



MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

I. Athletic Participation & Eligibility Guidelines

Congratulations _____! You have made the _____ team.

Participating in MOT Charter athletics is a privilege offered to students who show proper enthusiasm, interest, responsibility, and good sportsmanship. Best wishes for a safe and successful season.

Academic Eligibility. At MOT Charter School, we strongly believe that our student-athletes are students first and athletes second. Students must maintain a passing grade average in all core subjects and must not have lower than an 80% in more than 2 core subjects. Eligibility is determined as of the day progress reports and report cards are issued. If a student fails to maintain these minimum benchmarks, the student will be suspended from the team until the grade(s) is (are) raised.

Conduct Eligibility. Any student who receives a discipline referral resulting in a consequence other than a verbal or written warning will be suspended from participating in one game. If a student accumulates 3 demerits or an out-of-school suspension, the student will be dismissed from the team. Unless an exception has been granted by the Administration, a student must be in attendance for at least ½ of the school day to be eligible to participate in practice or a game that day.

All team members must travel to away games with the team. A student may be excused from returning to school with the team only if she/he is released to parents or has written permission to go home with another family.

Uniforms and Equipment

We agree to accept responsibility for the team uniforms provided by the school for use during the season and to return the uniforms in good condition at the end of the season. PLEASE WASH IN COLD WATER ONLY. We understand that other equipment items, such as sneakers, cleats, socks, shin guards, knee pads, sticks, and mouth pieces (braces only) shall be provided by the parents.

Fees and Permission

We agree to have all permission forms and fees returned to the Athletic Director prior to the first team practice. The participation fee is \$55 per player. Checks should be made out to MOT Charter School. If you have any questions regarding payment, please email Meryl Hewett in our Business Office at Meryl.hewett@mot.k12.de.us.

DIAA

We agree to abide by and support all Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) rules & guidelines. Including having a completed all the DIAA physical evaluation requirements.

II. Sportsmanship & Spectator Conduct Expectations

Good sportsmanship is a vital part of the sports program at MOT Charter School. Contests are important, but the importance should not become so overriding that we lose sight of appropriate behavior.

I, the STUDENT-ATHLETE, therefore, pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while participating in an MOT Charter School athletic event and to conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

- I will at all times treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other spectator with respect regardless of race, creed, color, or ability.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, participant, official or spectator.
- I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, participant, official or spectator.
- I will not engage in the use of profanity.
- I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at coach, participant, official or spectator.
- I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, participant, official or spectator.

I, the STUDENT-ATHLETE fully hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while participating in an MOT Charter School athletic event, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- Verbal warning issued by the event official, the Athletic Director, or a school administrator.
- Written warning issued by the event official, the Athletic Director, or a school administrator.
- Suspension or immediate ejection from the event by the event official, athletic director, or a school administrator.
- Suspension from multiple athletic events by the Athletic Director or a school administrator.
- Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the Head of School.
- If I make physical contact in a threatening manner (battery) toward an official, supervisor, coach, player or spectator, I shall be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season, effective immediately.
- If I leave the bench/viewing area to participate in any isolated altercation, I will be suspended from the team pending investigation and resolution.
- If I engage in threatening behavior (verbal or physical) toward an official, supervisor, or other participant, I shall be suspended from the team, effective immediately.
- If I am ejected from a game or game site, I must leave the game site immediately and will be suspended from participating in competition. The length of suspension will depend on the severity of the action that resulted in the ejection.

I, the PARENT/GUARDIAN, pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while participating in an MOT Charter School Athletic event and to conform my behavior to the following DIAA Spectator Code of Conduct code of conduct:

- Be informed of the playing rules of the sport.
- Appreciate a good play regardless of who makes it.
- Cooperate with the cheerleaders and do not interfere with their cheers.
- Show concern for an injured athlete regardless of team affiliation.
- DO NOT taunt, jeer or attempt to distract the members of the opposing team.
- Avoid the use of profanity and derogatory or disrespectful yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Refrain from offensive or unruly behavior which reflects poorly on MOT Charter School.
- Respect school property and the authority of school officials.
- Do not publicly criticize the coaches or athletes for the loss of a contest.
- Respect the contest official and accept their decisions without public protest. Without them, there is no game.

I, the PARENT/GUARDIAN, fully agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while participating in an MOT Charter School athletic event, I may be asked to leave the event and/or subject to the following:

- Immediate ejection from the event by the event official, athletic director, or a school administrator.
- Restriction from attending multiple athletic events by the Athletic Director or a school administrator.
- Restriction from attending events for the remainder of the season or for multiple seasons issued by the Head of School.
- If I am ejected from a game or game site, I must leave the game site immediately. The length of restriction will depend on the severity of the action that resulted in the ejection.

In addition, I fully understand the commitment I am making for my child to participate in the MOT Charter School athletic program and pledge to do the following:

- Be punctual in the pickup or drop off of my child before & after practices and competitions.
- Be supportive of the coaches and the team by being realistic advocates for the program.
- Model respectful behavior towards coaches and officials who work with my children.
- Encourage teamwork, perseverance and a good work ethic.
- Teach an appreciation of unselfish behavior for the good of all involved in the program.
- Actively help create a successful end of the year celebration.

III. PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that participating in competitive sports is a potentially hazardous activity. I acknowledge that my son/daughter is medically able to participate. I agree to abide by any decision made by the officials relative to my child's ability to participate in any and all activities. I assume all risks associated with my child participating in this event including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, condition of playing service, effects of all weather including heat/humidity. All risks being known and appreciated by me, having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my child's participation, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the MOT Charter School, the coaches and staff and of said school and all volunteers from all claims of liabilities of any kind as a result of my child's participation in this sport and/or event. Further, I grant permission for any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event to be used for a legitimate school purpose.

IV. PAYMENT OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEE

The athletic fee is \$55 and is due no later than .

- If full payment is not received by the due date, you will lose your spot and we will offer the spot on the team to another student-athlete.
- Please also note that this payment is non-refundable. If you quit the team or are determined to be ineligible for academic or conduct reasons, the fee shall not be refunded.

Having read and understand the Academic Participation & Eligibility Guidelines, the Sportsmanship & Spectator Conduct Expectations, Release of Liability, and Payment of Athletic Participation Fee, I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to participate on the MOT Charter School _____ Team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The best way to pay the athletic fee is online with a credit card or a checking account by going to www.motcharter.com and clicking on Online Payments under Quick Links. Cash and checks made out to MOT Charter School for the exact amount of \$55 are also acceptable. Please be sure to check the appropriate box below indicating the method of payment.

Please Check Applicable Boxes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed Amount: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Enclosed Amount: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Made Online	<input type="checkbox"/> Balance Paid in the Business Office