

**Talent Middle School**  
**Athletics**



**Student / Parent Handbook**  
**2018/19 School Year**

# Talent Middle School Athletic Policy

Phoenix-Talent Schools and Talent Middle School are proud to offer a variety of athletic opportunities through our participation in SOMSAC sanctioned events. We believe that participation in sports offers students a unique opportunity for a well-rounded middle school experience. With this opportunity comes a responsibility to represent our school and district in a favorable manner in all settings. Student athletes at Talent Middle School are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

## Academic Requirements (8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes only)

Student Academic Athletic Status will be deemed either **ELIGIBLE** or on **ACADEMIC ATHLETIC PROBATION**

- Status will be determined using quarter grades from the most recent grading quarter.

**ELIGIBLE** ----2 or fewer "F" or "D" Grades

- Students may participate in sport without formal academic monitoring.

**ACADEMIC ATHLETIC PROBATION**---3 or more "F" or "D" Grades

- Student athlete may participate in *all athletic practices*.
- Student must complete an "Academic Probation Release" form and submit the form to the head coach the day prior to all athletic competitions for the remainder of the grading quarter or sporting season.
- The form requires that a student athlete receive clearance from all teachers stating that he/she is maintaining good academic standing in their class. Good academic standing means that the student is passing the class with a "C-" grade or better and/or has demonstrated that he/she is working diligently to improve his/her grade.
- If the Academic Probation Release form indicates that a student isn't meeting expectations, the student athlete will be able to attend the competition to support his/her team but will be unable to play/compete.
- Student athletes and parents will be notified at the beginning of each sporting season and if they are "Eligible" or on "Academic Athletic Probation."

## Behavioral Requirements (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes)

- Student athletes who receive 2 or more major behavior referrals in a week may not be allowed to participate in an athletic competition during that week, depending on the context of the referrals and if the student athlete worked to "make things right" for their misbehavior.
- Participation in a competition after 2 or more referrals in a week will be determined by administration.
- Student athletes who are suspended (whether in-school or out-of-school) may not participate in the next competition or any competition during the time the suspension is in effect.

## Communication (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes)

- Student athletes are responsible for communicating eligibility status (either academic or behavioral) to their parents/guardians.
- Student Services will communicate eligibility status (either academic or behavioral) to parents.
- Student Services will communicate eligibility status (either academic or behavioral) to coaches.

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### Transportation (all athletes)

- Student athletes will travel to each sporting competition with their team.
- An athlete may only ride home with their own parent/guardian.
- Athletes may not ride home with other family members or another athlete's parents unless a hardship exists. In this case, the custodial parent must contact TMS administration and receive permission at least one day prior to the sporting contest.

### Attendance (all athletes)

- Students must attend school the day of a competition in order to be eligible to participate.
- In the case of an excused absence for a doctor or dentist appointment, please notify the attendance office.

### Sports Physical/Insurance (all athletes)

- Student athletes must complete an "Emergency Insurance Information and Consent" form **every year prior to participation** in any sporting practice or event.
- Student athletes must have a current "Sports Physical Exam" release form on file prior to participation in any sporting practice or event. These exams are good for two years.

### Pay to Play (all athletes)

- Athletes are required to pay a sports fee for each sporting season. Pricing information is \$35 per sporting season with a maximum of \$200 per family per school year (includes sports at PHS).
- Scholarships are available to cover the pay to play fee for those students who demonstrate need. Please contact Heather Lowe Rogers if you are in need of assistance.

### Athletic Equipment/Clothing (all athletes)

- Student athletes are responsible for all equipment/clothing checked out to him/her. Student athletes will be charged for all clothing/equipment not returned at the end of the sporting season.

*Please sign and return to Talent Middle School or your Coach*

**I have read the Talent Middle School Athletic Policy and agree to follow the guidelines and expectations outlined above. I understand that failure to adhere to these rules may result in dismissal from a team.**

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Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

Date\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date\_\_\_\_\_

# TMS Parent Athletic Agreement

## Parent / Coach Relationship

As parents, when your child is involved in athletics at Talent Middle School, it is important that there is a clear understanding of the coach's expectations, athlete's expectations, and expectations of the parent(s).

## Coaches Expectations

1. To teach athletes the skills needed in the sport.
2. Administer practices and games in a positive manner.
3. To care about each athlete and their development of good character.
4. To emphasize skills that young people can use later in life.
5. To communicate consistently with parents in a timely manner.
6. Hold athletes accountable to TMS behavior/attendance guidelines.
7. To make their best effort to inform parents of late arrivals from away games.
8. To be a positive role model to all during practices and games.
9. To be in control of their emotions.
10. To show interest, enthusiasm, and support for your child.

## What is expected of parents and family

1. Let the coach be the coach.
2. Remain in the spectator areas during contests.
3. Provide only supportive comments to coaches, officials, & players of both teams. Avoid any derogatory comments.
4. Do not coach your son or daughter during the contest.
5. Cheer for your team in a positive manner.
6. Show interest, enthusiasm, and support for your child, and others.
7. Be in control of your emotions.
8. If questions or concerns arise, make an appointment with the coach. Do not approach them during or after a practice or contest.

## Contacting the Coach

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent(s). These types of conferences are encouraged so that the positions of the coach and parent are understood. The following procedures should be followed to help foster good communication:

1. Call the school office (541-535-1552) to set up an appointment with the coach.

## Positive Role Model Agreement

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I agree to abide by the guidelines set forth, as well as family and friends that may be in attendance at any athletic event at Talent Middle School or representing Talent Middle School.

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Parent / Guardian signature

Date