

# **CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

## **I. MISSION**

The Carver Middle School Athletic program will be a collaborative effort of coaches, parents, teachers, and administrators promoting school spirit and dedication to academic excellence. We will strive to ensure that each member of the program receives the following benefits:

- \* Increased physical fitness and performance skills in a safe environment
- \* The ability to work as a contributing member of a team sharing a common goal and purpose
- \* The ability to respect themselves, peers and adult authority figures
- \* A clear understanding and demonstration of the rules of good sportsmanship

## **II. PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of the Carver Middle School Athletic program to:

1. Promote and uphold school spirit.
2. Represent Carver Middle School to the highest degree.
3. Set an example of good behavior at all times, including games and all school functions.
4. To promote friendship between those with whom we compete and members of our own squads.

## **III. PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The primary function of the athletic program is to promote and rally school spirit and support for Carver Middle School and our Carver community. All members are to be positive examples at all times for Carver Middle School.

## **III. ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is required at any function designated by the coach/sponsor including, but not limited to performances, games, practices, pep assemblies, fund raisers, community service projects and competitions.

- \* Illness (doctor's note may be required)
- \* Family emergency
- \* School function that goes towards a grade

Every effort has been made to adhere to a specific schedule for practices and games with ample notification given in most every instance.

In the case of an absence, the athlete or parent should notify the coach/sponsor by phone or note. Failure to do so will result in the absence being counted as unexcused.

**Tardies:** Being on time is essential to the smooth operation of our program. Oversleeping, traffic, forgotten items, or late carpoolers are not considered excused.

## **V. CONDUCT**

Membership in the Carver Middle School Athletic program is a privilege and students are expected to demonstrate appropriate and respectful behavior at all times. The following are some general guidelines:

- \* A student whose conduct or character at school is under discipline or whose conduct or character outside of school is such to reflect discredit upon the school or athletic program shall be ineligible until reinstated by the principal or athletic director.
- \* Violation of the Tulsa Public School Student Code of Conduct will result in immediate benching or dismissal from the squad.

### **GAME BEHAVIOR:**

- \* Members will pay attention to the entire game.
- \* Members will refrain from excessive talking and horseplay.
- \* Members will not talk during the national anthem.
- \* Members will not sit down, lie down or leave during a game.
- \* When sitting in the stands, members will sit with their squad, facing the front and focusing on the game.
- \* Members will refrain from making derogatory remarks or sounds such as booing that demean opposing teams, fans, other spirit squads, or game officials.
- \* Members will refrain from engaging in verbal confrontations with fans and spectators from other squads, teams, schools, or game officials.

*\*\*\*Because all circumstances cannot be identified in these guidelines, the athletic director reserves the right to determine acceptable behavior as they see fit.*

## **VI. ELIGIBILITY**

Academic performance is a top priority for the Carver Middle School Athletic program and members should be committed to maintaining high academic standards for both grades and classroom behavior. Eligibility for participation will be determined weekly using OSSAA guidelines and Carver Middle School requirements. The student will receive written notification from the athletic director on Monday morning of any D/F grades. Eligibility is from Sunday to Sunday. Athletes cannot be removed from the eligibility list.

For the first week that a student appears on the eligibility list with a D/ F, he/she will be notified by the athletic director and placed on probation. If the student receives a D/ F for a second week in a row (in any class); the student will be notified by the athletic director. It is the student's responsibility to share the information with the parent. The student may not wear his/her uniform to school. The student may resume activity as soon as his/her name no longer appears on the ineligibility list. Long term ineligibility (more than four

weeks) will result in dismissal from the Carver Middle School Athletic program to allow the student to concentrate on academics.

A failing grade on semester report cards will result in the student being ineligible for the first six weeks of the following semester. The student will not be allowed to practice or participate in any athletic activities during this six week period. The athlete will be reinstated at the end of the six weeks if all grades are "C" or above.

## VII. PRACTICES

- All paperwork must be turned into the athletic director before a student/athlete will be allowed to practice/participate. The paperwork includes: *TPS Sportsmanship Pledge, Physical/Concussion Form, and the Green Emergency Form.*

Practice is required for all athletes. Practices may increase to before and after school, prior to a special event, game or competition. Proper notification will be given by the coach/sponsor. An athlete may be required to sit out on any particular performance, as deemed necessary by the coach, should he/she miss any practices immediately preceding the event.

- \* No physical activity should be engaged in during a required practice or performance unless the coach or a designated adult is present.
- \* Students should never leave the practice area without the permission of the coach.
- \* Appropriate stretching should take place to prevent injury.
- \* Proper attire, including shoes, is **REQUIRED** at all practices.
- \* Injured students who are not participating should have a note from a parent.
- \* Prolonged injuries should be accompanied by a doctor's note specifically stating the injury and what extent of activity the student will be allowed to perform as well as date of return.

**BENCHING:** Benching is the removal of a Carver Middle School athlete from one or more games. Members may be benched or dismissed from the squad for the following:

- \*Violation of the Tulsa Public School Student Code of Conduct
- \*Attitude or behavior problems
- \*Academic ineligibility
- \*Disrespect to adult or authority figure
- \*Misconduct or actions that are damaging to the reputation of the athletic program

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