

## Mountain View School District Tryouts

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The Mountain View School District encourages all students to participate in a sport. Individuals have the right to try out for the sport that they desire to play. Every athlete who tries out may not make the team. The coaching staff will put your child through various workouts to judge your child's ability level. The Athletic Department understands that this can be a very difficult adjustment for the student-athlete. The Athletic Department recognizes these concerns and is striving to maximize the options available to the student-athlete.

### Minimum and maximum players and coaches

Each sport shall have a coach and an assistant. In a case where combined activities between schools is feasible it will be districts option to have one head coach at each facility eliminating the need for assistants. Minimum and maximum coaches otherwise stay unchanged per previous policy. If a sport does not have minimum to participate then it is canceled unless approved by board. If sport falls below minimum prior to first scheduled contest sport is canceled unless approved by board.

### Team Participation

Most sports have various levels of competition based on grade level. Coaches may reduce or cut participation at the 9th, sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity levels of participation in any activity. Each coach that is involved with a team that must reduce the number of participants will have evaluation process approved by school administrator in written form. The evaluation process and requirements will be discussed with each athlete and a written copy sent home to explain the criteria to parents. During the try-out period, participants will be given equal attention. District would like to see academic factors included in evaluation. **Seniors must only be allowed to participate in Varsity activities unless otherwise approved by superintendent.**

### Procedures for tryouts

Choosing the final number of participants on a team is the responsibility of the coach.

Before tryouts begin, the coach will provide information to the student athlete. Such information shall include:

- Length of tryouts
- Objectives used to select members of the team
- Distribution of practice and game Schedules-Coaches will explain the commitment necessary to the team
- Clear notification that tryouts are based on performance during the selection process. Tryouts are not based on summer participation or camps that the athletes participated in previous to selections.
- The Coach will inform all individuals of his/her status of whether they made the team or not by individually meeting with each student-athlete.

## **PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP**

At Mountain View School District, we welcome the relationship between the parent and the coach. An open line of communication should always exist between the two. As a parent, you have the right to understand the expectations of the coach as they pertain to your child.

The parent should **always approach the coach first** with any questions or concerns before going to the Athletic Director, Principal or Superintendent.

### **Communications You Should Expect from Your Child's Coach**

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations and goals the coach has for your child as well as the team.
3. Locations and times of practices.
4. Team rules, guidelines and consequences for infractions.
5. Procedures should your child be injured during a game or practice.

### **Communication Coaches Expect from Athletes and Parents**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notifications of any scheduling conflicts in advance.
3. Specific concerns with regard to the coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

When your child becomes part of a team at Mountain View School District, he/she may experience times when things do not go as he/she may wish. These are the times your child should discuss his/her concerns with the coach.

### **Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with the Coach**

1. Treatment of your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concern about your child's attitude.
4. Academic support and college opportunities.

As your child progresses through the Mountain View School District athletic programs, there may become times that you disagree with the amount of playing time he/she is receiving. Coaches are professionals who take their job very seriously. They would love to have every child on the roster play the same amount of time. There

is a distinct difference between recreation athletics and interscholastic sports. Game situations may not dictate that all players will participate in every game.

### **Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with the Coaches**

1. Playing time
2. Other students
3. Team strategy

During or after a game or practice, do not confront a coach. Please make an appointment to set up a meeting at a convenient time. Meetings in the heat of the moment are usually negative in nature and are not productive.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Sportsmanship should take precedence above all. Mountain View prides itself on winning and losing with dignity. Please speak to your child about their conduct during and after contests.

Sportsmanship has three basic angles:

For the Coaches:

1. Make sportsmanship a priority.
2. Keep winning in perspective.
3. Fun should be part of the game.

For the Parents:

1. Cheer for your child, but do not make comments about the other team or officials.
2. Cool off before confronting the coach.
3. Get to know the coach.

For the Players:

1. Be respectful to your opponents.
2. Be respectful to the officials.
3. Encourage your teammates.