

Horizon Middle School



Welcome and congratulations on becoming a part of the Horizon Middle School Athletic Program. We are proud and excited to have you represent our school as positive examples of Horizon Panthers in both athletics and academics. We expect you to: **Be a PANTHER at all times in how you act and represent our school!**

Horizon Panther athletes' players and managers are expected to positively represent Horizon Middle School at all times: during school hours, practice times, on the bus, and while on the court during competition. Parents and guardians of athletes and managers are also expected to demonstrate positive sportsmanship and model appropriate behavior at all times. Please remember to support and respect all athletes and students, including those from the opposing teams.

Academics are considered a top priority and athletes must stay on top of schoolwork. Academic grades will be monitored on a weekly basis and students who are failing a class will be ineligible for play for the next Monday through Saturday period, or during fall and spring break until the next grade check. Students are not allowed to compete in a game or match with the team while they are ineligible, they are still required to go to practice. We do offer academic support and after school study lab to accommodate student needs.

Please refrain from coaching your own student while they are on the court, mat or field. Please leave the game-time coaching to the coaches; parents coaching from the stands can be a distraction and create confusion for the athletes. We, as adults, must model our expectations.

All team members are expected to attend every practice, game and team meeting. Practice begins each day immediately after school, and students need to be picked up, or walk home, after practice. Please notify coaches if players will be arriving late or leaving early prior to the practice/game if possible. As coaches with families, we realize family emergencies occur, but please keep us informed. Athletes reach goals and improve by attending practice and games, please schedule medical appointments around these times. If an athlete fails to notify their coach before missing an event it will be considered an unexcused absence. An athlete may be removed from a team after three unexcused absences.

Most importantly, we want all students to enjoy their experience as a member of the team. As coaches, we look forward to working with parents, players and the community in order to make this a positive learning experience for all.

Playing time throughout the season is based on the following:

- Positive Attitude
- Improvement
- Attendance
- Sportsmanship

Athletes are not guaranteed equal playing time in games

* Please read and review all forms associated with the Middle School Athletic Handbook for more details on: absences, eligibility, school, and league requirements and expectations

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding this information please feel free to contact the Principal or Athletic Department at any time.

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