

Madison Consolidated High & Jr. High School Athletic Handbook



PURPOSE

This handbook is designed to explain the rules, regulations, and policies relative to participation in athletics at Madison Consolidated School Corporation. It is the belief of the coaches, administrators and Madison Consolidated School System Board of Trustees that participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, and that as a representative of the MCS, school system, and community, a student is expected to assume certain responsibilities and to live up to certain expectations. It is the purpose of this document to clarify those expectations.

Authority for the conduct of athletics in Indiana is governed by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) via the principals of member schools. The principal is assisted by the Athletic Director and head coaches.

As stated in the IHSAA By-Laws; any school may establish its own set of guidelines above and beyond those established by the state.

Shared Beliefs / Philosophy

1. A safe environment is essential for learning.
2. Everyone can and will learn.
3. Nurturing relationships and caring environments are necessary for individuals to thrive.
4. Every person is unique and has equal worth.
5. Diversity is a valuable asset that strengthens and enriches our community.
6. Education is the shared responsibility of students, families, teachers, staff and community.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Madison Consolidated Schools Athletic Department believes a competitive athletic program is a significant part of the total education experience. MCS provides a program of interscholastic athletics which promotes participation for qualified students within the rules and regulations of the Indiana High School Athletic Association and the MCS Athletic Department. It is the goal of our school to provide every student the opportunity to develop their potential as athletes in activities appropriate to their level of ability. MCS strives to provide such opportunity as a further means of developing the intellectual, emotional, and social maturity of our students, while at the same time teaching the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-sacrifice.

MCHS & MJHS ATHLETIC PROFILE

Madison has developed a rich and proud tradition in athletics. The school and community take pride in our many accomplishments. Our athletes have won championships at the conference, sectional, regional, semi-state, and state levels.

MCHS & MJHS offers a variety of athletic programs for its students. There are twenty-two sports opportunities for boys and girls at MCHS & MJHS. Boys are offered an eleven-sport program including cross country, football, soccer, and tennis in the fall; basketball, swimming, and wrestling in the winter; and baseball, golf, volleyball, and track in the spring. Girls are offered an eleven-sport program including cheerleading, cross country, golf, soccer, and volleyball in the fall; basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, and swimming in the winter; and softball, tennis, and track in the spring. All students with sufficient ability are eligible to “try out” provided they meet the established scholastic standards and conduct requirement.

It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and legal guardian to read this handbook prior to signing the Final Forms. Your signature indicates that you have read, understand, and will abide by all IHSAA and MCHS regulations as stated. A copy of the Parent/Student Agreement must be in Final Forms before an athlete may participate in any organized practice or competition at MCHS or MJHS. The Parent/Student Agreement in Final Forms must be renewed each year.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Representing Madison Consolidated Schools is an honor and privilege granted to students who are willing to make the sacrifices and commitment to meet the high standards expected of students serving as ambassadors for the school. Students representing the high school & jr. high school through their participation in extracurricular activities are expected to be positive role models by exhibiting a higher standard of conduct than students not serving as representatives of Madison Consolidated Schools. A student who brings discredit, embarrassment, or shame to the school by not abiding by the behavioral expectations may lose the right to represent MCHS or MJHS.

The following requirements shall be in effect once a student-athlete enrolls in jr. high & high school and continues until his/her graduation from Madison Consolidated High School. In other words, a Madison athlete will be held accountable for his/her actions every day of the year. Athletes are expected to represent Madison Consolidated Schools and the community in a positive manner in school, out of school, and on the athletic field.

ANTI-BULLYING

Bullying is **prohibited** by the School Corporation (“Corporation”). Students who commit any acts of bullying are subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, arrest, and/or prosecution.

Definition

“Bullying” is defined as overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically); physical acts committed; aggression; or any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student, creating for the targeted student an objectively hostile school environment that:

- (1) places the targeted student in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or property;
- (2) has a substantially detrimental effect on the targeted student’s physical or mental health;
- (3) has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student’s academic performance; or
- (4) has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the Corporation.

Bullying does **not** include, and should not be interpreted to impose any burden or sanction on, the following:

- participating in a religious event;

- acting in an emergency involving the protection of a person or property from an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or substantial danger;
- participating in an activity consisting of the exercise of a student's freedom of speech rights;
- participating in an activity conducted by a nonprofit or governmental entity that provides recreation, education, training, or other care under the supervision of one (1) or more adults;
- participating in an activity undertaken at the prior written direction of the student's parent; or
- engaging in interstate or international travel from a location outside Indiana to another location outside Indiana.

“Bullying,” as defined by this policy and state law, does **not** include actions involving employees. Any behaviors committed by, towards, or amongst Corporation employees should be reported to the employee’s supervisor, building principal, or Superintendent.

Applicability

The Corporation prohibits bullying in all forms. This policy may be applied regardless of the physical location in which the bullying behavior occurred, whenever the individual committing the bullying behavior and any of the intended targets of the bullying behavior are students attending a school within the Corporation and disciplinary action is reasonably necessary to avoid substantial interference with school discipline or prevent an unreasonable threat to the rights of others to a safe and peaceful learning environment. The Corporation prohibits bullying through the use

of data or computer software that is accessed through any computer, computer system, or computer network.

Bullying behaviors based on the targeted individual's race, color, national origin, sex, gender, religion, or disability may be investigated and processed according to the Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy.

Education

The Corporation will provide training and/or instruction on anti-bullying prevention and policy to all students in grades 1 through 12, as well as employees.

Reporting

Anyone who believes that a student has possibly been or is the victim of bullying is encouraged to **immediately** report the situation to an appropriate employee such as a teacher, school counselor, or administrator (including the Superintendent). All employees, volunteers, and contracted service providers who observe or receive a report of suspected bullying shall notify a designated school administrator in charge of receiving reports of suspected bullying within the same day. If an employee does not know who to make a report to, he or she should report directly to the building principal or Superintendent. Bullying reports to the Department of Child Services and/or law enforcement must be made as required by law, such as when an employee believes that a student is the victim of abuse or neglect. Any person who makes a report of bullying and requests to remain anonymous will not be personally identified as the reporter or complainant to extent permitted by law. The Corporation will act appropriately to discipline employees, volunteers, or contracted service providers who receive a report of bullying and fail to initiate or conduct an investigation of a bullying incident, and for persons who falsely report an incident of bullying. The Corporation will act

appropriately to discipline students, employees, visitors, or volunteers who make false reports of bullying.

Investigation

Once a report of suspected bullying is received by the designated school administrator, an expedited investigation shall follow. The investigation should be facilitated by the designated school administrator or other appropriate school employees. Information relating to the investigation will be gathered using means including, but not limited to: witness interviews, request for written witness statements, record identification and review, and an assessment of whether bullying occurred. The investigation will be initiated within one (1) school day of the report to the designated school administrator and will ordinarily be completed within ten (10) school days.

Intervention/Responses

If a report of suspected bullying is substantiated through an investigation, then The Corporation shall take appropriate intervention and responses as consistent with policy and procedure. The Corporation will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to stop the bullying, remedy the bullying, and prevent the bullying from recurring. Consistent with other legal obligations, the Corporation will prioritize the safety of the target of the bullying including transferring the bully or target to another school within the Corporation. Interventions and responses include, but are not limited to: separating the bully and the target; follow-up school counseling for the target; bullying education for the bully; and prompt disciplinary action against the bully. These steps should not penalize the target of the bullying. Disciplinary actions against the bully may include, but are not limited to: suspension and expulsion for students; discharge for employees; exclusion for parents, guests, volunteers, and contractors; and removal from any office for governing body

members. Also, if the acts of bullying rise to the level of serious criminal offense the matter may be referred to law enforcement. The Corporation shall inform the parents of all students involved in alleged incidents before the end of the next school day after the school becomes aware of the possible incident, and, as appropriate, may discuss the availability of counseling and other intervention services.

Parental Involvement

Parents are encouraged to be involved in the process of minimizing bullying. Parents may review any materials used in any bullying prevention or suicide prevention program employed by the Corporation. Parents should report suspected acts of bullying to an appropriate school official. In addition, parents of students suspected of bullying will be notified with a phone call or through other appropriate means of communication. Conversely, parents of students suspected of being the target of acts of bullying will also be notified with a phone call or through other means of appropriate communication. Parents of both the targeted student and alleged perpetrator will be notified of the investigation before the end of the next school day after the school becomes aware of the incident. Parents will also be notified of the conclusion of the investigation before the end of the next school day after the conclusion. Parents of students who are disciplined for acts of bullying will be involved in the disciplinary process consistent with the law and Corporation policy.

Reporting to IDOE

Each school within the Corporation will record and report to the Superintendent or his or her designee the frequency of bullying incidents in the following categories: verbal bullying, physical bullying, social/relational bullying, and electronic/written communication bullying (or a combination of two or more of the above categories). The Superintendent or his or her designee shall

report the number of bullying incidents by category for each school and the entire corporation for each school term to the Indiana Department of Education by July 1.

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Madison Consolidated Schools

ELIGIBILITY RULES

All student-athletes must adhere to the standards and rules established by the IHSAA and Madison Consolidated Schools.

YOU ARE INELIGIBLE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

Age

- You are twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals tournament in a sport.

Amateurism

- You play under an assumed name.
- You accept money or merchandise directly or indirectly for athletic participation.
- You sign a professional contract in that sport.

Awards/Gifts

- You receive in recognition for your athletic ability any award not approved by your high school principal or the IHSAA
- You use or accept merchandise as an award, prize, gift, or loan.
- You accept awards, medals, recognitions, gifts, and/or honors from colleges/universities or their alumni.

Conduct/Character

- You conduct yourself in or out of school in a way which reflects discredit on your school or the IHSAA.
- You create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral, and educational environment in your school.

Enrollment/Attendance

- You did not enroll in a school during the first 15 days of a semester.
- You have been enrolled more than four consecutive years or the equivalent (e.g. twelve (12) semesters in a trimester, etc.), beginning with grade nine (9).
- You have represented a high school in a sport for more than four years.

Illness/Injury

- You are absent five or more consecutive school days due to illness or injury and do not present to your principal written verification from a physician licensed to practice medicine stating that you may resume participation.

Participation

- During Contest Season
 - You participate in try-outs or demonstrations of athletic ability in that sport as a prospective post-secondary school student-athlete.
 - You participate as an individual on any team other than your school team.
 - You participate as an individual without following the criteria for the outstanding student-athlete.
 - You attend a non-school camp.
 - You attend and participate in a student-clinic.
- During School Year Out-of-Season

- You participate in a team sport contest as a member of a non-school team where there are more than the following number of students listed below in each sport, who have participated in the previous year in a contest as a member of their school team in that sport.

- Basketball - 3
- Baseball - 5
- Football - 6
- Volleyball - 3
- Softball - 5
- Soccer - 7

- During summer
 - You attend a non-school fall sports camp and/or clinic after Monday of IHSAA Week Four (4)
 - You attend any other non-school camp and/or clinic after Monday of IHSAA Week Five (5)

Appropriate Chain Command to Address Conflict

- First Step- Player needs to meet with the Head Coach. The vast majority of concerns will hopefully be worked out at this step.
- Second Step- Player/Parent/Head Coach will all meet to discuss the concern.
- Third Step- If concern is not resolved, then a meeting with the Athletic Director will be set-up with Player, Parent, & Head Coach all present.
- Fourth Step- If concern is not resolved, then a meeting with the Principal will be set-up with Player, Parent, Head Coach, & Athletic Director all present.

- Fifth Step- If concern is not resolved, then a meeting with the Superintendent will be set-up with Player, Parent, & Head Coach, Athletic Director, & Principal all present.

Required Practices

- The IHSAA requires you have 8 days practice prior to participation in a contest. (Only five (5) practices are needed if you have just recently completed an IHSAA sanctioned sport.)

Scholarship (Grades)

- Student-athletes must be passing 70% of the full credit classes. In our 7 period day they must be scheduled for and passing five (5) classes every quarter. At the end of each semester, the semester grade is the grade used to determine eligibility.

Transfer

- You transfer for primarily athletic purposes.
- You transfer as a result of undue influence.
- You transfer as a means to nullify punitive action taken by the previous school.
- You transfer without parent/guardian changing residence. (Possible waiver by IHSAA Commissioner.)
- You are a foreign exchange student and the principal does not have on file a signed and completed IHSAA application for a foreign exchange student. A foreign exchange student has only one year of eligibility.

Undue Influence

- You have been influenced by any person to retain or secure you as a student or one or both parents or guardians as residents.

MCHS & MJHS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Required Documentation:

Each MCHS & MJHS student-athlete must have the following documents on file through Final Forms (madison-in.finalforms.com) with the athletic office before they can participate in any organized practice or competition at MCHS or MJHS:

- Physical Examination Form and Proof of Insurance (Same form) Must be dated April 1 or later and prior to the first practice
- Parent/Student Agreement Signature (Handbook)
- Permission to Drug Test Form
- SCA/Concussion form turned in
- Impact Test (completed by trainer)

*MCHS & MJHS administrators, coaches, and trainers are concerned about student-athletes' safety. Coaches are trained to instruct athletes in the safe and proper techniques of their particular sports. However, due to the nature of athletic activity, injuries do occur. The school provides the opportunity for participation while the parent/guardian retains the right of denial for such participation.

Parents/guardians will be responsible for all medical costs associated with athletic participation. We strongly advise that parents purchase insurance to cover athletic injuries and the cost of treatment.

The IHSAA carries catastrophic insurance for major injuries incurred during participation in approved IHSAA sports programs. The policy pays a premium on catastrophic coverage from \$25,000. It should be noted that neither the IHSAA nor Madison Consolidated Schools carries any kind of first-dollar medical insurance for athletic injuries.

MULTIPLE SPORT PARTICIPATION

The Madison Consolidated Schools Athletic Department supports the concept of participation in more than one high school sport. High school coaches should not establish expectations “out of season” which would prohibit or restrict a student’s participation in another sport which is “in season.” A student who wishes to participate in more than one sport in the same season (fall, winter, and spring) must communicate to the coaches involved and the Athletic Director. A schedule resolving all practice and competition conflicts must be established prior to the season and Dual Sport Participation Form Filled out and signed by all parties involved. The student-athlete may be asked to designate a “primary” sport if necessary.

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

Where sports and other school activity conflicts occur, the following policy will apply:

- The “performance,” i.e., the athletic game or meet, theatrical performance, concert or contest in music, has priority over practice or extra rehearsal. In the event a practice, extra rehearsal, or even final dress rehearsal is scheduled at the same time as an athletic game or meet occurs in which the student is participating, the game or meet has priority and the theatrical or music member is excused without penalty. Conversely, in the event the theatrical or music “performance” conflicts with an athletic practice, the “performance” takes priority and non-participation will not result in a penalty.
- The student must inform the athletic coach **and** the teacher/activity sponsor of the conflict no less than three weeks prior to the date of the event (Proactive Communication). Punitive consequences (reduction in

grade, reduction in playing time, etc.) may occur if this does not happen.

- In the event the practice occurs at the same time as theater, music, and sports, the practice time shall be divided equally between the two activities. The parties involved can work out a mutual agreement to trade off every other day in having the athlete involved.
- In the event a theatrical or music performance conflicts with a game, scheduled at the same time, the student is permitted a choice without penalty. This decision must be conveyed to both athletic coach and teacher/activity sponsor. If this causes a problem, the high school principal will act as an arbitrator.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- No athletic equipment issued to team members may be worn in gym class or outside of practice or game situations. Note: jackets, jerseys, etc. are not to be worn by anyone other than the athlete to whom the equipment was issued. (Exception: athletes may wear game jerseys, shirts or warm-up on the day of a game or meet with the coach’s approval.)
- All equipment issued to athletes shall be recorded by the head coach and returned at the conclusion of the season.
- It is the coach’s responsibility to see that all equipment is returned and in good condition.
- If the equipment is lost or has had abnormal usage, the athlete will pay for the replacement.
- All student purchases through the athletic department must be paid for prior to equipment being issued.

TRANSPORTATION

- It is expected that all athletes ride on the bus to and from the site of the game/meet.

- Appropriate behavior and citizenship is expected of all students who ride buses.
- The coach is responsible for exercising control and maintaining proper supervision of their team on the bus.
- An athlete must remain under the supervision of the coach on all trips from the time of departure until the return to Madison.
 - Exception: an athlete may return home with his/her parent(s) upon the parent's notification, in writing or in person, to the coach. This request may be denied by the coach.
 - No athlete may ride home with a team member's parent unless a written permission form from his/her parents is given to the coach prior to departure from the event.
 - No athlete will be permitted to return home with anyone but a parent or a pre-approved parent of a teammate.

WEIGHT ROOM RULES

- No athlete is permitted in the weight room without a coach supervising.
- No food or beverages are permitted in the room.
- No horseplay, running, wrestling, etc. will be tolerated.
- All athletes are expected to work with "spotters" at all times.
- Equipment should be put back in its place after use.
- In-season sports teams will have first priority for weight room usage.
- Athletes failing to comply with weight room rules will be reprimanded or could lose their privilege to be in the weight room for a period of time.

INDIVIDUAL TEAM RULES

Each head coach may establish training and behavioral rules for athletes under their supervision during the IHSAA season.

These rules will typically cover language, being on time for practices, dress for contests, decorum at contests and on buses, sportsmanship, and curfew on nights before and after the contest.

Specific rules established by the head coach, that may go above and beyond those established in MCS Athletic Handbook, in a sport will be put in writing and a copy will be made available to the athlete and his/her parents.

CHANGING SPORTS

Athletes will be allowed to transfer from one sport to another only with the approval of the Athletic Director and both head coaches.

- Transfers will be denied for the following reasons:
 - The first scheduled contest of the season has already been played.
 - The athlete has not turned in all equipment, locks, and uniforms.
- In the event an athlete is dismissed from a team during the season for disciplinary action or quits, he/she will not be allowed to:
 - Join another team during the same season.
 - Participate in off-season workouts, unless both head coaches and Athletic Director meet and agree.

GAME CONDUCT

Profanity or inappropriate gestures will not be tolerated and may result in suspension.

EJECTION FROM AN ATHLETIC CONTEST

Anytime an athlete is ejected from a game, meet, or contest the Athletic Director will be notified as soon as possible. The athlete will be suspended from participation under the following guidelines.

First Violation

According to IHSAA By-Law 8-4: Any student-athlete who is ejected from a Contest for an unsportsmanlike act the first time during a sports season shall be suspended from the next Inter-School Contest at that level of competition and all other Inter-School Contests at any level in the interim, unless an IHSAA sport-specific rule or policy provides a different protocol or penalty for ejections. The student-athlete will also have to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course before returning to competition.

The athlete may not:

- o Participate in any contest at any level of play until the suspension has been served.
- o A suspended athlete can practice during the suspension period at the Athletic Director's discretion.
- o A suspended athlete must attend contests at the Athletic Director's discretion.

Note: Tournaments (conference, sectional, etc.) are not exempt from suspension. If a tournament is the next contest, the athlete will be unable to participate until required suspension is served.

Second Violation

Any student-athlete who is ejected from a Contest for an unsportsmanlike act a second time during a sport season shall be suspended for the next Two (2) Contests at that level of competition and all other Contests at any level in the interim, unless an IHSAA sportspecific rule or policy provides a different protocol or penalty for a second ejection.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Absence from School

- An athlete should strive to be at school every day. The purpose of the IHSAA states, "The purpose of the IHSAA is to ensure athletics remain subservient to academics, and to maximize the opportunity for students to engage in transformative relationships with coaches and teammates in which their character and emotional maturity is developed to empower them to be effective in life."
- In order for a student-athlete to participate in extracurricular activities, they must arrive by the start of second period (Students who have classes off campus/internships first period should be present by start of second period class at appropriate location of the class) The exceptions would be for a doctor's appointment, pre-arranged college visit, or for a family emergency. The student must have a note for a doctor's appointment, indicating the start time and end time of the appointment. If there is a question on what constitutes a "family emergency" the student should check with the Athletic Department and/or Principal.
- A student-athlete is expected to attend all of their scheduled classes and may not leave the building at any time during school hours to be eligible to practice or play that day. The exceptions would be for an approved field trip or other academic class departure (Such as Internships or Ivy Tech Classes), a doctor's appointment, Pre-arranged college visit, or for a family emergency. (ie: Taking an Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's Test or having lunch off campus is not considered an emergency.)
- Early release from class for a team (or an individual participating in the IHSAA state tournament or Mid-Southern Conference event) must be pre-arranged by

the Head Coach and approved by the Principal and Athletic Director. If a student-athlete chooses to attend an extracurricular activity that is **not** related to an IHSAA State Tournament or Mid-Southern Conference event, the pre-arranged absence process must be completed through the school. In these situations, student-athletes and their families are responsible for providing their own transportation.

- Saturday events are not affected by Friday's attendance.

In-School Suspension

Any student assigned all day "in school" suspension due to misconduct is ineligible to practice or compete that day. Any student who violates this rule will be suspended from two athletic contests to run consecutively.

Out of School Suspension

No student will participate in practice or competition on the day that he/she has been suspended from school for that day or any part of that day. In order to return to participation, the student must gain clearance from a school official designated by the principal.

SUMMER PARTICIPATION

- The IHSAA allows coaches of team sports to conduct a one-week team camp at the school facilities for high school athletes. This camp may be conducted anytime during the summer but must be completed prior to Monday, Week Four (4) of the IHSAA calendar.
Note: This team camp shall be voluntary. No athlete will be penalized for non-participation.
- The IHSAA mandates a one-week moratorium and Five (5) additional separate weekdays from all open facility, conditioning, and weight lifting programs. There shall be no

contact between the coaches and student-athletes during this week.

- The IHSAA has established the Week of July Fourth (4th) for the one-week moratorium.

Additional weeks may be mandated by the MCS Athletic Department.

- The IHSAA no longer establishes rules and mandates concerning summer practices or open gym activities. The IHSAA does require all summer activities end by IHSAA Week Four (4).

Social Media Policy

Per, IHSAA by-Laws Rule 8, athletes will face disciplinary action determined on a case-by-case basis.

Harassment and Hazing

Harassment and hazing are inappropriate and potentially dangerous. The MCS does not condone or tolerate any form of harassment or hazing.

- Students should report any incidents of harassing or hazing behavior to their coaches, teachers, or school administrator.
- Coaches and school personnel should report any incidents of harassing behavior or hazing among their athletes/students to the athletic director or to a school administrator.
- Coach to student-athlete harassment or hazing should be reported to the athletic director or to a school administrator.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/VAPING/DRUGS

A student participating in extracurricular activities shall not possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage,

tobacco, vaping, or drugs. Violation(s) of this rule will result in the following disciplinary action, which are cumulative throughout a student-athlete's career. Only violations within one year of the incident will the following offenses apply. Student-Athletes moving from Jr. High Athletics to High School Athletics will start with a clean slate for violations.

First Offense: Parent(s) will be required to communicate with the Athletic Director and head coach to discuss the course of action.

The minimum consequence shall be:

- An immediate suspension from twenty-five (25) percent of scheduled contests. If the student-athlete is not currently participating, then the suspension will be served during his/her upcoming season.
- Completion of 20 hours of documented community service with an approved service organization. Students may participate in practice sessions (with the approval of the head coach and Athletic Director) but may not dress out for games or activities until all requirements for the violation of this rule have been completed.
- Completion of required education program associated with their infraction

Second Offense: Parent(s) will be required to communicate with the Athletic Director and head coach to discuss the course of action. The minimum consequence shall be

- An immediate suspension from fifty (50) percent of scheduled contests. If the student-athlete is not currently participating, then the suspension will be served during his/her upcoming season.
- Completion of 30 hours of documented community service with an approved service organization. Students may participate in practice sessions (with the approval of the head coach and Athletic Director) but may not dress out for

games or activities until all requirements for the violation of this rule have been completed.

- Completion of required education program associated with their infraction

Third Offense: Parent(s) will be required to communicate with the Athletic Director and head coach to discuss the course of action. The minimum consequence shall be

- An immediate suspension from seventy-five (75) percent of scheduled contests. If the student-athlete is not currently participating, then the suspension will be served during his/her upcoming season.
- Completion of 40 hours of documented community service with an approved service organization. Students may participate in practice sessions (with the approval of the head coach and Athletic Director) but may not dress out for games or activities until all requirements for the violation of this rule have been completed.
- Completion of required education program associated with their infraction

Fourth Offense: The student will not be permitted to represent MCHS/MJHS or participate in any athletic activities in any capacity for the rest of his/her High School or Jr.High career.

MCHS & MJHS DRUG TESTING

The Madison Consolidated School System has a random drug testing program. Randomized testing procedures are outlined in the High School Student Handbook (Page 28).

DRUGS EXPLAINED

No student-athlete shall possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug,

amphetamine, barbiturate or marijuana. In addition, the use of steroids or illegal inhalants (huffing) will also be prohibited.

Use of a drug in a manner authorized by a medical prescription from a health care provider is not a violation of the rule. In addition, students participating in extracurricular activities may not possess, use or transmit any substance which is represented to be or look like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverages, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind.

Also, possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of highly caffeine-based substances (examples of highly caffeine based substances are Celsius Energy Drink (containing-ginseng, guarana, L-Carnitine, and taurine), Stay-Awake, Mini Thin, Vivarine, Jet Alert, to name a few), substances containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA), or stimulants of any kind, whether available with or without a prescription will not be permitted.

THEFT AND VANDALISM

The taking, willful destruction or marring of personal or private property by any student participating in any extracurricular activities shall not vandalize the property of others, in any setting or location.

A student shall not have in their possession any item taken from another individual, school, business, etc. without permission or without properly purchasing an item. Being in possession of the stolen property shall be treated the same as actually stealing the property. Violation of this rule shall result in the parent(s) being required to meet with the Athletic Director and head coach to discuss the course of action.

Game Suspensions

If a student-athlete is suspended from their season due to an infraction and the number of games remaining is less than his/her

suspension, the suspension will carry over into their next season until the full suspension has been served.

SELF REFERRAL POLICY

In case of self-referral for the athlete's first offense, the total penalty will be reduced to 10% of an athletic season if both of the following occur:

- The student or the student's parents or guardians report the violation to the Athletic Director or a head coach prior to administration confirmation of a violation
- The student submits to a substance abuse program as described above.

A suspension reduction will not be eligible for the self-reporting clause if:

- School personnel are a witness to the infraction
- The incident occurs on school property or at a school function
- The student receives school disciplinary action outside of the athletics department

Miscellaneous Violations

If a Student-Athlete receives disciplinary action for an infraction that is not defined currently in this Handbook they are still subject to consequences determined by School Administration & Head Coach.

STUDENT APPEAL PROCESS

- An athlete has the right to appeal violations.
- The imposed penalty will remain in effect during the appeal process.
- The appeal must be made within five (5) school days following notification of the penalty. It must be in writing stating the basis

of the appeal. School officials will review and decide on the appeal within five (5) school days.

- The building appeals committee will be organized by the Athletic Director and shall consist of five committee members. Committee members will be made up of two Head Coaches (that do not coach the athlete to avoid bias), two Secondary Administrators (From either Jr. High or High School), and our Title IX Coordinator. The Athletic Director will conduct the appeals hearing.
- The decision by the committee is final; there will be no additional steps.

MCHS ATHLETIC AWARDS

Qualifications for Awards

- An athlete must have complied with all IHSA and local eligibility rules.
- An athlete must have returned all equipment issued to them to the satisfaction of the head coach.
- An athlete must complete the season. An athlete with a school-related injury is still expected to be with the team until the season concludes.
- Each student-athlete must meet specific standards set in each sport by the head coach in order to qualify for a varsity letter and other awards or certificates.

Awards Program

Athletic awards are presented at the conclusion of each season. Athletes and their parents are encouraged to attend this program.

Types of Awards

- Participation Certificate - Award for successful participation on a team.
- Varsity Letter & Numerals- Award for meeting lettering requirements in a varsity sport.

- Bar - Awards for varsity participation after an athlete has received their first varsity letter.
- Letter Jacket - Athletes may purchase a letter jacket on their own after they have earned one varsity letter. MCHS does not provide Letter Jackets.

MCHS Athletic Department Awards

- Mary Louise Eisenhardt Female Sportsmanship Award
 - Displays outstanding sportsmanship towards both teammates and opponents.
 - Responds in a positive manner towards her coaches.
 - Reflects a “Class” attitude toward crowd reaction and contest situations.
- George Gray Male Sportsmanship Award
 - Displays outstanding sportsmanship towards both teammates and opponents.
 - Responds in a positive manner towards his coaches.
 - Reflects a “Class” attitude toward crowd reaction and contest situations.
- Female Athlete of the Year
 - One sport or multi-sport athlete.
 - Excels in athletic ability, school citizenship, and overall personal conduct.
 - Outstanding role model for younger athletes.
- Male Athlete of the Year
 - One sport or multi-sport athlete.
 - Excels in athletic ability, school citizenship, and overall personal conduct.
 - Outstanding role model for younger athletes.

MCHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Madison has an athletic Hall of Fame to recognize former athletes that represented MCHS. Requirements to be recognized in the Athletic Hall of Fame are as follows:

- At Large can be nominated and if committee agrees upon as long as stipulations occur:
 - Each Sport Can Nominate on Ballot
 - No Timeframe removed
 - Limit on total number from your sport
 - Two Eras 19xx/20xx
 - 1 new nomination per year, capped at 4 total nominations
 - Teams can also be nominated
- Nominated 1st Team All State no matter what grade by their Coaches Association
- State Placer in Individual Sports (Top 9)
- Team in State Championship
- State Hall of Famer for their sport

*Some individuals and teams may have been grandfathered under the old criteria.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has established specific standards for participation in any of its member schools' intercollegiate programs.

Please visit the National Collegiate Athletic Association website at www.ncaa.org for further information about academic standards.

Upon request, the Madison Consolidated High School Counseling Center will help students determine the number of core classes and academic eligibility as determined by GPA and test scores.

A student athlete planning to enroll in college as a freshman and participating in Division I or Division II athletics must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.

Forms and instructions are available at the ncaa.org website.

INDIANA NCAA COLLEGES

Division I (11)

Ball State	Butler	Evansville	Indiana
Indiana State	IUPUI	Notre Dame	Purdue
Purdue-FW	Valparaiso	Southern Indiana	

Division II (2)

U-Indy	Purdue NW		
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Division III (10)

Anderson	DePauw	Earlham	Franklin
Hanover	Manchester	Rose-Hulman	St. Mary's
Trine	Wabash		

NAIA (17)

Bethel	Calumet	Goshen	Grace
Holy Cross	Huntington	IU-East	IU-Kokomo
IU-NW	IU-South Bend	IU-SE	Indiana Tech
IN Wesleyan	Marian	Oakland City	St. Francis
Taylor			

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: Madison Consolidated High School

Grades: 9 - 12

Address: 743 Clifty Drive, Madison, Indiana 47250

School/Athletic Phone: (812) 274-8402 ext. 8

Athletic Website:

<https://websites.eventlink.com/s/madison-consolidated-high-school/>

School Song: *Washington and Lee Swing*

Superintendent: Dr. Teresa Brown

HS Principal: Ronnie Lawhead

HS Assistant Principal: Dan Grill

HS Assistant Principal: Angelia Upchurch

Lead School Counselor: Janelle Smith

Athletic Director: Devin Brierly

Assistant Athletic Director: Kyle Boekeloo

Name of School: Madison Junior High School

Grades: 5 - 8

Address: 701 8th Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250

JH Principal: Jordan Warner

JH Assistant Principal: David Horvath

JH Assistant Principal: Brandon Frye

School Song

(Washington and Lee Swing)

Well this is M*A*D*I*S*O*N.

Are we a peppy bunch, well yes, I guess.

For when the loyal students gather 'round,

We'll raise to Heaven above our ripping, roaring sound.

Well this is M*A*D*I*S*O*N.

Break through that defense;

Make these touchdowns (baskets) ring.

For we're the same who put the "M" in fame

Always game

M H S Rah! Rah!

C U B S

Go Cubs Go!

School Colors

Red and White

Nickname

Cubs

Substance Offense	Consequence
1st Offense	25% Game Suspension 20 Hrs. Community Service Education Program
SELF-REFERRAL (1st Offense)	10% Game Suspension 20 Hrs. Community Service Education Program
2nd Offense	50% Game Suspension 30 Hrs. Community Service Education Program
3rd Offense	75% Game Suspension 40 Hrs. Community Service Education Program
4th Offense	Career Suspension