2026-2027
Athletic Handbook



Marietta City
Schools

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I. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

Welcoming in the new 2025-2026 school year, I am eager to see Marietta Athletics continue to thrive. My start here at Marietta over the spring season has brought me even more excitement for this full academic and athletic year ahead. Getting to know our student athletes, I have a lot of confidence that these students will work hard over the summer to get prepared for their next season. I am excited to see tiger athletes participate and help in our community with Youth Camps as role models for these young tiger athletes. Building a connection with the community and the athletic teams is something very important and highly prioritized for our athletic department! We are all on one team, cheering on and supporting one another through our orange and black, Tiger blood.

Our Vision Statement as an Athletic Department, states as follows:



These core values and attributes are what we look for in leaders for our athletic department. We believe that along with the core values of being a tiger, also comes with representation of our school and community to others. It is with great pride that we take these five attributes and apply them to our day to day lives as a tiger.

I am happy to be a part of the Marietta Athletic Department and am eager to see where athletics continues to grow. I am confident that we will continue to make progress towards a better department and program everyday! We look forward to continuing to raise the bar and make Tiger Athletics one of the best around.

Please join and support our Tiger Athletes this year as we strive to be one team and one community, Tiger proud!

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II. GOALS

1. Enjoyment:

Our first goal is to help every student-athlete enjoy the journey. While winning is certainly more fun than losing, it is likely that we will experience both. Therefore, it is important to learn how to enjoy and appreciate the opportunity that you have been given to play the game. Think of all the people who are spectators, of all of those who will never experience the thrill of competition, of all of those who will never feel the adrenaline rush associated with peak performance while laying it all out there on the line. You, as a student-athlete, have truly earned this experience…enjoy it.

2. Growth & Development:

Our second goal is to help each student-athlete grow and develop. This is not just about sports growth and development; this goal encompasses total development. Our goal is to help prepare you for life's journey. We also want you to look back and have fond memories about our teaching and coaching staff, realizing that they were good influences in your life.

3. Physical/Athletic Improvement:

Our third goal is to help each student-athlete improve their physical and athletic abilities. We want every athlete to leave the program with the sense that their maximum potential at this stage of their physical and athletic development has been reached.

4. Citizenship:

Our fourth goal is to develop a keen sense of awareness in all of the student-athletes when it comes to citizenship and civic responsibilities. It is one of those "life lessons" better learned at a young age. The lesson is that we all have a responsibility to something larger than just ourselves. Civic participation is a great way to learn the importance that we all put a little something back. Interestingly, what most will learn is that putting something back almost always makes one feel better for the effort.

5. Winning:

Finally, it is our goal to compete for league, sectional, district, regional, and state championships. And while winning contests and championships is always our goal, it is also necessary to recognize that winning is also a matter of perspective and that "winning" can occur even in the midst of a losing season. The fact is that we believe that growth and development can be achieved whether we win or lose every game. And it is with this attitude that we have established "winning" as a top priority.

Although our goal is to win we also believe it is unrealistic to expect any coach or any team to continually post undefeated seasons. However, this should not deter us from establishing

winning as an objective year in and year out. Moreover, we want to win, we expect to win, and we are going to prepare in order to win.

SUMMARY

It is the belief of the administration and the Athletic Department that the five (5) listed goals are necessary and needed for athletic success. The administration also believes that interscholastic competition is an integral part of the high school setting and assists with the development of secondary school students.

III. ATHLETE'S CONDUCT

While participating in athletics is truly a priceless experience, something that you should enjoy to its fullest, it is worth noting that your participation does place you on center stage. As a student athlete you will be more visible within the school and within the community. This means

that your conduct and your actions will become the subject of greater scrutiny. Although you may not be aware of this, the reality is, to many of the younger kids, kids in the grade schools and the middle school; you will become their role model. Because of your visibility and because of your potential to influence, and because your actions will reflect on yourself, your family, the school, and the community it is advisable that you conduct your life in such a way so as to always be the role model that people respect and admire. Words such as attitude, character, discipline, dignity, integrity, morals, pride, and respect all serve to capture the essence and values by which you will be measured and by which you will be judged. Hopefully you will understand that being an athlete is much more than playing a game.

Athletic Code of Conduct

A. Student/Athlete Discipline:

1. Students of the Marietta City School District may be subject to discipline, including, but not limited to suspension, expulsion or emergency removal from school, for behavior in violation of the Code of Conduct that occurs either (1) on school premises, on school transportation, or at any school sponsored activity, or (2) off school premises if the behavior:

a) disrupts, or has the potential to disrupt, the educational process in the schools

b) deprives or has the potential to deprive, other students of their right to an education within the curricular or co curricular program or privilege of participation in the extracurricular program, including behavior that occurs off school property but is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school property, or

c) actions, regardless of where they occur, that are directed at a Marietta City school official or employee, or the property of such official or employee.

d) disrespect of contest officials

e) social media violations as per board policy and student handbook

In the case of an athlete accused of violating a criminal law, the athlete may be denied the privilege to participate until an investigation is completed. Upon completion of the investigation, a determination of what discipline, if any, will be made.

2. The Superintendent, other district administrative personnel, or personnel employed by the district to direct, supervise, or coach a pupil activity program may prohibit a student from participating in any particular or all extracurricular activities for such period of time as the person implementing the prohibition determines to be appropriate. Unless otherwise provided in any specific rules governing the particular extracurricular activity, prohibition from participation in extracurricular activities does not trigger the same notice, hearing and appeal procedures that apply to suspension, expulsion or emergency removal of students from school. Any conduct in violation of any criminal statute or any gross misconduct which is substantially likely to have adverse impact on Marietta High

School or the Athletic program is cause for immediate removal from the team for the remainder of the season.

B. Expectations:

1.Participation in school sports programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes must abide by the rules and they must conduct themselves, on and off the field, as positive role models who exemplify good character. All athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects a positive image to Marietta City Schools. Good conduct is expected in the classroom and at all activities outside of the school day. The Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect for all athletes 12 months of the year.

IV. ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

A. Theft:

1.Any athlete guilty of theft during a school related activity shall receive a minimum of a 10% contest denial to participate to a maximum of removal from the team.

B. Hazing:

1.All hazing by athletes is prohibited. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation that causes or creates a substantial risk for causing mental or physical harm to any person. No athlete shall plan, encourage, or engage in any acts of physical or mental harm to any person. Penalty for hazing violation will be a minimum of 1 game denial of participation to a maximum of denial to participate for the remainder of the season.

C. Team Rules:

1.All athletes are expected to follow all team rules as set forth in writing by the head coach. The coach may discipline an athlete for violating team rules but no team rule may supersede the Code of Conduct as approved by the Board of Education.

Consequences for Athletic Code of Conduct Violations

A. Any athlete who is dismissed from a team for violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct or Team Rules may not participate in another in-season sport or off-season program without the written permission of the head coach from the sport dismissed and the Athletic Director.

B. Any athlete who is dismissed from a team for violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct or Team Rules will not be eligible to receive any team or individual awards.

C. Good conduct violations may result in discipline at the coach's discretion from denial of participation, to removal from the team. Consequences will be based on the nature of the good conduct violation.

D. An athlete denied the privilege to participate is also denied the privilege to attend any Marietta athletic contest during designated denial of participation unless approved by the building principal.

E. Coaches may dismiss student athletes from a team for reasons not already stated such as, but not limited to, extreme violations of team rules, lying to coaches, etc. Such dismissals are serious so the coach considering this action will first need to discuss the matter with the Athletic director or principal. Parental contact by the coach will be a part of any dismissal.

V. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athletic participation will be contingent upon adherence to the Marietta High School Athletic Handbook as well as the Marietta High School Student Handbook adopted by the Marietta City Board of Education; adherence to the handbooks will be determined by school administrators and/or coaching staff.

There are certain requirements that must be met in order for a student to be eligible to participate in any of the school's athletic programs. Generally speaking, they fall within the guidelines of the following five categories:

1. Academic Requirements
2. Residency
3. Medical
4. Age Limits
5. Other

1. Academic Requirements:

A. All seventh grade high school student athletes must pass a minimum of four (4) credits towards graduation in the immediately preceding grading period in order to be eligible for the following nine-week grading period. The one exception is during the first nine week grading period for all seventh grade students. The OHSAA allows all seventh grade students immediate eligibility for their first nine weeks of the seventh grade. All eighth through twelfth grade student athletes must pass a minimum of five (5) credits towards graduation in the immediately preceding grading period in order to be eligible the following nine-week grading period, as required by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA.). Marietta City Schools also requires any athlete that has a GPA below a 2.0 in the preceding grading period to complete tutoring at MHS during the course of their sports season. If the athlete chooses not to participate in the mandatory tutoring, they will be removed from their respective team.

- High School - First Grading Period – Eligibility for incoming freshmen is determined by the last nine week grading period of the eighth grade year. Eligibility for all other students is determined by the last nine-week grading period of the preceding year and commences with the start of the fall sports season.
- High School - Subsequent Grading Periods – Changes of eligibility will be based on the immediately preceding nine-week grading period and will become effective at the start of the new nine-week grading period. Students should check with the principal or athletic director to see when their athletic eligibility will be restored.
- Junior High - First grading period – All incoming seventh graders are eligible to participate during the first nine-week grading period. Eligibility for all other students is determined by the last nine-week grading period of the preceding year and commences with the start of the fall sports season.

- Junior High - Subsequent grading periods – Changes of eligibility will be based on the immediately preceding nine-week grading period and will become effective at the start of the new nine-week grading period. Students should check with the principal or athletic director to see when their athletic eligibility will be restored.
- Additional Academic Requirements (From the Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.535)

B. Athletic Eligibility

The Marietta City School Board of Education provides athletic programs in compliance with the by-laws and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Students who wish to be members of an athletic team must be academically eligible. The requirements for such eligibility by the OHSAA in Section 4 of their by-laws and by the Marietta City Schools' Board of Education are as follows:

All Student Athletes (7-12) must have earned a minimum 2.0 GPA during the immediately preceding nine-week grading period in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. The Marietta Board of Education and the Marietta High School Athletic Department have instituted a tutoring program for athletes who may fall below the 2.0 GPA requirement. If the student/athlete follows the tutoring guidelines, he/she will be eligible to play in all games during the nine-week grading period in which the tutoring occurs. Any cost associated with such a tutoring program must be assumed by the parent(s). In addition to the GPA requirement student/athletes must be passing a minimum of FIVE credits or the equivalent toward graduation in the preceding grading period. For 7th Grade students/athletes the minimum is passing FOUR classes. For 8th Grade students/athletes the minimum is passing FIVE classes. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a loss of eligibility for participation during the succeeding nine-week grading period. Students must also meet all other eligibility requirements as specified in the Marietta Schools Athletic Handbook. Student/athletes participating in the CCP program MUST obtain a form from the Athletic Director in order to submit college course grades for review. The eligibility of ineligibility of a student/athlete continues until the beginning of the next nine-week grading period. At that time the immediately preceding grading period grades become applicable. Once deemed ineligible, student/athletes must have their following nine-week grades verified by a school administrator in order to regain eligibility. The eligibility of a transfer student must be established by school records or verification from the sending school. The responsibility for establishing eligibility rests with the receiving school. Summer school grades DO NOT COUNT toward eligibility requirements.

C. NCAA REQUIREMENTS

Students should also be aware of the National College Athletic Association's academic requirements at the high school level if they intend to pursue athletic participation at a college or university after graduation. Please note that there are NEW NCAA requirements for student/athletes first entering a college or university on or after August 1, 2016. Student/athletes must meet the new academic rules in order to receive scholarships and be able to practice or compete during their first year. A brief summary and additional information of these changes are available from the MHS guidance department. Parents and student/athletes should become aware of all the athletic eligibility requirements when they enroll as FRESHMEN.

2. Residency Requirements:

A. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, a student must establish residency within the district according to the rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Students may enroll in and attend any member school that accepts them if they are entering grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. The student-athlete's eligibility shall be established by one of two situations:

B. Participating in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season contest) prior to the opening day of a school, or attending the first day of school at any member school.

C. Once eligibility has been established at a member school, the student will be ineligible for athletic purposes for 50% of the season he or she transfers to another school unless one of the exceptions to the transfer bylaw is met (unless the move happens during the season, in which the student is ineligible for the entire season). This is more fully described in OHSAA bylaw 4-7-2. Exceptions are:

- If the parent or legal guardian change residence from one public school district to another;
- If the superintendents of both districts enter into a written agreement in order to protect the student's physical and mental well-being (and the agreement is approved by the OHSAA Commissioner)
- If a school closes

3. Medical Requirements:

A. Student athletes must have a physical examination annually. A "Physical Examination" form must be completed and signed by a physician, and must be on file in the Athletic Department. An "Emergency Medical Form" must be completed by the parent or legal guardian, and be on file with the coach.

4. Age Limits:

A. If a student enrolled in high school attains the age of 19 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in high school interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.
B. If a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 attains the age of 15 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in 7-8th grade interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.
C. Questions regarding age limitations should be referred to the athletic director.

5. Other:

A. Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations for their respective sports.
B. Eligibility and/or penalties will be imposed consistent with these policies.
C. Specific policies will be on file, with, and approved by the athletic director.
D. Parents will be informed of these rules during the parent's preseason meeting.
E. All Marietta City School District sponsored sports that are non-recognized by the Ohio High School Athletic Association shall adhere to the OHSAA bylaws and applicable sports regulations (Exception: MHS Crew in regards to OHSAA Bylaw 9-2-1, Contests with Out-Of-State Schools).

VI. SUBSTANCE ABUSE

It is expected that all student athletes in the Marietta City Schools will be free from the effects of substance abuse so that they may develop to their full potential. Accordingly, the possession, use or distribution of any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage, illicit drug, illegally obtained prescription medication, inhalant, counterfeit or look-alike drug, e-cigarette or vape device, or

drug paraphernalia by a student athlete is prohibited at any time. The primary response to a substance abuse violation is intended to encourage the student to seek counseling. Substance abuse violations are handled as follows:

A. <u>Tobacco, Alcohol, Drug Violations/Consequences</u>

1. Athlete may not possess, consume, use or shows evidence of consumption, distribute, or sell any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage, illicit drug, illegally obtained prescription medication, inhalant, counterfeit or look-alike drug, drug paraphernalia or possess items used in the manufacture or assembly of illegal drug is prohibited at any time.
2. Drugs are defined as an illegal narcotic, controlled substance, or over the counter or prescription drug not prescribed to the athlete.
3. Athletes are subject to the Marietta City School's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, and this handbook should be read together with the Policy
4. An athlete may not remain in the proximity of alcohol or drug use. An athlete will be considered "in the proximity" if they do not remove themselves from the place where alcohol is being used illegally by persons under the age of 21 or from the place where drugs are being used illegally. Athletes may call a parent, relative, coach, school administrator, or the athletic director but need to take action to remove themselves from the situation as soon as it is recognized.

Admission to violation: Athlete freely admits to violation

	First Violation	Second Violation	Third Violation
Consequence with educational piece to be determined on case by case basis by Administration.	Denied privilege of participation in 10% of scheduled games.1 game minimum. At the discretion of the principal there may be a community service component.	Denied privilege of participation in 50% of scheduled games. 4 game minimum. Education piece & counseling required. At the discretion of the principal there may be a community service component.	Denied privilege of Participation for remainder of junior or high school career.

Non-admission to violation: Athlete does not freely admit and investigation concludes the athlete was in violation.

	First Violation	Second Violation	Third Violation

Consequence with educational piece to be determined on case by case basis by Administration.	Denied privilege of Participation in 20% of scheduled games. 2 game minimum. At the discretion of the principal there may be a community service component.	Denied privilege of Participation for 1 calendar year from date of violation. Education piece and counseling required. At the discretion of the principal there may be a community service component.	Denied privilege of Participation for remainder of middle school or high school career.

*Foregoing penalties are minimums and the coach retains the discretion to impose greater penalties as he or she deems appropriate.

Voluntary Referral

An athlete, his/her coach, or parent/guardian may make a "voluntary referral" if it is strongly felt an athlete's academic, athletic, or social life is being affected by the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. A voluntary referral can be made without disciplinary consequences. A recommendation of counseling services will be made to the athlete and his/her parent/guardian.

A. Abuse Violation Conditions
    1. Should the athlete agree to attend professional counseling (see 1st violation option) with a certified chemical dependency counselor as per Marietta City School Student Substance Abuse Procedure, JFCI. The parent must agree to assume financial responsibility for the counseling and/or the education piece. A student receiving counseling under this provision must continue to attend counseling sessions until released by the counselor and the same for the education piece—being released by the administration. Unexcused absence may result in the immediate reactivation of the denial to participate for the remainder of the year. It is the responsibility of the building principal to monitor the counseling of the student. The release from counseling must be in writing to the building principal. It is also the responsibility of the parent to provide a release of information to allow MHS to monitor progress of the counseling. Violations of the substance abuse portion of this policy beyond the first offense require mandatory counseling.
    2. The athlete agrees to forfeit any leadership positions such as, but not limited to team captain. Failure to participate in counseling will result in the escalation of the level of violation by one step.
    3. The athlete agrees to participate in practice and to travel with the team to contests during the period of suspension and completes the season in good standing.

4. Once a participant has had a positive test confirmed, or an admission, any and all additional test or related costs incurred are the responsibility of the participant and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

B. Appeals Procedure for Substance Abuse:

1. No appeals are available for violations to the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy except where the student is challenging a confirmed positive test result for a banned substance. See the Policy for additional information regarding appeals in relation to the drug testing program.
2. For appeals of violation not related to the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, the student athlete and the parent or legal guardian may appeal the decision of the building principal to the Athletic Appeals Board.
3. The Athletic Director will additionally select one head coach (from a different sport) and one classroom teacher to serve on the Athletic Appeals Board.
4. The Athletic Director will chair this board.
5. The Athletic Appeals Board will make the final determination of guilt and will have the authority to determine the length of the suspension.
6. The decision of the Building Administrator and/or its committee is final.
7. The appeal will require the following:
    a. The written appeal must be presented to the Athletic Director within three (3) workdays of the initial ruling and must be signed by the athlete and the parent or legal guardian.
    b. The student shall have the privilege of representation although it is not a legal process.
    c. The Athletic Appeals Board shall render a decision to the parents or legal guardian of the student within a reasonable time following the appeal.

C. Points of clarification:

1. This policy is effective year-round and conclusive through grades 7-8 and then through grades 9-12.
2. “Denied Privilege” percent (%) of scheduled games is defined as games scheduled for a sport’s season excluding League and OHSAA tournaments.
3. Practice participation and game attendance during “denied privilege” period is at the coach’s discretion.
4. Counseling: Athletes must attend counseling sessions with a drug/alcohol counselor that is approved by the school administration.
5. Violation enforcement: A. If violation is discovered during the in-season, the enforcement will take place during the in-season and if necessary carry into the next sport season of participation. B. If the violation is discovered in the

off-season the enforcement will occur in the next sport season of full and complete participation.

6. For conduct violations there may be a community service component to be determined by the Superintendent, Principal and/or Athletic Director.
7. Additional discipline, non participation, etc. may be assessed as per coach's discretion. Coach's discretion decisions cannot be appealed.

VII. SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Suspensions

A. Any student guilty of a school violation or unlawful act may be denied the privilege of participation in athletic activities for a period determined by the principal. Athletes with

out-of-school suspensions will not be permitted to participate in practice or contests for the duration of the suspension. Those athletes serving an in school suspension, will be required to practice but participation in contests for the duration of the suspension will be determined by the coach with guidance from the Athletic Director and/or School Principal. NOTE: Repeat Offenses or Repeated violations of Code of Conduct and team rules, except as designated, may result in denial to participate for remainder of a sport season and remainder of present school year. An athlete will be disciplined for any unlawful act he or she may commit, in which such action detracts from the image of MCS or for any action that may be unbecoming of an athlete. All athletes in the Marietta City School District are subject to the OHSAA Sportsmanship Policy.

B. Any athlete ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be disciplined in accordance with the OHSAA guidelines. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the athlete shall be ineligible for the same time period as stated above in the next sports season in which the athlete participates. An athlete under suspension may not sit on the bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during, or traveling after the contests.
    1. An athlete who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

C. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible athlete is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with bylaw 8-3-1, the decision of contest officials is final.

D. Any athlete that is suspended for the remainder of an athletic season shall also forfeit any awards he/she was to receive.

VIII. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Student Athlete Resignation Procedure

A. When a student athlete intends to resign from a sport, the athlete is expected to first discuss the situation with the immediate coach, and then with the head coach if necessary.

The coach will report any resignation to the athletic director as soon as possible. An athlete wishing to change sports during an athletic season may do so after meeting with the Athletic Director to discuss the specific situation. This decision will be made at the Athletic Director's discretion.

B. Any athlete who withdraws from a team before the season is completed will not be eligible to receive any team or individual awards.

Team Selection Procedures

A. In certain situations, a team may be required to hold tryouts for their sport. When this happens, coaches will follow this process:
    1. Coaching staff will discuss the selection process with the Athletic Director before tryouts and then again after tryouts.
        a. Discussions will be had about the Athletic Vision Statement, the need for an unbiased selection process, and the number of athletes that will be selected for the team.
    2. Once the team has been selected, the coaching staff will meet privately and independently with each athlete. This meeting will allow the coaches to share next steps and for the athlete to ask any questions they may have.
    3. Athletes that are not selected will be invited to meet with the Athletic Director to discuss next steps.
    4. If a parent or family wishes to discuss the decision, they may contact the Athletic Director to discuss.

Financial Obligations and Equipment:

A. Athletes may be required to supply a portion of the equipment needed for participation. Any equipment supplied by the athlete will remain the property of the athlete. All athletes are responsible for the proper care and security of issued equipment. Fees will be charged for lost equipment as well as equipment returned in poor condition as determined by the coach and/or the athletic director.

Absence from Practice:

A. Athletes must contact the coach prior to a practice absence. The head coach will determine penalties for practice absences. Students must be in school or in an approved school activity the equivalent of a half day in order to participate in a practice or a contest that day. An excused absence the day before a Saturday event will allow the student participation. Participation in a school activity will not constitute an absence. An athlete may be given a five (5) day grace period between consecutive sports seasons in which they competed. This grace period will not include fall sports programs.

Absence from School

A. Athletes are expected to attend school if they plan to practice or compete for their team on a given day. An athlete must attend a minimum of the final 4 periods of school to be eligible to participate in a practice, scrimmage or game. The only exception to this rule is if the absence has been marked as an excused absence and the athlete's presence at the event does not place other teammates and coaches at risk (ex. Illness).

Vacation Policy

A. A commitment to a sport is a commitment to your fellow team members; therefore athletes are discouraged from taking vacations during an athletic season. Athletes are required to notify the head coach if intending to take vacation during the season. Vacation absences may negatively impact an athlete's position on the team. The head coach will determine penalties for absences.

Travel

A. Athletes are required to travel to and from away events with the team when school transportation is provided. Any exception will require approval of the coach or building administrator and written parental permission in advance of the event. Athletes are required to remain with their teams and under the supervision of their coach when attending away events.

Sports Fees

A. Enacted for the fall 2009 season and updated for the 2026 season, there will be transportation/testing/processing fee assessed to each student athlete in the following amounts:
    1. High School 7th-12th Grade Sports - $75 per season per athlete
    2. Maximum charge of $150 per family per year.
    3. The MHS office will collect fees.

College Recruitment Policy

A. College recruitment information is available in the AD office or Guidance office. Athletes are expected to contact the head coach as soon as possible upon contact by a college recruiter.

Conflicts in Extracurricular Activities

A. Participation in numerous extracurricular activities may result in conflict of obligations. The Athletic Department encourages students to have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in extracurricular activities and will attempt to schedule events in a manner so as to minimize conflicts. Athletes must also assess potential conflict as they determine their ability to participate in various activities. Athletes must advise coaches of potential conflicts in advance of such situations. Responsibility to avoid and

pre-arrange/notify of conflicts is the sole responsibility of the student athlete. Failure to do so can result in the coach's discretionary ruling of participation. Coaches will work together to resolve the conflict. Athletes and parents are advised that participation in athletics inherently places participants at risk for injury. It is the responsibility of athletes and parents to assess the potential risks involved in making the decision to participate in athletics.

Insurance:

A. Athletes must have on file on Final Forms with an accident insurance policy number either through school insurance or adequate other insurance certified by the parent or an "Insurance Waiver Form." The OHSAA will again purchase $25,000 deductible excess medical insurance policy with a $1 million cap to benefit any Ohio athlete who is catastrophically injured while participating in interscholastic athletics. The Association will also purchase a liability insurance policy. If a student athlete is in need of the OHSAA's insurance offer, it is their responsibility to obtain said information available in the Athletic Director's office or online.

Communications with the Coaching Staff

A. The Marietta City School District, in conjunction with its Athletic Department, follows the chain of command listed below. All parties are asked to observe this line of communication concerning athletic matters.
    1. Assistant Coach (if applicable)
    2. Head Coach
    3. Athletic Director
    4. Building Principal
    5. Superintendent
    6. Board of Education

Ticketing

A. Season Ticket Prices – Sports Passes - Season Tickets are sold at the High School Office. Season tickets may be used for any home, regular season game for junior high and high school sports during the academic year that they were purchased. Passes are not accepted at tournaments or away sporting events.
    1. Senior Citizen Passes - $25.00
    2. Student Passes - $60.00
    3. Adult Passes - $100.00
    4. Family Passes - $300.00

B. Individual Ticket Prices - Individual Tickets are sold online on the Athletics website as well as at the gate using cash, credit and debit cards. All fans ages 5 and up must have a ticket.Ticketing prices are set and board approved as such:

a. ALL Athletic Events - Junior High, Freshman, JV, and Varsity (Football, B/G Soccer, Volleyball, B/G Basketball, Wrestling, Softball, Baseball, Track and Field):
   - Adults: $7.00
   - Students: $5.00

Marietta City Schools Spectator Code of Conduct Policy

A. Marietta City Schools, in association with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, promotes a positive interscholastic experience. The Board of Education believes that activities conducted for the benefit of the students of the School District are a meaningful component of the School District's total program. The Board further believes that through the participation in these activities, students learn important skills and values which will be of benefit throughout their lives. It is clear that both participants and spectators contribute to the educational value of these activities through good sportsmanship, and therefore, it is expected from athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. Student and adult spectators should set an example of positive encouragement while supporting participants and modeling good behavior. Spectators should be respectful of their surroundings by using appropriate language and demonstrating responsibility for their actions. This expectation extends to spectators approaching coaches before, during or after an event. The Athletic Code of Conduct addresses a process for discussing concerns. Displays of disrespect, inappropriate language or inappropriate behavior towards a member of the coaching staff will result in disciplinary actions listed below. Instances of disruptive behavior on the part of spectators at events lessens the educational value of the activity and results in a loss of esteem for the participants and the members of the community. Therefore, the Board of Education expects both participants and spectators at events to conduct themselves with the highest level of decorum. To this end, the Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, Police Officer, Official, Site Manager, or Designee under whose supervision the event is being conducted, may request such person or group of persons, who are engaging or participating in unsatisfactory behavior to cease, and/or to leave the school premises. The supervisor on duty may take reasonable action to ensure the orderly conduct of the event. Failure to meet the expectations set forth, culminating in ejection from an event or other actions deemed inappropriate by the administration or designee, either home or away, will result in the following disciplinary actions. (Suspensions apply to home events, however if an incident occurs at an away event further discipline may occur):

1. First Level: The spectator is banned from attending any Marietta Athletic event for a minimum of ten (10) school days. During the ban from athletic events, the individual is required to meet with school administration to review the school's expectations. Failure to meet with the administrative team during this period will result in an extended ban from athletic events. If the ejection occurs within the last ten (10) school days of the season, the suspension will carry over to the tournament or to the next sport season. A letter will be sent from the Athletic Director/Building Administrator notifying the spectator of the suspension and the dates he/she is prohibited to attend district athletic events.
2. Second Level: The spectator is banned from attending any Marietta Athletic event for a period of six (6) months from the date of the 2nd offense. All other requirements set forth in the first level also apply. Failure to meet with the administrative team during this period will result in an extended ban from athletic events.
3. Third Level: The spectator is banned from attending any Marietta Athletic events for a period of one (1) calendar years, from the date of the 3rd offense. All other requirements set forth in the prior levels also apply. Failure to meet with the administrative team during this period will result in an extended ban from athletic events.
4. Fourth Level: The spectator receives a lifetime ban from all Marietta Athletic events. A letter will be sent from the office of the Superintendent notifying the spectator of the suspension and the lifetime removal from all Marietta athletic events.

B. Appeals Process: Any spectator who has been suspended can appeal the decision by meeting with the building Principal to discuss the decision within 72 hours of the suspension. The meeting will take place at a time and location that is agreed upon by all parties. The appeal meeting does not imply that the suspension will be reversed. A decision will be made on the appeal within 48 hours of the meeting. This is the same process for each level, except fourth level. That appeal will be directly with the Superintendent.

C. An offense may be escalated to a higher level based on the severity of the offense. This is at the discretion of the Athletic Director and/or building Principal.

IX. AWARDS

An athlete who moves from one level of competition to another will letter at the level of highest competition provided he/she meets team requirements. Those team requirements will be set by the Head Coach and staff. A coach will have the prerogative to letter a senior who has not met the seasonal requirements for lettering. Injury rule: Any athlete who participated before an

injury may be awarded a letter at the discretion of the coach (based upon the judgment that the athlete would have met the lettering requirements, had it not been for the injury.)

A. FRESHMEN AWARDS:

1. If a student participates and completes a sport during their freshman year, he/she will receive their graduation numerals.
2. If a student participates and completes a second Freshman sport during their freshman year, they will receive a Freshman Certificate.

B. JV AWARDS:

1. If a student participates, completes and meets the team requirements for a JV sport, they will receive a JV Chenille.
2. If a student already has a JV Chenille, and participates and completes a second or third year JV sport, they will receive either a Second Year JV Certificate or a Third year JV Certificate.
3. If a student received a JV Chenille in a prior JV Sport and plays another JV Sport for the first time, they will receive a First Year JV Certificate in place of the Chenille for that second JV sport. They will only receive one JV Chenille in their High School career.

C. VARSITY AWARDS:

1. If a student participates, completes and meets the team requirements for a Varsity sport, they will receive a Varsity Chenille and the pin for that sport. A student will only receive one Varsity Chenille in their High School career.
2. If a student already has a Varsity chenille, and participates and completes a second year Varsity sport, they will receive the Second Year Varsity Certificate and Bar.
3. If a student participates in a Varsity sport for a third or fourth year, they will receive the Third Year Varsity Plaque and Bar or the Fourth Year Varsity Plaque and Bar.

D. ACADEMIC AWARDS:

1. An academic award can be given to any 9th-12th grade athlete who has earned a 3.5 GPA or higher for the term in which the sport is played. A student can earn up to three academic awards per year, one for Fall season, Winter season and Spring season.

E. ALL OHIO & ALL AMERICAN HONORS:

1. Any athlete that is voted for, or earns, any of the following honors is eligible to have his/her picture added to the Marietta High School picture gallery.
2. All-American honors, or
3. 1st Team and 2nd Team All-Ohio Honors, athletic or,
4. Is an individual 1st place state or national champion.

X. APPROVED SPORTS FOR MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS

High School Athletic Programs (Grades 9-12)

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football	Girls Basketball	Baseball
Girls Golf	Boys Basketball	Softball
Boys Golf	Boys and Girls Wrestling	Boys Tennis
Boys Cross Country	Girls Swimming	Girls Track
Girls Cross Country	Boys Swimming	Boys Track
Fall Cheerleading	Winter Cheerleading	Girls Crew
Girls Soccer	Winter - Marquettes - Dance	Boys Crew
Boys Soccer		
Volleyball		
Girls Tennis		
Fall - Marquettes - Dance		

Junior High Programs (7th & 8th grades)

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football	Girls Basketball	Softball
Volleyball	Boys Basketball	Girls Track
Golf	Wrestling	Boys Track
Fall Cheerleading	Winter Cheerleading	
Tennis		
Girls Cross Country		
Boys Cross Country		