

MASD Athletics Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook



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Letter from the Athletic Director

Welcome to the MASD Athletic Program. This handbook is designed to help students and parents/guardians become familiar with our interscholastic athletics program. We believe that participation in athletics provides our students the opportunity to enhance their educational experience and personal growth with high level athletic competition, coaching, and development.

The school district's athletic activities will complement the academic curriculum and allow students to gain valuable life experiences and maximize their athletic abilities. These experiences can instill the core values of work ethic, accountability, good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, teamwork and responsibility. Mechanicsburg athletics has a rich history of tradition, pride and excellence that we look forward to continuing.

When students choose to participate in our athletic program, we feel that their families have committed to certain responsibilities and obligations. This handbook will acquaint parents/guardians with some specific policies/rules that are necessary for a well-organized program of interscholastic athletics.

Mechanicsburg Senior High School is an active member in good standing of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) and a member of the Mid Penn Conference. The following sports are offered at the High School:

BOYS

Fall – Cross Country, Golf, Water Polo & Soccer

Winter – Basketball, Swimming & Wrestling

Spring – Baseball, Tennis, Track & Field, Lacrosse & Volleyball

GIRLS

Fall – Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Water Polo & Volleyball

Winter – Basketball & Swimming

Spring – Softball, Lacrosse & Track & Field

If there is anything I can do to make your experience in the MASD Interscholastic Athletic Program a better learning experience, please contact me at my office (717) 691-4538.

Sincerely,

Seth Pehanich, Athletic Director

Handbook Overview

The MASD Athletics Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook is a resource for student-athletes and their parents/guardians that provides resources explaining our athletic program and expectations for student behavior. All student-athletes and their parents/guardians must agree to abide by the contents herein. This agreement is signed by student-athletes and parents/guardians as an acknowledgement of the understanding of the rules and procedures governing participation in the interscholastic athletic program. These expectations will ensure the safety, well-being, and enjoyment of athletic participation for student-athletes.

MASD student-athletes represent our school in a special way. Since athletic participation is a privilege and not a right it carries many responsibilities and expectations for MASD student-athletes. The student-athlete must earn this privilege

through dedication, desire and discipline. Participation in interscholastic athletics is an opportunity demanding academic achievement, physical fitness, healthful lifestyle, leadership, sportsmanship and cooperation. The student-athlete has the responsibility to faithfully observe and respect the rules of the MASD Athletics Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook.

Purpose and Belief Statement

The purpose of the Mechanicsburg Area School District Athletic Program is to provide students with interscholastic opportunities that will:

- Enrich the education experience.
 - Develop self-confidence and accountability.
 - Enhance athletic abilities.
 - Foster healthy competition and sportsmanship.
 - Build unity and pride among our students, staff, and community.
1. *We believe interscholastic athletics are an integral part of our schools total education program and an extension of our district mission that enhances pride in self, team and school*
 2. *We believe interscholastic athletics are invaluable way to teach: teamwork, sportsmanship, work ethic, and the value of competition. Interscholastic activities can also boost self-confidence, health, happiness and a sense of belonging*
 3. *We believe participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege that enhances education*
 4. *We believe we should strive to maintain quality staff, facilities, and resources*
 5. *We believe our interscholastic athletic program contributes to and enhances the environment and climate of our schools and the community we serve*
 6. *We believe our youth organizations and recreation department within our community are partners in developing our athletic programs*
 7. *We believe all persons involved in interscholastic athletics are expected to be positive role models*
 8. *We believe booster clubs are to support and work collaboratively with the school district and sports teams to best serve our student-athletes and coaches*
 9. *We believe our coaches should continue professional development throughout their coaching career*
 10. *We believe effective communication promotes knowledge, understanding and collaboration*
 11. *We believe in encouraging multi-sport, multi-activity participation, to provide the best opportunity for individuals to discover and enhance their gifts*
 12. *We believe student-athletes should be supported in their effort to play athletics collegiately if they so desire*

Participation Requirements

The following are required before an athlete can begin to participate in an athletic program:

1. Physical examination completed by the school physician or by a family physician in compliance with the rules of the PIAA. The school will schedule exams prior to each sport season and they will be listed on the school district website and on the school district calendar. Private physicals must be completed by the first practice date.
2. Each school year, all MASD students in grades 7-12 wishing to participate on an athletic team sponsored by the MASD must complete the Interscholastic Sports Permission Form (See Appendix A) prior to participating in any sport with parental/guardian consent and with the appropriate healthcare professionals signature that states they are found physically fit to participate. No student is eligible to "try-out" or practice until both parental/guardian consent and medical clearance are obtained.
3. Once a student has completed the Interscholastic Sports Permission Form and they want to participate in another sport, they are required to be "Recertified" prior to each subsequent season. (See Appendix B). This form must be returned to the Athletic Trainer before the start of the next sport season. No student is eligible to "try-out" or practice until this form is completed.
4. The MASD provides accident insurance coverage for all students participating in interscholastic athletics (grades 7-12). This athletic insurance coverage is an excess plan. This means the insurance company will pay the first \$100 of a claim up to the benefit limit. If a claim exceeds \$100 and the benefit is above \$100, the insurance company will pay a benefit only if there is no other personal insurance which may be payable covering the same accident. All injuries must be reported and documented by the Athletic Trainers before a claim can be filed. The MASD does offer parents/guardians the opportunity to purchase Student Accident Insurance for school time or 24 hour coverage at the start of each school year. Forms are available from the Business Office. The MASD Athletic Department does not assume responsibility for medical expenses due to any injury that might occur at practice or at a contest.
5. Student & parent/guardian must sign and submit the *Interscholastic Sports Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form*.

Team Membership

The head coach may keep as many players as may be safely and efficiently handled on a team. This would be controlled by the number of coaches, uniforms, supplies and transportation. The following numbers will be used as a guide:

Sport	Grade	# of Players
Baseball	9 th -12 th	35-40
Basketball	7 th -8 th	13
	9 th	10-13
	10 th -12 th	18-22
Cross Country	No cuts	
Field Hockey	7 th -8 th	33-38
	9 th -12 th	30-36
Football	No cuts	
Golf	9 th -12 th	15-18
Soccer	7 th -8 th	33-36
	9 th -12 th	33-36
Tennis	9 th -12 th	18-22
Volleyball	7 th -8 th	20-24
	9 th -12 th	20-22
Wrestling	No Cuts	

Team Reductions

The head coach has the responsibility of selecting his/her team and establishing the criteria for selecting the team. Players from the previous year's JV Team, for example, do not automatically make either the JV or the Varsity team the following year. Having been a member of a team during the previous year or even being a senior does not ensure that an athlete will make the team. Parents/guardians should expect that every candidate is treated fairly and given every consideration. Coaches are sensitive to feelings of disappointment, will handle the task as positively as possible and will be available to answer athlete's questions.

While we understand that not being selected for a team is disappointing for many athletes and their parents/guardians, the reality that not everyone makes the team is true. Students who do not make the team are welcome to try out again the next season or try out for another sport. When parents/guardians and athletes understand and support the coach's decision, this difficult process becomes a less painful experience for all.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in any athletics a student must:

1. Be less than 19 years of age prior to July 1.
2. Have the consent of his/her parent/guardian.
3. Never have played in any sport professionally.
4. Pass a physical examination by a physician.
5. Play no more than four years in any one sport.
6. Not miss more than 20 days of school during any semester.
7. Not attend more than eight semesters of school beyond eighth grade.
8. Maintain a passing grade for the current grading period in at least four major subjects (courses that meet every day of the cycle).
9. Try to maintain a high scholastic standing.

10. Not play for an outside team at the same time he/she plays for a school team, unless waived by the Athletic Department to the PIAA.
11. Abide by rules and regulations of the particular sport in which he/she is participating.
12. Do not use anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, as prescribed by a medical doctor.
13. Accept a drug, alcohol, tobacco, and steroid-free life style.

Academic eligibility to participate in Division I or Division II college athletics is determined by the NCAA Eligibility Center. To be eligible, a student athlete must meet specific minimum requirements in regard to GPA, SAT/ACT scores, and completion of certain core academic courses as approved by the NCAA Eligibility Center. For detailed information and the materials necessary to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, see your high school counselor. (It is not necessary to register until your junior year, but scheduling the appropriate courses by the student should be a consideration all four years of high school).

All students participating in interscholastic athletics and all other extra-curricular activities must meet the curriculum requirements as established by the PIAA. The following is a summary of the PIAA requirements and is subject to change in accordance with the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics and all extra-curricular activities, a student must meet the minimum academic requirements as stated:

1. The student must be passing at least four major subjects (courses that meet every day). Eligibility shall be based on cumulative grades for the current grading period.
2. Grades are monitored on a weekly basis. If a student is not passing at least four major subjects, the student will become academically ineligible for one week (Sunday-Saturday). At the end of one week, if the student is still not meeting the minimum standards, he/she will continue to be academically ineligible. Academic ineligibility means the student is unable to dress or participate in any event, competition or performance that is considered an extra-curricular activity. Ineligible students will not be dismissed from school to participate and/or travel with their respective team/organization. The decision as to whether the student may participate in practice sessions will be at the sole discretion of the coach/advisor of the extra-curricular activity.
3. A student must have passed at least four full credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous school year. At the end of the school year, the student's final credits, rather than the credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine his/her eligibility for the first grading period of the next school year. A student whose work does not meet the academic eligibility standards, who attends summer school and corrects their deficiencies shall be eligible. In cases where a student's work in the preceding school year does not meet the standards, the student shall be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities for at least fifteen school days of the next school year beginning on the first day of school, after which grades will be monitored on a weekly basis as described above.
4. A student must have passed at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, during the previous grading period. In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards, the student shall be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities for at least fifteen school days of the next grading period beginning on the first day of the marking period after which grades will be monitored on a weekly basis as described above.

Extracurricular Behavior Guidelines

The Extracurricular Behavior Guidelines further regulate participant behavior and outline universal penalties to be applied to participants in the extracurricular program who are involved in the use, possession and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, anabolic steroids, or look-alike drugs.

Exclusion from school shall include a prohibition for participation in or attendance at any school-sponsored activity during the period of the exclusion. The coach or director of the extracurricular activity may, with approval of the principal, also impose special training rules and reasonable dress requirements that are required for participation in the activity. These rules will be communicated to students and parents/guardians at the beginning of each season.

Parents/guardians and students need to be aware that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege.

The rules outlined in the Extracurricular Behavior Guidelines apply to participants in extracurricular activities on a twenty-four hour basis on and off school property during the period of participation. Student and parent/guardian verification of understanding is required and must be on file with the District before participation is allowed (page 15 of this document).

MASD Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Steroid Policies are to be followed by all students participating in MASD sponsored organizations.

The Board of School Directors, Administration, Faculty, and Staff of the MASD consider participation in school-sponsored organizations to be a privilege. Students participating in school-sponsored organizations are expected to accept the responsibilities granted them by this privilege. As school district representatives who are scrutinized by their peers and the community, students participating in school sponsored organizations are **expected to accept a drug, alcohol, tobacco, and steroid-free lifestyle**. Possession of Tobacco Products, Use of Tobacco Products, Possession, Use, Transfer, Sale or Aiding in the Procurement of Drugs, Mood-Altering Substances, Alcohol, Anabolic Steroids (except for a valid medical purpose), and Controlled Substances as defined in the MASD Code of Conduct are prohibited by any student. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to: (a) the disciplinary action listed below (b) the specific guidelines established by the individual organizations (c) the disciplinary action outlined in the MASD Drug and Alcohol Policy (d) mandated referral (except for tobacco incidents) to the Student Assistance Program with successful completion of the assessment and any recommended counseling and/or interventions, and (e) possible referral to law enforcement.

First Offense: The student may be removed for a period of time (up to 45 consecutive school days) from participation as a member in any MASD sponsored organization. Organizations include but are not limited to athletic teams, honor societies, student council, key club, debate team, concerts, band, music performances, musical, play, ski club, etc. The suspension may be carried into the next school year if the term of the suspension does not conclude within the current school year.

Second Offense: The student may be removed for a period of time (not to exceed one calendar year from the issuance of disciplinary consequences) from participation as a member in any MASD sponsored organization.

While the administrative staff, coaching staff, advisors and faculty cannot observe students seven days a week/twenty-four hours a day, students are expected to abide by all school regulations. Parents/guardians are obligated and expected to support and enforce these regulations. Any violation brought to the attention of the administration shall be investigated.

Students have the right to due process. During the due process proceedings, if the allegations are found to be factual, the associated penalty shall be imposed.

1. When we receive a report that a student may have violated the Extracurricular Behavior Guidelines, the student will be informed of the allegations, offered an opportunity to respond, and be immediately suspended from participation in the team/activity pending the completion of the investigation. Suspension from the team/activity means the student is still a member of the team/activity, but the student(s) will not be allowed to compete/perform with the team/activity until the investigation has been completed and consequences imposed or no further action is taken.
2. During the course of an investigation, information may be gathered via student interviews and other means. Statements and evidence gathered by school officials during the course of an investigation may be provided to appropriate law enforcement authorities.
3. If a student refuses to speak to school officials without their parents/guardians present and requests the presence of his/her parent/guardian, an attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian is unavailable or unable to meet with the investigating official within a reasonable amount of time, the administration will proceed with the investigation. If the student refuses to speak to the administration, with or without the presence of parents/guardians, this behavior shall be considered uncooperative in nature.
4. If the determination is made that a student has violated these guidelines, the principal or in his/her absence, the assistant principal, will notify the student, parents/guardians of the violation and afford the student the opportunity to respond if he/she so chooses. Also at that time, the administrator shall notify the student, parents/guardians of the type of discipline that will be administered, consistent with these guidelines.
5. In the case that a student and the student's parent/guardian disagree that a violation of the Extracurricular Behavior Guidelines has occurred, the student and parent/guardian may appeal the punishment to the Superintendent. The right to appeal to the Superintendent is limited to factual disagreements about whether a violation occurred; there is no right to appeal the level or nature of the disciplinary action imposed. The Superintendent shall review the matter as he/she sees fit, with or without meeting with the student and parent/guardian, and notify the student and parent/guardian of his/her decision. There is no right to a formal hearing before the board of school directors. Review by the Superintendent shall be the final and exclusive form of appeal.

Attendance – Extracurricular activities are a valuable component of the school’s educational program and provide opportunities for students to grow and excel beyond the classroom. Although these experiences are valuable, it is essential that the student recognizes the importance of regular daily attendance and academic achievement. With this in mind, the school district has instituted the following daily attendance regulations for all students participating in extracurricular activities. Students participating in any school-sponsored activity (practice, game, competition, concert, production, etc.) occurring on a school day must be in school. Students who arrive tardy to school or are absent from school are subject to consequences limiting their participation in an extracurricular activity.

Tardy to School – If a student arrives to school after the tardy bell and within the first two (2) hours of the school day the following actions will result:

- First Offense: The student will receive a written warning from the coach/advisor with a copy also forwarded to the athletic director or principal’s office that will be mailed to the parents/guardians.
- Second and Subsequent Offenses: The student will not participate in his/her scheduled school sponsored activity that day or evening.

Absence, Half Day or Full Day – If a student is absent a half day or the entire day, the student will not be allowed to participate in his/her scheduled school-sponsored activity that day or evening (no warnings). If a student is absent from school or sent home by the nurse on a given day, he/she cannot return to participate in his/her activity that day or evening or be a spectator at a school event on that day.

Exceptions to this regulation must be approved by an administrator and include a student who has a signed excuse from a doctor stating that he/she is fit to participate that day, school district transportation problems, an unavoidable family emergency or a pre-approved absence for a doctor’s appointment, field trip, job shadowing, post-secondary institution visit, funeral, or religious observance.

Hazing

The MASD believes that students must be protected from hazing and/or initiation ceremonies. All verbal, written, or physical conduct, which harasses, humiliates, persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student’s curricular or extracurricular experiences, shall not be tolerated.

1. Any student who is found, after investigation, to have engaged in the hazing, or the filing of false charges shall be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion.
2. Any student who witnessed or has knowledge of hazing activities and fails to report such actions shall also be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions.

Sportsmanship

Athletic events are among the most popular activities for participants and spectators. Athletes should be aware that they are performing before the public and are observed by students, parents/guardians, fans, opponents and the news media. The behavior and attitudes of our student-athletes reflects on themselves, their families, their school and their community. Win or lose, it is just a game and they must compete showing respect for their teammates and opponents. Integrity, fairness and respect, and the principles of good sportsmanship are lifetime values taught through athletics. With them, the spirit of the competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results. A good sport, whether a student or a parent/guardian, is a true leader within the school and our community.

Communication Chain for Parents/Guardians & Athletes

If there are any questions or concerns involving some aspect of our athletic program, the athlete should first contact the appropriate coach. If there is no resolution, he or she should then follow this communication chain:

- Head coach
- Athletic Director
- Principal
- Supervisor of Administrative Services
- Superintendent

When expressing a concern with a coach, please refer to and use the following guidelines:

1. Never approach a coach immediately after a contest. This is not the proper time or place for a discussion concerning your child.
2. Call the following day and make an appointment, which is convenient for both you and the coach to meet.
3. Raise your concern in a calm and civil manner. Yelling, being rude or using foul language is totally unacceptable.
4. Once you have stated your question or concern, listen to the explanation. Often a parent/guardian may be blinded by emotion and this overrides logic and reason. Listening receptively may help you to understand any explanation, which is given.

Athletic Training Services

Athletes in the MASD are fortunate to have Nationally Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) on staff. ATC's provide injury evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, and educate athletes about the prevention of injuries. Athletes are also counseled on the importance of nutrition, fitness and psychological factors in athletics. It is important for athletes, who may be injured, to be evaluated by the ATC in their school. This is the first step in a process that will lead them to a speedy recovery and a safe return back to their sport. The ATC does work closely with our Team Physician, your personal physicians, and the local therapy clinics. Additionally proper documentation of your child's injury is important for school insurance purposes.

If an athlete suffers from an ailment or injury, they must notify their coach and the athletic trainer so proper medical treatment may be administered. All athletes must inform the coach and athletic trainer if he/she has consulted a doctor for a sport-related injury or an injury inhibiting the athlete's participation. A note from the doctor is necessary if a player cannot practice, is released to practice, or is to continue treatment in the training room. This note should state the physician's diagnosis and any restrictions the athlete may have.

Parents/guardians will be notified of acute injuries that are likely to cause the athlete to miss a practice or game.. In the event the injury requires immediate physician referral, the parent/guardian will also be contacted via telephone. Chronic injuries that result in a physician referral will be documented in the form of a written accident report.

Position Statement: Nutritional Ergogenic Aids

Ergogenic aids are any supplement, food or additive that is thought to improve physical performance and are purchased over the counter. Student-athletes, in an attempt to find the competitive edge, continue to search out and experiment with these products. Ergogenic aids are easily purchased and are in high demand among athletes.

There is no substitute for proper nutrition. The use of ergogenic aids may be harmful as many of these products have little or no data as to their efficacy or side effects. These products come in many forms including, but not limited to, powders, tablets, capsules, drinks, gum and supplement candy bars. For additional information, student-athletes should contact their family physician.

As the Athletic Physicians and Athletic Trainers for the Mechanicsburg Area School District, we do not recommend the use of these products in any form and are strongly against the use of any ergogenic aid.

Dress Code

Coaches reserve the right to set acceptable standards for student-athletes. As a representative of the MASD and community, student should attempt to look their best.

Transportation

Students participating in extracurricular activities must travel to and from away events and activities in transportation provided by the school district. Students must adhere to established MASD bus behavior guidelines (see student handbook). At no time will students be permitted to drive on their own or ride to or from away contests with a friend. Situations may occur where, though not in an attempt to circumvent this rule, a parent/guardian must drive a student. This is acceptable only through advance notice to the advisor. A note from a parent/guardian seeking permission to transport the student home after an event/activity must be approved by the advisor. Prior to leaving the event/activity, the advisor must actually speak with the parent/guardian or have the parent's signature to confirm that he/she and not another student or friend is driving.

Athletic Awards

The Varsity M letter will be awarded at the completion of the first season the student meets the necessary requirements to earn a varsity letter. The letter M will be a 6" felt and chenille block M. Only one 6" letter will be awarded to an athlete during his/her high school varsity career. After the initial varsity letter has been earned, pins will be awarded to an athlete representing the sport in which the letter was earned. Athletes who earn enough participation time to qualify for a junior varsity letter will be awarded a certificate.

Varsity Pin

If you earn three or more varsity awards in the same sport, you will be awarded a varsity pin. However, you cannot receive more than one varsity pin.

Special Awards

The athletic director has the authority to:

- a. Make special awards for outstanding contributions by individuals or teams.
- b. Withhold awards for conduct unbecoming a member of a MASD athletic team.

Honor & High Honor Plaques

If you earn a minimum of 18 points, you will be awarded an honor plaque. If you earn a minimum of 23 points, you will be awarded a high-honor plaque. More than 50% of an athlete's points must be accrued in a competitive athletic program. Any points you earn will be calculated this way:

- High School Certificate of Participation.....1
- Ninth Grade Varsity Award.....1
- Junior Varsity Award.....2

Varsity Award.....3

Guidelines:

The athlete must compete in 40 percent of total quarters, matches, or innings in basketball, football, wrestling, soccer, volleyball, hockey, baseball, softball, tennis, or golf.

1. Track – a contestant must accumulate 10 points in dual competition. Points are based on 5 points for first place, 3 points for second place, 1 point for third place, and 2 points for each member of the winning relay team.
2. Cross Country – must finish in top ten places in 50 percent of total dual meets.
3. Swimming – a contestant must accumulate the equivalent of 3 points per dual meet.
4. The coach in each sport shall have the opportunity to recommend varsity awards in special cases.
5. The following criteria will be used to determine athletic awards for managers and trainers:
 - a. Work hours assigned by the trainers or equipment managers
 - b. Attend practices during the season
 - c. Attend athletic contests

A manager will be awarded a certificate of participation for the first year of participation, a Junior Varsity award for the second year, and a Varsity award for the third and fourth years. Varsity awards will be awarded to student trainers upon review and recommendation of the training staff.

Any cheerleader, student trainer, or manager who has accrued the majority of his/her athletic points as a cheerleader, trainer, or manager shall not be eligible for a high honor athletic award. However, the athletic staff may recommend a student for special recognition for outstanding service to the athletic program. The athletic staff will secure an appropriate award for recognition of a cheerleader, student trainer, or manager.

Athletic Equipment – Lost, stolen or not returned uniforms

Each student-athlete is issued a uniform and equipment for their sport. The school issued uniform and equipment is on loan to the student for the season. Liability for the cost of damage or loss is to be assumed by the student who has been issued the uniform and equipment. All uniforms and equipment are issued in good condition. The uniform and equipment must be returned at any time specified by an Athletic Department official but no later than 2 weeks after the season has concluded. At no time during the loan period may a uniform and equipment be used by anyone other than the assigned student. Students will not be issued a uniform or equipment for any subsequent sport until all uniform and equipment has been returned.

Athletic Ticket

A student athletic ticket is available for \$15. The ticket is good for ten admissions. By purchasing and using this ticket, you save \$5.00 since the cost of admission to ten single events would be \$20.

The ticket is valid for any home athletic contest where an admission fee is charged. However, the ticket is not valid for admission to tournaments or play-off games.

Leaving a Team

Any athlete has the right to leave or quit a team. In order to participate in any other sport, he/she must leave in good standing. This means that the athlete must initiate a conference with the coach, apprise the coach of the reason for leaving the team and satisfy all equipment obligations.

An athlete dismissed from a team may jeopardize future eligibility for participation in athletics up to a year after

meeting with the athletic director, coach and principal.

Transfers

If a student athlete moves out of the MASD, the student athlete is required to complete a PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form in order to participate in athletics at their new school. If you are eligible immediately, the principals of both schools will determine whether your transfer was in whole or part for any athletic purpose or as a result of recruiting. If it was not, you will be ruled eligible immediately upon both principals signing the waiver. If there is a question about the transfer, a hearing will be held by the District III Committee.

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Mechanicsburg Area School District

Student Information & Permission Form for Athletics

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Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Sport _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Primary Phone (____) ____-____ Parent/Guardian Secondary Phone (____) ____-____

Current Physical Address _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Person's Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Address _____ Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Family Physician's Name _____, MD or DO (circle one)

Address _____ Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Student's Allergies _____

Student's Health Condition(s) of Which an Emergency Physician Should be Aware _____

Student's Prescription Medications _____

Student's Immunizations (e.g. tetanus/diphtheria; measles, mumps, rubella; hepatitis A, B; influenza; poliomyelitis, pneumococcal; meningococcal; varicella):

Up to date

Not up to date

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the MASD Athletics Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook in full and understand and agree to abide by its contents.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student Signature Date