

Putnam County Middle School Athletic Procedures

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Sports

Putnam County Middle Schools officially sanction the following sports:

Football grades 7 – 8

Basketball grades 5 – 8 (no coaching supplement at 5 – 6 level)

Volleyball – grades 6 – 8

Soccer grades 5 – 8

Baseball grades 5 – 8

Softball grades 5 – 8

Golf grades 5 – 8

Cheerleading 6 – 8

Tennis grades 5 – 8

Cross Country grades 5 – 8 County Wide Team

Wrestling grades 5 – 8

Scheduling

Coaches of all sports will schedule all games with all other Putnam County teams before adding any other games to their schedule.

JV vs. Varsity

The decision to move a player from a Junior Varsity squad to a Varsity squad is the sole discretion of the coach. The parent of any 5th or 6th grade student will be notified if chosen by the coach to compete against 7th or 8th grade athletes, prior to the competition.

Coaches

Preference will always be given to faculty members when choosing a coach for any sport. When in the opinion of the school administrator the school would be better served by a non-faculty coach, the coach will be required to go through the background check of the Putnam County Board of Education. This includes paid coaches and volunteers.

All coaches are required to complete the concussion training and collect concussion forms from all parents.

Calendar

All sports may begin formal practice within 4 weeks of the beginning of their season.

Football may hold spring practice during the month of May.

Summer camps and open gyms are allowable. The week of July 4 will be a dead period for all sports. No practice, no conditioning, no open gym.

As long as the Putnam County Schools calendar includes a two week spring and fall break, the first week of spring break and first week of fall break will be dead periods. No practice – No Play. Exceptions will be made for “earned” tournament play.

Cheerleading competitions are allowed at the discretion of the coach and school administrator.

Academic Requirements

(1) F on a report card or progress report: Student will be allowed to practice only. Student cannot participate in games until passing grade is achieved on weekly progress report.

(2) F's on a report card or progress report: Student will not be allowed to practice or play in any game until passing grade is achieved on weekly progress report.

Student athletes who do not maintain a “C” average will attend academic assistance daily.

Incomplete assignments must be completed before the student can practice unless it is a result of an excused absence.

Continued failing grades may result in the student athlete's removal from the team.

Attendance Requirements

Student athletes must attend school on game days in order to play in games. Routine doctor appointments may be excused by the administration. Athletes are responsible for arriving at school on time the morning after games.

Behavior Requirements

Student athletes represent the school, and Putnam County and are held to higher standards of behavior as student leaders in Putnam County Middle Schools.

Students receiving after school detention may face additional team sanctions at the discretion of the coach.

Students who are suspended in school or out of school may not practice or play during the days they are suspended and will be suspended from the next (1) scheduled game after suspension is served.

Students who are suspended in school or out of school for the second time or have multiple detention assignments will be removed from the team in active play during the time of disciplinary action.

**Coaches and administration reserve the right to remove athletes from the team for severe behavior offenses.

Required Forms

Concussion Form

Parent-Student-Coach Agreement

Physical Examination Form

Consent For Athletic Participation and Medical Care Form

*Insurance Waiver Form

The above listed forms are required to be completed and filed with the coach by all athletes before the first tryout, practice or game. The Physical Examination Form must be completed by a licensed physician and be dated within the last calendar year.

It is the responsibility of the parent/student to obtain the physical.

Student athletes who participate in multiple sports are responsible for getting copies of each form to each coach with which they participate.

*Insurance Waiver is required of students who do not have a family insurance policy and do not wish to purchase school insurance.