

Boys & Girls Track & Field Student-Athlete Contract

Philosophy

Middle School athletics supplement and support the academic mission of JMS and assist students in their growth and development. Athletics assist in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, leadership, and commitment. Middle School athletics is highly competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play.

Sportsmanship

An important mission of the JMS athletics program is to teach and reinforce values relating to sportsmanship, competition, and fair play. It is expected that team personnel, parents, and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events.

Student Eligibility Requirements

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate. Participation of ineligible students may result in team sanctions, including forfeits for the team.

- 1. All participants are required to have a valid Physical on file with the Athletic Director (EL2 & EL3) as well as an ECG / opt out form.
- 2. In order to compete, student-athletes must have a 2.0 GPA (no F's) with all classes. A grade of F will result in missing meets until brought up.
- 3. Students must attend all of their scheduled classes in order to participate in a practice or contest on that day. If the principal or designee grants an excused absence in advance for a prescheduled activity, or an unforeseen emergency, the student may participate on that day.
- 4. In addition to other infractions, a student may be suspended or removed from a team for unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to team practices or classes.
- 5. Students who are 15 years old, or older, prior to Sept. 1st of the current school year are ineligible to participate.
- 6. A student may not participate when he/she is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension. The student becomes eligible to participate on the next school day following the suspension.
- 7. Fighting will result in immediate dismissal from the team.
- 8. Students and their parents must sign the Track contract.

Student Athletes

The following standards are required of all student athletes.

- 1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, school, and community. Athletes should not be engaged in any activity that would result in police intervention.
- 2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to teammates and the coach.
- 3. Exert efforts to maintain a high level of academic achievement.
- 4. Comply with all team, school, and school system rules, regulations, and policies.
- 5. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all team and school-related activities.
- 6. Attend all team functions unless ill or given prior permission to be absent by the coach.
- 7. Respect and comply with decisions made by the coaches, officials and athletic department.
- 8. Display good sportsmanship at all times.

Assumption of Risk

Participation in middle school athletic activities often includes intense competition and poses the potential for injury. Participants and parents are urged to consider that there are inherent risks and hazards associated with athletic participation. Risks vary from sport-to-sport and can occur under direct supervision and with use of proper safety equipment. Although coaching staff will attempt to limit all risk taken students athletes must still take on this assumption that injuries can happen.

Transportation / Pickup Policy

All athletes must be picked up within 15 minutes of scheduled practice ending time. Athletes that are not picked up within 15 minutes of practice may be removed/suspended from the team at the discretion of the coaches / administration.

All athletes who attend away track meets are required to ride the team bus to the game site. Students may be checked out after their meet by a parent / guardian through a coach sign out process. Parents are expected to be at the JMS parking lot upon the busses return from the away site. Students who are not picked up within 15 minutes of team arrival will be asked to seek separate transportation from away meets or may be excused from attending away meets in the future.

Communication with Coaches

Parents should not attempt to address coaches immediately after meets and practices. Coaches have many post meet/practice responsibilities, including supervision of athletes. If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern, the parent should contact the coach and/or athletic director via email with their concerns or to arrange a later meeting.

Closed Practices

Due to district security policy and the inability to check in adults through the front office at all times, team practices are closed to non-players unless otherwise pre-arranged with coaches and or administration.

Fees/Uniforms

Each athlete is required to purchase a track uniform which consists of track shirt (\$30) and LBJ PE shorts (\$10). This will be the team uniform for the season. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in team meets if they do not have the full track uniform.

Failure to abide by the above listed standards can result in removal from the team.

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I have read and understand the boys/girls
track and field student-athlete contract and
agree to conduct myself under its
guidelines. If I fail to do so I understand
that the student-athlete may be removed
from the team.

Student Athlete Signature
Date
Parent / Guardian Signature
Date