

Chouteau Wildcat Interscholastic Sports

<u>Fall Sports</u> Cheerleading Fastpitch Softball Football Volleyball Cross Country	<u>Winter Sports</u> Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Cheerleading PowerLifting
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<u>Spring Sports</u> Baseball Boys Track Girls Track
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Goals of Interscholastic Athletics

- To effectively develop skills of student-athletes through strong and meaningful coaching
- Adequately prepare student-athletes to succeed in sports to the best of their ability.
- Offer a dynamic educational experience to student-athletes outside of the classroom that develops life skills that will be valuable in the future.

Important Numbers

Chouteau Administration Building: 918-476-8376

Chouteau High School: 918-476-8334

Chouteau Middle School: 918-476-8336

Fax: 918-476-8538

Athletic Schedules are available at www.chouteauwildcats.com

Athletic Event Admission Prices

Adults: \$5.00

Students: \$3:00

Chouteau Public Schools offer All-Sports passes that can be purchased at the Administration Office.

Student All-Sports Pass: \$25

Adult All-Sports Pass: \$50

Family Pass: \$150

Senior Citizens (Ages 65+) with proper ID can obtain a Senior Pass at the Administration Office.

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Chouteau Schools will extend the invitation to all boys and girls that desire to participate in an athletic program, with the understanding that athletics is a privilege and not a right. Each athlete is expected to follow guidelines set forth by Chouteau Schools, the OSSAA, and the coaches of their respective sport. Each student-athlete will be 100% accountable for his/her actions on an off the playing surface. The coaches, under the supervision of the Athletic Director and Chouteau Administration, shall have the authority to revoke the privilege of participation from any athlete when rules are not followed.

Sportsmanship

The following policy statement from the National Federation of State High School Associations expressed the concept of sportsmanship as follows:

“The ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and integrity permeate our culture. The values of good citizenship and high behavioral standards apply equally to all activity disciplines. In perception and practice, good, sportsmanship shall be defined as those qualities of behavior, which are characterized, by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, awareness is expected of the impact of an individual’s influence on the behavior of others. Good sportsmanship is viewed as a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.”

One of the main goals of the Chouteau Athletics program is to teach the concept of sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship requires that everyone is treated with respect. This includes members of the opposing team, officials, coaches, team mates and spectators. Winning is exciting, but winning at any cost is not the goal. Negative treatment of any participant is outside the spirit and interest of the contest. The conduct of the team is extended to parents and fans before, during, and after athletic events.

Physical Examinations

No student shall be eligible to participate in athletics until there is a current physical examination and medical release form is on file with the Athletic Director. Physical examinations and medical release forms are required for students each year. All physicals given for OSSAA participation must be given no earlier than May 15 of the preceding year in which students are to participate and before the first day of practice in that students particular

sport. Parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign the parental consent form each year before the pupil participates in any organized athletic practice or contest.

Team Travel

Team members will travel to athletic contests on school provided transportation unless prior arrangements have been made with the coach. Prior arrangements must be approved by the principal or athletic director. Athletes may leave with parents after a contest if the parents make arrangements with the coach. No athlete will be allowed to leave with another athletes parents without that athletes parent speaking directly to the coach and giving permission.

Attendance At Practice And Games

Being a student athlete is a privilege and once an athlete joins a team they have made a commitment to the school and team. The coach is responsible for setting the practice and game schedule and athletes are expected to attend every practice and game. Athletes and parents should be aware that practices will be scheduled during school breaks. If an athlete needs to miss practice it is the athletes responsibility to notify the coach in advance if they are going to miss a practice or game. The coach will determine if the if the absence is warranted and if there will be consequences as a result from the absence. It is possible that emergency situations may arise that may cause a student to miss a practice or a game. Coaches will work with students on the occasions.

School Attendance

Students must be in attendance for a half day to be eligible to represent Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools in any extracurricular activity. Exceptions to this rule will be decided by the principal.

Procedures To Address Athletic Concerns

Problems or concerns will be handled using the following method:

1. All concerns will be addressed with the teams coach before contacting any other entity.
2. If the issue cannot be resolved then a meeting must be scheduled with the Athletic Director and the coach.
3. If not satisfied with the Athletic Directors response, then you must schedule a meeting to discuss the issue with the Principal, Athletic Director, and coach.
4. The last step in handling issues is to schedule a meeting with the schools Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and coach.

Do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice! Contact the school the following day and set up a meeting!

Participation In Two Sports During The Same Season

Students who wish to participate in two sports during the same season may do so if both coaches agree. However the student must choose a main sport. Once that main sport is chosen the student may not miss an event for their main sport to participate in an event for their secondary sport. The student must also attend practices for both sports with a schedule created and agreed upon by both coaches. At no point can a student who is in offseason decide that they want to participate in a sport in which more than half of the season is completed. They will have to wait till the next year to participate.

Participation Outside the Current Grade Level

Student athletes in grades 5-9 will not be allowed to play down a grade level at any time. Student athletes in grades 5-8 will be allowed to play up a grade level under the following circumstance: **Inadequate number of student athletes for that particular grade.**

Should the circumstance arise the head coach will determine which athletes will move up. Eighth graders are not allowed to participate at the varsity level.

Drug Policy

All students who participate in any extracurricular activity at Chouteau-Mazie to a drug and alcohol testing program. All students must sign the policy form before participating. Testing will be conducted according to the Chouteau-Mazie policy.

Quitting A Sport

Commitment is the backbone to any highly successful athletic program. Chouteau-Mazie schools encourage athletes to "finish what you have started". Perseverance leads to long term success in life. If a student quits a sport before the season is completed, this student will remain in said sport until that season is completed unless both coaches mutually agree to waive the restriction.

Concussion and Head Injury

1. Each year every athlete and their parent/guardian are concussion and head injury and fact sheets.

2. All student athletes and their parent/guardian must sign an acknowledgement statement that they have read and understand the concussion/head injury information and warnings. The signed acknowledgment will be kept on file by the district.
3. Any athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during a practice or game must be removed from participation immediately.
4. Any athlete who has been removed from participation due to a suspected concussion or head injury may not return to participation until he or she has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider who is trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries. The must receive **written clearance** to return to participation from that health care provider.
5. Written clearance provided by licensed health care providers will be kept on file by the district for the remainder of the athletes participation at Chouteau-Mazie.
6. Accepted licensed health care providers shall be limited to: licensed physicians (M.D. or D.O.) a registered nurse or a certified athletic trainer.
7. All coaches are required to provide documentation that they have viewed the video, "Concussion in Sports: What you need to know" a the national federation website (www.nfhslearn.com). Documentation of viewing will be submitted to the Athletic Director and kept on file by the district.
8. To facilitate communication between administrators and coaches of all school sports with respect to student athlete head injuries. The Athletic Director will distribute the following information about any athletes who have been removed from participation due to a suspected concussion or head injury:
 - A. The athletes name
 - B. The date the suspected head injury or concussion occurred
 - C. The sport in which the athlete was participating at the time of the injury
 - D. Date of return to participation, along with the confirmation that all conditions put forth in numbers 4, 5, and 6 of this policy were met.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

1. Each year, all student athletes and their parent/guardian are given a sudden cardiac arrest fact sheet.
2. All student athletes and their parent/guardian must sign an acknowledgement statement that they have read and understand the sudden cardiac arrest fact sheet.
3. All coaches are required to provide documentation that they have viewed the video "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" at the National Federation website (www.nfhslearn.com). Documentation of viewing shall be submitted to the Athletic Director and kept on file by the district.

Scholastic Eligibility

Regular standards of eligibility will be governed by rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Coaches are responsible to see that all students are completely eligible before they are allowed to participate in any contest.

Semester Grades:

1. A student must have received a passing grade in any five subjects to be counted for graduation that he/she was enrolled in during the last semester he/she attended fifteen or more days.
2. If a student does not meet the scholastic standard he/she will not be eligible to participate during the first six weeks of the next 18 week grading period they attend.

Student Eligibility During a Semester:

1. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked after three full weeks of school each semester and each succeeding week thereafter. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin on Monday following the day eligibility is checked.
2. A Student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a semester. If placed on probation for the next one week period. If a student is failing any class the following week on grade check day he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one week grading period. The ineligibility periods will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.

Special Provisions:

1. A senior student maintains eligibility by passing the classes required for graduation.
2. An ineligible student who changes schools during a semester will not be eligible at the new school for a minimum period of three weeks. A student may regain his/her eligibility by passing all subjects enrolled in at the end of the three week period.
3. A student has handed in work before the grade check that would make them eligible. If the teacher agrees to grade the work the student can be declared eligible.

Hazing

Student hazing is expressly prohibited by the Board of Education policy

Uniforms and Equipment

The athlete is responsible for the proper care and security of equipment issued to him or her. All equipment not returned in good condition at the end of the season will be subject to a financial penalty.

1. All equipment and uniforms issued to a player is to be worn only at practice or scheduled games or scrimmages involving that particular sport.
2. The athlete must secure permission from the coach before any item is attached, added to, removed from or worn with a uniform that is issued to an athlete for a specific sport.
3. Each athlete is responsible for all equipment and uniform issued. Keep it clean and in the best possible condition. The Chouteau-Mazie School District is not responsible for lost or stolen equipment or uniforms.
4. All athletic equipment and uniforms are the property of Chouteau Mazie Public Schools. Therefore, school equipment may not be taken from the building for use of any other organization or for personal use. Any exception must be approved by the coach or athletic director.
5. All equipment and uniforms issued to an athlete must be returned at the end of the athletic season. Equipment that is not returned for any reason or that is damaged beyond normal wear and tear must be paid for at current replacement cost.