

Multi-Sport Participation Policy

Mountain Island Charter School

Rationale

MICS seeks to provide quality 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 MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES DURING THE SAME SEASON

1. Students are allowed to participate in multiple sports activities during the same season. Students wishing to participate in multiple 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 multi-sport participation.
2. Students are not allowed to participate in “open gyms” in another sport, on the same day they are participating in a school-sponsored 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 multiple sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by NCHSAA 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 multi-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 all sports the student is participating in.
7. The High School Athletic Director and the Head of School will serve in the capacity of advisors and final judgments on matters concerning multi-sport participation.

After informing both coaches, the coaches and athletic director will meet to discuss the reasonableness of the dual sport request and schedule of the student athlete. The decisions of this meeting will take precedence unless at a later date both coaches agree to amend the schedule. If after reviewing the schedule, the student-athlete decides to reconsider and participate in only one activity, he/she must inform both coaches within a week of the beginning of the latest season.

The following priority list shall be used to help determine an appropriate resolution:

1. State level competitions including travel time.
2. Qualifying events to state and national competition.
3. Level of activity (Varsity, JV, Freshman)
4. Conference tournaments and events.
5. County tournaments and events.
6. If a direct conflict cannot be resolved through the above, then the importance of a student's participation in the group's performance will be considered.

Once primary and secondary sports are declared and approved athletes will have one week after the beginning of the season to change their primary sport designation.

Failure to complete seasons for all sports designated will result in removal from future multi-sport consideration.

