and Grade Requirements:

1. Grades will be pulled each Monday. Any student that has a D or F in any subject will be reported to the Athletic Director. He/She will not be able to play or participate in practices until the grade has been pulled up. The student is also subject to individual discipline by the coach.
2. If a student fails more than one subject in a semester, he/she is not eligible to participate in athletics the following semester. The only exception is if the student makes up the failed course during the summer.
3. All pre-assigned test(s) and quizzes must be taken on time. Make-up work and tests must be completed in a timely manner.
4. All assignments due the day of an away game are to be given to the appropriate teacher before school that day. Check with the teacher for any new assignments. You need to always be prepared, attentive, and willing to participate in class. Do not be slothful in your work or disruptive in your behavior.
5. You must be in school and on time on game days and the day following. If you are too sick or tired to come to school, then we do not need to let you play.

6. Athletes are expected to be at school in homeroom the following morning after every game. If a student is tardy or absent, it will be unexcused unless accompanied by a doctor's excuse. If a tardy or absence is unexcused, the player will be ineligible to play in the next game.
7. If students arrive in Dothan after 9:00 pm from a road game, they are given one day grace for homework, quizzes, and test. However, the "Wednesday exemption" does not apply. In other words, make-up tests and homework can be given on Thursday.
8. It is the student's responsibility to set up time to take missed tests. If a student wants to miss all or part of another class to make-up a test, the absence must be cleared by the other teacher first. If a student misses all or part of a class without prior permission, the absence is counted as unexcused.
9. There will be no using of the phones in the gym or office to obtain forgotten uniforms, money, permission slips, etc. Phones can be used only when a change in athletic plans have been made by the staff.
10. If a player is caught cheating or engaging in other serious misbehavior, he/she is ineligible to participate until the matter is resolved by a disciplinary committee consisting of the administration and coaching representatives.

Travel Rules:

1. No headphones, CD or cassette players!!! Athletes must follow NMA's dress code at all times. This applies to overnight games. NMA warm-up suits are to be worn to and from games. Neatness is the rule.
2. One small piece of luggage per player is allowed. Room assignments are permanent. Bus must be cleaned out upon return. Any money due must be paid at least 24 hours before leaving. Please do not give any money to your coach as he/she has enough to keep up with. Take it to the Athletic Secretary. Parents must be at the school at the designated time for pick-up.

After you have read this letter concerning the eligibility, grade requirements and travel rules, and understand your responsibility and obligations please sign and return this form to the Athletic Secretary. Also check your athlete's student handbook for more detail.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date