



### **Philosophy of the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association**

**The Monsignor Martin Association believes that interscholastic activities are an integral part of high school curricula. We feel that interscholastic activities enhance not only physical development but spiritual, social, and emotional development, as well. It is our belief that interscholastic activities play a vital role in the education of the whole student.**

### **Sportsmanship Pledge**

**As Members of the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association of the Diocese of Buffalo, we pledge sportsmanship and dedication to the high standards of our schools. As players, we pledge unselfishness, hard work, and respect. As spectators, we pledge courtesy and respect toward everyone.**

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF MMHSAA**

*The Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association serves as a central organization through which member schools may cooperate to*

*Encourage as many pupils as possible to participate in athletic games.*

*Promote sportsmanship in all athletic contests.*

*Maintain essential minimum standards of eligibility.*

*Provide means to settle disputed athletic contests amicably and authoritatively.*

*Conduct appropriate athletic meets and tournaments.*

*Cooperate with the State Education Department in fostering educationally-sound athletic programs.*

*Adapt rules governing sports contests to the particular conditions for school competition.*

*Continually seek data to support rule changes leading to greater safety for school athletes.*

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## **ACTIVE MEMBER SCHOOLS**

**Archbishop Walsh High School  
208 North 24<sup>th</sup>. Street  
Olean, NY 14760**

**Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School  
601 McKinley Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14220**

**Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart  
3860 Main Street  
Eggertsville, NY 14226**

**Buffalo Seminary  
205 Bidwell Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14222**

**Canisius High School  
1180 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209**

**Cardinal O'Hara High School  
39 O'Hara Road  
Tonawanda, NY 14150**

**Christian Central Academy  
39 Academy Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221**

**Mt. Mercy Academy  
88 Red Jacket Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14220**

**Mount St. Mary Academy  
3756 Delaware Avenue  
Kenmore, NY 14217**

**Nardin Academy  
135 Cleveland Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222**

**Nichols School  
1250 Amherst Street  
Buffalo, NY 14216**

**Park School  
4625 Harlem Road  
Snyder, NY 14226**

**St. Francis High School  
S-4129 Lake Shore Road  
Athol Springs, NY 14010**

**St. Joseph Collegiate Institute  
845 Kenmore Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14223**

**St. Mary's School for the Deaf  
2253 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214**

**St. Mary's High School  
142 Laverack Avenue  
Lancaster, NY 14086**

**The Gow School  
2491 Emery Road  
South Wales, NY 14139**

## **SPORTS SEASONS 2018-2019**

### **FALL**

**BOYS:** Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Volleyball

**GIRLS:** Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball

### **WINTER**

**BOYS:** Basketball, Bowling, Hockey, Wrestling, Swimming

**GIRLS:** Basketball, Bowling, Hockey

### **SPRING**

**BOYS:** Baseball, Lacrosse, Tennis, Track

**GIRLS:** Lacrosse, Softball, Tennis, Track

NYSCHSAA Athletic Council, with the approval of the NYSCHSAA, Inc. Executive Committee, shall determine all sports seasons within the limits of the Commissioner's Regulations.

1. If a team competes in the same season in which a state championship (regional competition and beyond) is conducted as designated by the NYSCHSAA, Inc. Executive Committee, then the team and its players are ineligible to compete in any other season in that sport in that school year.

## **ACCEPTANCE INTO THE LEAGUE (Please see constitution)**

## **ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

There shall be one athletic director from each school. Their responsibilities to the league include:

- 1) Serving on the Athletic Directors Council.
- 2) Acting as a liaison between the Executive Director and the Principal of their school.
- 3) Understanding all rules and regulations set forth by both the state and the league.
- 4) Keeping coaches informed of all rules and regulations.
- 5) Being responsible for all infractions incurred by their school.
- 6) Acting as a spokesperson for their coaches at all meetings to inform the executive committee of any concerns the coaches may have.
- 7) Attending all scheduled meetings.
- 8) Assisting in the development of the master schedule, including confirming dates with their own school calendar.
- 9) Checking the arbiter schedule to make sure their games are scheduled and that officials have been assigned.
- 10) Assisting in the organization and running of the league playoffs and All -Catholic and State Tournaments for their team to travel to State Tournaments in New York.
- 11) Working with the director to make arrangements for their team to travel to State Tournaments in New York.
- 12) Providing adequate supervision at home sites.

- 13) Serving as chairperson or being responsible for a coach at your school who serves as a chairperson for at least ONE SPORT.
- 14) Ensuring that a head coach attends all pre-season coaches' meetings and the All-Catholic meeting.
  - a. If a team's head coach fails to attend the league meeting, it will result in a \$100.00 fine.
  - b. If a coach (head coach or representative) fails to attend the league meeting, it will result in a \$250.00 fine.
  - c. If a coach fails to attend the All-Catholic meeting, it may result in the coach's athletes being excluded from the All-Catholic team.

## **AWARDS, CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND PLAYOFFS**

Freshman and Junior Varsity - Competition will end in league play (no playoffs) and there are no awards.

Varsity - first place teams in each division will receive school trophies for regular season.

Championship Awards will be provided for Playoff Championships.

One division – first place team will receive school trophy.

Two or more divisions - first place in each division will receive a trophy

## **ALL CATHOLICS**

Football - An offensive team including the place kicker and a defensive team including a punter shall be picked. Additionally, an offensive player, defensive player, and special teams' player of the year will be selected, per division

Volleyball (B & G) - first team and second team along with player of the year will be named.

Soccer (B) - Each division will have first and second team, plus a player of year.

Soccer (G) - Each division will have first team and second team, plus a player of year.

Basketball (B) - There will be a first team, second team and player of the year for each division.

Basketball (G) - There will be a first team, second team, and player of the year.

Softball - In addition to pitcher of the year and player of the year, there will be nine first team and nine second team All-Catholics

Baseball - In addition to pitcher of the year, offensive player of the year, and defensive player of the year, there will be ten first team and ten second team All-Catholics

Lacrosse (B & G) - There will be an offensive player of the year and a defensive player of the year, as well as twelve first team and twelve second team All-Catholics

Bowling - first and second team will be awarded as a result of averages determined from the league.

Cross country - An All-Catholic meet will be held, with awards for first, second, and "B" teams.

Track and Field - An All-Catholic meet will be held. First through third will receive medals, and fourth through sixth will receive ribbons.

Swimming - An All-Catholic meet will be held. First through third places will receive medals, and fourth through sixth places will receive ribbons.

Tennis - An All-Catholic tournament will be held to determine the singles All-Catholic Champion and Doubles All-Catholic Champion.

Golf - The top 6 scorers at the All-Catholic meet.

Wrestling - An All-Catholic meet will be held. First through third places will receive medals, and fourth through sixth places will receive ribbons

Hockey is a Federated Sport and All-Stars are determined according to the league rules.

## **GUIDELINES FOR ALL-CATHOLIC BALLOTING**

1. When voting for All Catholic, you are reminded to vote for the BEST all-around players. You should be rating players on offensive and defensive abilities, as well as leadership and sportsmanship.
2. You may not vote for any players from your own team.
3. You must vote for the assigned number of players.
4. Your number of nominations is dependent upon placement in the league. You may not nominate any more or any less than your assigned number.
5. You rank players in your order of preference, with number one being the highest.
6. You may vote for two or more players equally. You indicate this ranking by bracketing the players together.
7. There will be a meeting scheduled at the end of team sport seasons so that each coach has a chance to speak briefly on behalf of the nominated athletes. In addition, each coach should bring a written summary of the accomplishments of nominee(s). There should be enough copies for each coach and the All-Catholic chairperson.
8. Final voting will be done at this meeting. A representative from each school must be present for this meeting. Schools not represented at the meeting may not have their players represented on the All-Catholic team.
9. If the coach is unable to attend the meeting, a representative must be sent to the meeting with written summaries.

## **BONA FIDE STUDENT**

1. Regulation of the Commissioner of Education: A contestant must be a bona fide student of the high school represented and must be taking at least four subjects, including Physical Education.
2. A foreign exchange student may be considered a bona fide student if all of these eligibility rules are satisfied.
3. A student who satisfies all eligibility standards, enrolled in the equivalent of three requirements for graduation, may be enrolled in one or more college courses for advance placement.
  - a. The student must be earning a minimum of three high school credits and Physical Education to be eligible.
4. The NYSCHSAA A and the MMHSAA do not permit participation by seventh and eighth graders on a Freshman, J.V., or Varsity squad in member schools.

## **COMBINING TEAMS**

In the interest of maintaining competition and allowing individuals to compete, we will allow schools to combine. The joining together of students from two or more-member schools to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Permission must be obtained our league on an annual basis.
- 2) League approval must be reported to the NYSCHSAA, Inc., Executive Committee.
- 3) A petition to combine must be filed with the league no later than ONE WEEK following the season's official starting date.
- 4) This petition must be signed by the Athletic Directors and Principals of both/all schools.
- 5) The petition must then be sent (Form) to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will submit the form to the members of the athletic council participating in that sport for approval.
- 6) The schools petitioning must document the following:
  - a. The host school responsible for the sport. This school will be charged for all league costs for the sport (league fees, fees for officials, etc.). It will be incumbent upon the host school to work out financial responsibilities with the other combining schools to recapture league fees, fees for officials, etc.
  - b. Head Coach - this is the person in charge of making calls or contacts for these athletes
  - c. Payment of Head Coach - the combining schools will need to work out the costs associated with the head coach and coaches
  - d. Anticipated number of participants
  - e. Criteria for playing time (It is up to the combining schools, not the league, to establish this.)
  - f. One roster, to be submitted by the Head Coach
  - g. If a championship is won, both schools will get trophies
  - h. The schools must establish a joint uniform to be worn by all competitors (if combining, schools cannot wear their individual school uniform).
- 7) For individual sports: A school may be represented by a single athlete (or more but less than a full team) in an individual sport provided:
  - a. The school pays the entire league fee for that sport
  - b. The school pays their share of officials' expenses for that sport
  - c. The school has a Head Coach for that sport

## **COMPETITION: INTERSTATE, INTERNATIONAL, AND NON-FEDERATED GAMES**

### **INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS**

Member schools may sponsor contests for their athletic teams with foreign countries' secondary school teams for the purpose of cultural exchange and competition under the following conditions:

- League and Playoff schedule may not be altered to accommodate such a contest.

- Teams with which contests are scheduled must be comprised of players comparable in ages to our senior high school level.
- All competitors on the New York State high school team must be eligible according to NYSCHSAA regulations.
- All contests must be scheduled according to appropriate sport standards.
- No such competition may take place four weeks prior to the starting date of that sport season as established by the NYSCHSAA.
- The number of organized practice sessions in preparation for international competition shall be restricted to the number required before a first contest in that sport.
- The MMHSAA must approve the plans and the Executive Director must be notified at least sixty days prior to the scheduled event.
- When hosting an international contest, sanctioning request forms must be initiated by the host member school through NFHS ([www.NFHS.org](http://www.NFHS.org)). One application per state will be filed when a foreign team tours and plays more than one school.
- When hosting an international contest, the contest must be conducted within the school's sport season as established by its NYSCHSAA and must be counted as one of the maximum number of contests. The hosting of a scrimmage with a foreign school's team does not require sanctioning. It is the school's responsibility to determine that the criteria listed in this section and Eligibility Standard #12; Interschool Scrimmage/Practice Sessions satisfied.
- National Federation Sanction is necessary for international competition. Forms for requesting this sanction must be completed online using the NFHS web site ([www.NFHS.org/scanctioning](http://www.NFHS.org/scanctioning)) and must be filed 60 days prior to date of competition.

## **INTERSTATE CONTESTS**

Sanctioning is a means of encouraging well-managed competition. The sanctioning program has the primary purpose of protecting the welfare of high school students. A secondary purpose of the sanctioning program is to protect the existing programs sponsored by member schools. Schools may obtain information regarding the sanctioning process and print Application for Sanction forms (NFHS applications) from the NYSPHSAA web site ([www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)).

- When schools schedule interscholastic contests with schools in other states, each school will observe its own state regulations and standards of eligibility.
- No member school will engage in athletic competition, scrimmage, and/or practice with an out-of-state school which is not a member in good standing of its respective state high school athletic association or has not been approved by the respective state association, if the school is ineligible to join. Furthermore, member schools will not compete in any interstate contest which is sponsored solely by an outside agency. For dual contests, it is the school's responsibility to determine that these criteria are satisfied.
- A member school wishing to host a contest involving an out-of-state school must file an application for Sanction for any contest involving four or more schools, or any contest involving three or more states. Timeline, application fee, and



application form information are available on the NYSPHSAA web site, [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org).

- A member school planning to participate in an interstate contest involving four or more schools, or any interstate contest which is co-sponsored by an organization other than a member high school, must give notice of entry to the MMHSAA office so that the school may receive verification that the contest has been sanctioned. NOTE: Failure to comply with the above regulation may cause a team or individuals to be ineligible from that date of participation for the remainder of that sport season.
- NYSCPHSAA will approve events that have non-member schools participating provided there is no direct competition with a non-member school.

### **NON-FEDERATION MEMBER SCHOOLS**

1. No scrimmage or game shall be played with other than public, private, and parochial schools that belong to the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations. Verification of membership may be secured from the NYSPHSAA website ([www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)).
2. All other schools which are registered with the State Education Department shall apply for Friends and Neighbors status to be eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools. Applications must be processed through the Sectional Athletic Council in which the school is located. The application shall contain the agreement to abide by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., rules and will be signed by the applicant. The application, with an administrative fee of two hundred dollars, shall be forwarded by the Section Secretary to the Executive Director of the State Association with recommendations and substantiating statements for or against approval. The State Executive Committee shall make the final determination. Approval shall be for a period of two years at which time schools may reapply for Friends and Neighbors status.
  - a. Friends and Neighbors schools may compete against NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools only through the league level of play.
  - b. Friends and Neighbors schools are eligible to compete with NYSPHSAA, Inc., member schools in all Sections excluding post-scheduled contests.
  - c. The two-hundred-dollar fee is payable every year.

### **ELIGIBILITY: DURATION OF COMPETITION:**

A pupil shall be eligible for senior high school athletic competition in a sport during each of four consecutive seasons of such sport commencing with the pupil's entry into the ninth grade and prior to graduation, except as otherwise provided in this sub clause, or except as authorized by a waiver granted under clause (d) of this subparagraph to a student with a disability. If a board of education has adopted a policy, pursuant to sub clause (a)(4) of this subparagraph, to permit pupils in seventh and eighth grades to compete in senior high school athletic competition, such pupils shall be eligible for competition during five consecutive seasons of a sport commencing with the pupil's entry into the eighth grade, or six consecutive seasons of a sport commencing with the pupil's entry into the seventh grade. A pupil enters competition in a given year when the

pupil is a member of the team in the sport involved, and that team has completed at least one contest. A pupil shall be eligible for interschool competition in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 until the last day of the school year in which he or she attains the age of 19, except as otherwise provided in sub clause (a)(4) or clause (d) of this subparagraph or in this sub clause. The eligibility for competition of a pupil who has not attained the age of 19 years prior to July 1st may be extended under the following circumstances.

- (i) If sufficient evidence is presented by the chief school officer to the section to show that the pupil's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport was caused by illness or accident beyond the control of the student, such pupil's eligibility shall be extended accordingly in that sport. In order to be deemed sufficient, the evidence must include documentation showing that as a direct result of the illness or accident beyond the control of the student, the pupil will be required to attend school for one or more additional semesters in order to graduate.
- (ii) If the chief school officer demonstrated to the satisfaction of the section that the pupil's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport is caused by such pupil's enrollment in a national or international student exchange program, that as a result of such enrollment the pupil will be required to attend school for one or more additional semesters in order to graduate, and that the pupil did not enter competition in any sport while enrolled in such program, such pupil's eligibility shall be extended accordingly in such sport. (d) Waiver from the age requirement and four-year limitation for interschool athletic competition for students with disabilities in senior high school grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. For purposes of this clause, the term non-contact sport shall include swimming and diving, golf, track and field, cross country rifle, bowling, gymnastics, skiing and archery, and any other such non-contact sport deemed appropriate by the Commissioner. A student with a disability, as defined in section 4401 of the Education Law, who has not yet graduated from high school may be eligible to participate in a senior high school non-contact athletic competition for a fifth year under the following limited conditions: (1) such student must apply for and be granted a waiver to the age requirement and four-year limitation prescribed in sub clause (b)(1) of this subparagraph.

A waiver shall only be granted upon a determination by the superintendent of schools or chief executive officer of the school or school system, as applicable, that the given student meets the following criteria:

- (a) Such student has not graduated from high school as a result of his or her disability delaying his or her education for one year or more;
- (b) such student is otherwise qualified to compete in the athletic competition for which he or she is applying for a waiver and the student must have been selected for such competition in the past;
- (c) such student has not already participated in an additional season of athletic competition pursuant to a waiver granted under this sub clause;
- (d) such student has undergone a physical evaluation by the school physician, which shall include an assessment of the student's level of

physical development and maturity, and the school physician has determined that the student's participation in such competition will not present a safety or health concern for such student; and

- (e) the superintendent of schools or chief executive officer of the school or school system has determined that the given student's participation in the athletic competition will not adversely affect the opportunity of the other students competing in the sport to successfully participate in such competition.

## **FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATION**

Education Law 3001-c - First aid instruction mandatory for coaches of high school and extra-class nonpublic athletic activities.

- 1) On and after the effective date of this section, it shall be required of coaches of high school extra-class athletic activities in a nonpublic school system, except as provided in subdivision two of this section, to hold a valid certificate of completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills offered by the American National Red Cross and approved by the commissioner, or to meet equivalent requirements as certified by the commissioner. Any such course of study or equivalent requirements must include instruction in the administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- 2) Prior to the start of each sports season, coaches must provide valid evidence to their chief school officer that their first aid and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation knowledge and skills are current pursuant to the requirements established by the American National Red Cross or that they meet equivalent requirements as certified by the commissioner.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

All rules and regulations from the NYSCHSAA Constitution, eligibility standards, sports standards, and league rules must be abided by. Violations of these may result in the following:

- 1) Forfeiture of games
- 2) Probation for the school year
- 3) Elimination of your school from the league for the school year.

The rules committee will make the final decision with the executive director officially notifying the offending school.

## **LEAGUE DIVISIONS**

League divisions are based upon the number of teams participating in a sport and approved by the Athletic Directors. Divisions can be found in the individual handbook for each sport.

## **LEAGUE FEES**

League fees are due by October 1 of each year. Schools failing to make payment will receive one late notice. Failure of payment may result in the following consequences:

1. Elimination of participation in league playoffs
2. Probation to include no post-season participation or league awards
3. Suspension of league participation

## **OFFICIALS**

Officials will be assigned by Arbiter Computer System in accordance with the Executive Director.

## **OUT-OF-SEASON PRACTICES**

1. Our regulations stipulate that all organized practice and games be conducted in the appropriate season (See Sports Standards); therefore, a school planning or administering out-of-season recreations programs should avoid any implication of out-of-season practice and play.
2. School-sponsored activities conducted out of the sport season such as general conditioning, weight training, weight lifting, intramurals, recreation, open gyms, club activities, and camps are permitted:
  - a. if such programs are not mandated by coaches or school personnel;
  - b. if such programs are available to all students;
  - c. provided that performance and/or attendance at these programs is not a criterion for membership on a team

## **PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged according to specific sport rules or Monsignor Martin HSAA League Rules

Protests are lodged through the school's Athletic Director to the Chairperson of that sport and to the Executive Director.

## **REPORTING SCORES**

The winning coach for VARSITY must REPORT scores in for news coverage:

*The Buffalo News*: 849-4461

Scores for J.V. and Varsity must also be reported to the sport chairperson by the winning coach within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in penalties:

1. First offense is a written warning to both athletic director and principal.
2. Each additional offense may result in supplementary discipline, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## **REPRESENTATION**

1. A contestant or athletic team shall not represent a school except in conformance with all rules and regulations. It shall be the duty of trustees and boards of education to require that athletic activities be limited to competition between secondary school students.

2. To be eligible for playoffs and state competition, a team must have competed in six school-scheduled contests which occurred on six different dates during the season.
3. Team Sports: For the sports of baseball, basketball, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball, an individual is eligible for the team if he/she has been an eligible participant on a team in that sport in that school for a minimum of six scheduled contests during the regular season.
  - a. For football, a student must be an eligible participant for a minimum of three contests.
  - b. For Competitive Cheerleading, a student must be an eligible participant for a minimum of two competitions.
4. Team/Individual and Individual Sports: For the sports of bowling, cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, indoor track, and wrestling, an individual must also have represented their school in six scheduled contests during the season to be eligible. These required contests must have occurred on six different dates and must have been conducted prior to the conclusion of the team's regular schedule.
5. Chairpersons may request in writing approval of the Executive Committee to adjust the number of school-scheduled contests required on an annual basis.
  - a. The request is to be submitted prior to the June meeting.
6. Schools may submit a written request to MMHSAA for adjustment of contests for an individual participant based on medical documentation that confirms the individual was not able to participate in the required number of contests.
7. For the sport of golf, a waiver of the Representation Standard may be granted by the MMHSAA Executive Committee when a student has qualified for participation in the current school year's NYSCHSAA Championship event and has subsequently transferred to a MMHSAA member school. The athlete must meet all other eligibility standards, including transfer, to receive the waiver.
8. All games, meets, and tournaments must be conducted by appropriate secondary school authority.
9. Participation by a student in more than one sport in the same season shall be determined by the individual school.
10. Games and practices between students and adults (including alumni or faculty) are not approved.
11. To avoid unfair advantage, a student who elects to participate in an interschool sport may not represent a school in that sport in a subsequent season in that school year.

## **ROSTERS**

All rosters must include all the required information and be electronically generated. The roster must be submitted electronically to the Executive Director no later than the first day of competition on roster template, unless otherwise specified in the sport handbook. Please note that electronic rosters will be assumed to be signed by both the school principal and the athletic director.

1. Cross Country, Golf, Wrestling, Bowling, Swimming, Tennis, and Track should be submitted in alphabetical order.
2. All team rosters must be in numeric order according to the home jersey number.

3. Send one roster to the other members of the MMHSAA. In addition, rosters should be exchanged with your non-league opponents.
4. Send one roster to the Sport Chairperson.
5. Send one roster to the Executive Director.

### **PLAYER MOVEMENT IN MMHSAA**

Players may be moved between JV and Varsity rosters until the following dates:

- Fall - third Friday in September (for 2018, it's September 21)
- Winter - January 1
- Spring - third Friday in April (for 2019 it's April 19)

After the above dates, rosters are frozen and additions to the varsity roster at this point will become a permanent member of the varsity. It is recommended that each team submit a final varsity roster by each of these dates.

Following the varsity roster date listed above, a J.V. member may move up to varsity temporarily under the following circumstances:

- a) If a varsity squad is depleted sport due to reasons of ineligibility, illness, or injury, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- b) The sport chairperson of each division and the team you are playing are notified prior to the player participating.
- c) The J.V. player moves down when the original player comes back.

Once the above dates have been passed, no varsity player may move down to J.V.

- a) **NOTE:** seniors may not play on a J.V. team without permission of the Athletic Council for that division; the only exception is Bowling.

### **ROSTER SIZE**

All rosters are unlimited in size for MMHSAA. Please note that should your team qualify for the CHSAA State or NYS Federation Tournament, your roster size may be limited by state regulations.

### **MULTIPLE SPORTS IN THE SAME SEASON**

A student may participate in two sports in the same season at the discretion of each individual school. Please note that league games/matches will not be changed to accommodate students participating in two sports in a single sport season.

As a courtesy, student sports not officially affiliated with our league may submit a roster to be kept on file.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP CODE**

All member schools must abide by the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association's Sportsmanship Policy.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

As members of the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association of the Diocese of Buffalo, we believe that interscholastic athletics are a necessary component of education, and we support and encourage Christian ideals and values that embody good sportsmanship. Therefore, we pledge sportsmanship and dedication to the high standards of the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association. As players, we pledge unselfishness, hard work, and respect. As spectators, we pledge courtesy and respect towards everyone.

## **SCHOOL**

The Association recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the MMHSAA has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post-schedule play.

As of July 1, 2013, the Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act-Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all school students with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying), and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discrimination behaviors, including harassment/bullying through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs.

Athletics are considered an integral part of the school's program of education which provides experiences that will help girls and boys physically, mentally, and emotionally. The element of competition and winning, though it exists, is controlled to the point that it does not determine the nature of the program. Students are stimulated to want to win and excel, but the principles of good sportsmanship prevail at all times to enhance the educational values of contests. It is the responsibility of the school to see that all participating athletes and their parents sign a sportsmanship contract to participate in a sports season.

## **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/COACH**

The development of good sportsmanship depends largely on the goals and philosophy of the sports program and that of the school administration. Coaches are in a position to greatly influence the attitudes and values of the athletes. If the coach follows the rules of the sport and

stresses fair play and honesty, the athletes are more likely to develop these values. It is essential that all coaches adhere to the Monsignor Martin Sportsmanship Policy.

- 1) Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously-scheduled contest at the same level (e.g., junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. In individual sports, a multi-day contest is considered to be a contest. Disqualification from one season carries over to the next season of participation. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site.
  - a. NOTE: "Not being physically present at the site" means a disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands, or site area before, during, or after the game/meet. (See definitions section of the handbook)
- 2) Any coach who does not serve the penalty for violating the Sportsmanship Standard will be ineligible to participate in the next two regularly-scheduled contests. If the coach continues to not serve the penalty, the matter will be referred to MMHSAA for further action. If the coach is involved in the NYSCHSAA play-offs, the matter will be referred to the Executive Director of the NYSCHSAA.
- 3) Any coach:
  - a. Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly-scheduled contest;
  - b. Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly-scheduled contests; and
  - c. Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season (regular season or post-schedule play); the Executive Committee will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation.
  - d. The Executive Committee will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual who was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage warrant such an extension. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification.
- 4) 2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass, or intimidate another person (e.g., official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for a period of time to be determined by the Executive Committee; the period is not to exceed one year from the date of the offense.

## **PLAYERS**

Participation in athletics is an integral part of the student's educational experience. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the league, to the team, to the student body, to the community, and to the student him/herself. Through his/her play and in his/her conduct, he/she is representing all of these groups. Therefore, he/she has a responsibility to uphold the ideals of good manners and sportsmanship. The experiences he/she receives from participating in athletics contribute to the knowledge, skill, and emotional patterns that he/she possesses.



- 1) Any member of a squad disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, or for a flagrant foul shall, not participate in that sport in the next previously-scheduled contest. In individual sports, a multi-day contest is considered to be a contest. The contest in which the athlete was disqualified must count in the total maximum number of contests permitted.
- 2) Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season of participation.
- 3) Any player:
  - a. Who receives a disqualification penalty in a sport shall not participate in the next regularly-scheduled contest;
  - b. Who receives a second disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season shall not participate in the next two regularly-scheduled contests; and
  - c. Who receives a third disqualification penalty in the same sport in the same season will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the season. If the third ejection takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post-schedule play,) MMHSAA will assess carrying the penalty over into the next season of participation.
  - d. MMHSAA will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage warrant such an extension. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification.
- 4) Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks, or makes other physical contact with the intent to annoy, harass, or intimidate an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for a period of time to be determined, not to exceed one year from the date of the offense. NOTE: Members of the squad include players, managers, score keepers, timers, and statisticians.

## **OFFICIALS**

- 1) Unprofessional conduct on the part of an official, such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, or use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the section executive director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport officials' chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the MMHSAA in a timely manner.

## **VIOLATION**

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Verbal and offensive language/gestures by the player, coach, or spectators.
- 2) Intentional injury to another player.
- 3) Flagrant misconduct, such as fighting.
- 4) Destruction of another school's property by spray painting, egg tossing, or general trashing of the grounds.

These infractions do not include "technical violations" related to a specific sport that result in disqualification.

## **PENALTIES**

Any one of the following penalties may be imposed against an offending player, coach, team, or school. The penalty will be dependent on the severity of the infraction.

### **LEVEL I - Reprimand and Probation**

A letter will be sent from the grievance committee to the principal, athletic director, and coach (if applicable) and will include a description of the infraction.

A response from the offending school is to be sent to the grievance committee within three school days and must include the action that will be taken against the offender. With the written reprimand, a probationary status will be imposed on the team or individual for the remainder of the season. Probation does not limit eligibility for competition.

### **LEVEL II - Suspension and Forfeiture**

Forfeiture - will be imposed for team infractions. Forfeiture of a specific contest does not limit eligibility from further competition.

Suspension - involves an individual player or coach suspended from competition for a minimum of one game. After the suspension has been served, the player or coach is eligible to return to competition.

### **LEVEL III - Disqualification**

Disqualification of a player or coach from competition is the final step taken after other options have been exhausted. The player or coach will be disqualified for the remainder of the season. Any person removed from a contest for unsportsmanlike reasons will be subject to a committee review of the incident.

If any school's team members are found guilty of destroying another school's property, that team will be disqualified for the remainder of the season. If the incident is after the season, the team will be disqualified from the post-season play for the following school year. In addition, no player from the offending school will be eligible for league awards. If damage has been done to a school by non-athletes, a letter will be sent to the school involved with a request for a response within three days.

## **NOTIFICATION**

The coach of each team will notify their athletic director. The two athletic directors will then investigate the situation, discuss it with each other, and notify the Executive Director. The director will then take it to the sportsmanship committee if necessary. The policy must be enforced whether it is a league or non-league contest.

## **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

A right to be appeal a decision of the Executive Committee or their representatives must be claimed to the office of the Executive Director in writing within 24 hours of the decision (next working day).

A school has a right to appeal all decisions and this must be to the Executive Director in writing within 24 hours of the decision being announced (next working day).

## **Zero Tolerance Policy**

The MMHSAA has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy for all athletic events. The complete policy can be found in the Appendix.

## **SPECTATORS/PARENTS**

Spectators and parents are all guests at our athletic competitions and as such have a responsibility to abide by our school and league philosophy. Therefore, it is expected that good sportsmanship will prevail for the duration of the contest.

## **SUMMARY**

Because the Monsignor Martin HSAA believes that good sportsmanship is essential for all participating, the league pledges itself to encourage positive displays of sportsmanship by teaching and playing through example in the hopes of shaping the future of our league.

## **STATE AND FEDERATION TOURNAMENT**

NYSCHSAA tournaments are presently held in basketball, boys' bowling, boy's lacrosse, boy's hockey, boys swim, football, golf, girls cheer leading, soccer, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

1. In Basketball, we will participate in the Girls "AA," "A," and "B" classifications with the winner of our A-Division playoffs representing us in the "AA" and the other Finalist representing us in the "A." Winner of the "B" division represents us in the "B." – Boys "A," "B" playoff winner in respective classifications.
2. The teams winning our playoffs will be our representatives in Football, Lacrosse (B), Hockey (B), Soccer, and Softball. Please note: the girl's tournament rotates dioceses; therefore, it is downstate for two years and then in Buffalo for one year.
3. In girls Volleyball, the teams that place first and second in the Monsignor Martin Playoffs will be our representatives
4. In Wrestling (B), Swim (B), Bowling (B) Golf, and Track, individuals must qualify for the State
5. Federation tournaments are currently held in basketball, golf, and cross country. In basketball, the winners of the NYSCHSAA tournament in each classification are the representatives. In golf, athletes qualify by their finish in the CHSAA tournament. In

cross country, a set up by the Federation allows us one team and three individuals determined by the All-Catholic Cross-Country Meet.

## **TICKET PRICES**

### **SCHOOL HOME GATE**

- 1) The league maximum that you may charge for Home game admission will be \$5.00.
- 2) A higher admission fee may be charged if mutually agreed upon by both schools and for games at New Era Field. The host school must provide to the Executive Director in writing.
  - a. The Athletic Directors may mutually agree upon a home admission charge for a particular sport at the seasonal directors' meeting. (e.g., all schools will charge \$2 for all home swimming events)
- 3) The home school must notify the opposing schools if you will charge and the cost of admission.

### **MMHSAA PLAYOFF GATE**

- 1) There is an admission for MMHSAA playoffs.
- 2) Admission for events hosted by a member school, where MMHSAA makes presale tickets, will be \$5.00 presale and \$7.00 at the door on the day of the game.
- 3) Admission prices for all playoff games played at a neutral site will be determined by MMHSAA but will not exceed \$10.
- 4) Admission for all football games at New Era Field where MMHSAA makes presale tickets available will be \$7.00 presale and \$10.00 at the door on the day of the game.
- 5) Admission for State Tournaments which MMHSAA hosts will be \$7.00, and admission for CHSAA State Championship Games that MMHSAA hosts will be \$10.00.

## **TRANSFERS: MMHSAA TRANSFER RULE**

### **Definitions**

- The term "eligible" or "ineligible" means being eligible or ineligible to compete for a member school in interscholastic athletic competition.
- The term "transfer student" means a student who seeks to enroll or has enrolled in a member school after previously attending a high school as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior.

### **Rules**

1. A transfer student who transfers as a Freshman or Sophomore from one high school to another is eligible two weeks after his/her registration at a new school, provided he/she has registered during the first fifteen days of the semester and, with the exception of the fall sports season, further provided that such transfer has been made within the first fifteen days of the relevant sports season as specified by the NYSCHSAA Sports Standards. With regard to eligibility for the fall sports season, a Freshman or Sophomore transfer student must be registered at the new school (or

"accepting" school) before September 1st. In order to be eligible, a Freshman or Sophomore transfer student **must have the accepting school complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registering at the accepting school.

2. A transfer student who transfers as a Junior from one high school to another is ineligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of registration at a new school (or "accepting" school) with regard to any sport in which he/she competed on an interscholastic basis at the previous school (or "sending" school) during the school year preceding the transfer and without regard to the level of participation in that interscholastic sport at the previous school. For the purpose of determining eligibility, a transfer student will be deemed a Junior if he/she is registered as a Junior at the new school on or after September 1st of that school year; an incoming Junior's registration at a new school prior to September 1st will result in that transfer student being deemed a Sophomore for the purpose of eligibility. In order to be eligible at a new school following the expiration of the one calendar year period referenced above a Junior transfer student **must have the accepting school complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registering at the accepting school.
3. A transfer student who transfers as a Senior from one high school to another is ineligible at the new school (or "accepting" school) for any sport in which he/she competed on an interscholastic basis at the previous school (or "sending" school) during the school year preceding the transfer and without regard to level of participation in that interscholastic sport at the previous school. For the purpose of determining eligibility, a Senior transfer student **must have the accepting school complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registering at the accepting school.
4. Regardless of grade level, in the event a transfer student's transfer is necessitated by the relocation of the student's residence, or a change of custodial parent residence, the school may request in writing a **notification** of the eligibility rules set forth above. In order to seek a notification under this paragraph, a transfer student **must have the school complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registering at the accepting school.
5. The school of any transfer student may request in writing a **notification** of any of the eligibility rules set forth above on grounds that are not specifically set forth elsewhere in this Transfer Rule. In order to seek a notification under this paragraph, a transfer student **must have the school complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registering at an accepting school and submit with that form appropriate documentation in support of the notification request.
6. The Executive Director of the Msgr. Martin High School Athletic Association (MMHSAA) will respond to and decide all requests for notifications within two weeks of receiving a written notification request. If an appeal of the Executive Director's decision is requested, the Executive Director will convene an eligibility committee as prescribed in Article IV, Section C(1)(c) of the MMHSAA's Constitution and By-Laws.

### **Exemptions to Rules #2 and #3**

- A. Transfer students whose previous school was a boarding school shall be eligible immediately for interscholastic competition at a new school.

- B. A bona fide foreign exchange student may be granted one year of eligibility during the student's first year of residence provided that the student (a) is a participant in an established foreign exchange program approved by the Council of Standards for International Travel (CSIET) and (b) complies with all applicable State Education Department and NYSPHSAA standards.
- C. Transfer students whose previous school has closed or ceased to operate may transfer to another school of his/her choice and shall be eligible immediately for interscholastic competition in his/her new school.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**With regard to all transfer students, an administrator from a member school must fill out and submit the electronic Transfer Form.**

**PROSELYTIZING STUDENTS**

1. No school, through any of its officers, or by any other means, shall directly or indirectly offer any inducement to a pupil of any school to sever connections with that school and transfer to another for athletic purposes.
2. There shall be NO PROFESSIONAL RECRUITING of athletes; however, if a potential transfer requests information, he/she may be informed of the school's programs and encouraged to attend.
3. PROFESSIONAL RECRUITING of athletes means any financial inducement of a student or his/her parents or guardian by a person working for said school, whether paid or unpaid, in order to secure that student for athletic purposes. Also included under the term PROFESSIONAL RECRUITING are the following:
  - Visits to the student's home.
  - Invitations to dinner, to professional or college athletic events, or the giving of tickets to such events; in addition, gifts, or monetary awards, etc., may not be given to prospective student athletes. (exceptions are allowed for shadow days, student recruitment and tournaments.)
  - Inviting the student to train or compete in athletic activities with high school students.
  - Writing letters to potential players is not allowed. No letter should be sent to elementary students for specific reasons of encouraging them to participate and/or guaranteeing them a spot in your sports program.
  - If a coach is seen at any athletic event approaching a student from another school for the purpose of recruiting, this incident should be put in writing and sent to the Director of Athletics. It will then be presented to the Executive Committee by the school's Athletic Director. If the school in question is found violating this rule they shall be suspended from that sport in which the violation occurred for ONE YEAR from the date of a proven violation.
  - Scrimmage/contest against elementary school students is prohibited.

## **RECRUITMENT AND UNDUE INFLUENCE**

1. Recruitment and Undue Influence is defined as the use of influence by any person connected directly or indirectly with a MMHSAA school to induce a student to transfer from one school to another, or to enter the ninth grade at a member school for athletic purposes whether or not the school presently attended by the student is a member of MMHSAA.
2. The use of undue influence to secure a student for competitive purposes in a sport is prohibited. An infraction shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility in that sport for one year from the date of enrollment. The offending school shall be subject to review by the Executive Committee and possible further penalties.
3. Evidence of undue influence includes, but is not limited to, personal contact by coaches and sponsors in an attempt to persuade the student to transfer, including but not limited to:
  - a) gifts of money
  - b) jobs
  - c) supplies
  - d) clothing
  - e) free transportation
  - f) admission to contests
  - g) invitation to attend practices and/or games
  - h) free and/or reduced tuition.

Any school violating this article shall be suspended from the sport in which the violation occurred for one year from the date of proven violation.

## **TOBACCO, VAPING PRODUCTS, ALCOHOL and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

### **Position Statements**

1. It is the position of the MMHSAA that scholastic athletes and other students must abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances and refrain from using tobacco and smokeless tobacco.
2. Adults should abstain from the use of 1) alcohol before and during, and 2) tobacco during meetings when business related to athletics is conducted.
  - a. Coaches and other adult school personnel should demonstrate responsible use of alcohol and tobacco in an appropriate setting and abstain from the use of controlled substances.
  - b. No coach should use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs before, during, or immediately after or until his/her supervisory duties are completed.
3. The use of tobacco products is prohibited by coaches, players, and game officials during practice, scrimmages, and competitions.

## **CHAIRPERSONS 2017-2018**

BASKETBALL	Mark Simon (Boys) Larry Puzan (Girls Varsity)
BASEBALL	Bryan Tenney
FOOTBALL	Jerry Smith
SOCCER	Michael Thoin (Boys) Brittany Heist (Girls)
CROSS COUNTRY	Chris Mekelburg (Boys) Charlie Planz (Girls)
TENNIS	Mark Szafnicki (Boys) Eva Cunningham (Girls)
HOCKEY	Sam Belsito
VOLLEYBALL	Thomas Weislo (Boys) Don Pieczynski (Girls)
SWIMMING	Brian Anken (Boys) Barbara Rooney (Girls)
TRACK	Steve Otremba (Boys) (Girls)
SOFTBALL	Doug Webster
BOWLING	Al Simmons (Boys) Barbara Rooney (Girls)
GOLF	Ron Montesano (Boys) Doug Webster (Girls)
LACROSSE	Pete Hudecki (Boys) James Pernick (Girls)
WRESTLING	Pete Kennedy



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## **APPENDIX**

## References

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[MONSIGNOR MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS](#)

[CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION](#)

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**Guideline for Chairperson for Sports Meeting**  
**Rule Updates:**

**LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

**PRACTICE BEGINS:**  
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**ALL CATHOLIC / PLAYOFF DATES:**  
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**COACHES' MEETING:**  
**CHAIRPERSON:**  
**ALL-CATHOLIC MEETING:**

**OFFICIALS' FEES:**

**VARSIITY –**  
**JUNIOR VARSITY –**  
**FRESHMAN –**

**ROSTER:    DUE:**  
**PLEASE USE LEAGUE-SUPPLIED TEMPLATE**  
**PRIOR to first day of LEAGUE COMPETITION**

**\*\* Copy must be sent to all participating schools, chairperson, and Executive Director**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Order of events: (Sport specific)  
An individual may participate in: (Sport specific)  
**Qualifying for All Catholics**  
**All-Catholic Voting/Qualifying** (Sport specific)  
All coaches must be CPR/AED & First Aid certified.  
Official scoring  
Completed **vouchers** for official payment will be provided by the home school and returned to their athletic director. Payment must be made within 30 days of contest.

**\*WINNING COACHES (all levels) MUST CALL CHAIRPERSON AFTER THEIR CONTEST WITH RESULTS. END OF THE WEEK UPDATES MUST BE CALLED OR EMAILED IN TO THE CHAIRPERSON FOR LEAGUE STANDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED IN *THE BUFFALO NEWS*.**

**\*WINNING COACH MUST ALSO CALL *THE BUFFALO NEWS* THAT NIGHT WITH RESULTS OF CONTEST**  
**SPORTS: 849-4461 (before 9:30 pm)**

## **Failure to Report Scores Form**

**Date**

**Dear (Principal and AD),**

**On (Date) your coach of (Sport) failed to report results to or chairperson as outlined in our bylaws. Please accept this letter as official notice of failure to abide by league standards. The next offense and each offense afterward will result in forfeiture of the contest in question. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.**

## **TRAVEL POLICY**

### **INFORMATION FOR TEAMS TRAVELING TO STATE PLAYOFFS**

To ensure adequate transportation and accommodations for state playoff travel, MMHSAA must make bus arrangements and reservations well before the scheduled state contests. These reservations/arrangements are held on the MMHSAA line of credit. Once you qualify for a state tournament, you will be notified of the bus carrier and the hotel arrangement.

Information/payment procedures for hotel accommodations and bus transportation are set forth below:

1. MMHSAA reserves rooms only for participating teams and their coaches.
2. Once your school qualifies for the state tournament, the hotel information will be forwarded to your school through the Athletic Director. It is the school's responsibility at that time to arrange for payment of the hotel invoice and to supply the hotel directly with a rooming list. If the school does not make the required arrangements with the hotel, and the hotel in turn invoices the MMHSAA Credit Card, MMHSAA will invoice the school the amount of the hotel invoice plus a 10% surcharge.
3. MMHSAA will pay the original transportation invoice, then after deducting the appropriate travel reimbursement amount, will forward the school an invoice for the remaining portion of the invoice.
4. If the travel reimbursement exceeds the transportation cost, the school will receive the remaining portion of the reimbursement. If the school makes other transportation arrangements, the school will receive the full travel reimbursement.
5. If your school is making its own arrangements and reservations, you must IMMEDIATELY inform the Executive Director of MMHSAA so that the league's reservations/arrangements can be cancelled. MMHSAA will invoice the school for any charges due to cancellation.
6. Additional travelers: When teams qualify for a state championship, it is up to the individual school to determine who travels on the MMHSAA transportation. Reimbursement for additional travelers on a team bus is at the discretion of the school and payment collection is the responsibility of the school.
7. Additional travelers are responsible for their own room reservations and charges.
8. Reimbursement for Team Travel by MMHSAA:
  - Boys/Girls Soccer - \$1,200.00
  - Boys/Girls Basketball - \$1,200.00
  - Girls Softball - \$1,200.00
  - Boy/Girls Cross Country - \$1,200.00
  - Boys/Girls Track - \$1,200.00
  - Boys Lacrosse - \$1,200.00
  - Girls Volleyball - \$1,200.00
  - Boys Football - \$5,000.00
  - Boys Hockey - \$5,000.00
  - Boys/ Girls Golf - \$1,200.00
  - Boys Bowling - \$1,200.00

## **TRAVEL POLICY**

### **INFORMATION FOR CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK ATHLETES (MMHSAA BUS), \*INDIVIDUAL SPORT ATHLETES TRAVELING TO STATE PLAYOFFS**

1. MMHSAA reserves rooms and transportation only for participating teams and their coaches.
2. MMHSAA will pay the original invoice from the hotel and for the transportation.
3. Only athletes who have qualified for state competition will be able to travel under MMHSAA sponsorship. The Sport Chairperson will determine qualified athletes, along with the approval of the MMHSAA Executive Director.
4. Additional travelers: Any other person requesting travel on MMHSAA-sponsored transportation will be charged for travel expenses by MMHSAA through the school they are associated with. This refers to athletes who have not qualified for State competition, parents, and other spectators. The Sport Chairperson and Executive Director will determine if there is enough room on the bus for additional individuals to travel. The Executive Director will determine what the travel fee will be. **MMHSAA WILL BILL EACH SCHOOL FOR THEIR ADDITIONAL TRAVELERS.** Additional travelers are responsible for their own room reservations and charges.
5. When requested, the coach and/or AD must forward to MMHSAA an accurate room count, listing the athletes/coaches staying in each room.
6. The MMHSAA representative responsible for the trip will request an itemized bill at check out, and forward it to MMHSAA upon their return.
7. Each school will be billed by MMHSAA for all hotel and bus transportation charges that they accrue, minus appropriate travel reimbursements. All charges must be paid in full to MMHSAA by each school as soon as possible. Upon payment, MMHSAA will then forward travel reimbursements. (see #8 Team Sports)
8. Any school opting out of the transportation and hotel reservation must inform the Executive Director prior to the start of the sport season. If your school opts out, your school will be responsible for both your own transportation and hotel rooms. Additionally, your school will be reimbursed a fair share of the travel reimbursement per student-athlete.
9. Each school is responsible for coaches and bus driver(s) room charges.
10. Schools who arrange for transportation and for lodging, then do not show, will be charged for the room(s) and seat(s) they reserved.
11. Each school is responsible for supervising its own athletes and **MUST** have at least one coach on the trip with the athlete(s). Other arrangements, such as sending your athlete(s) with a coach from another school, must be in writing to the Executive Director at least 48 hours prior to the trip.
12. \*Boys/Girls Golf, Boys Bowling- Schools must make their own travel and hotel arrangements. The travel reimbursement will be divided by the number of competitors travelling to the State Championship and will be sent to the appropriate schools.