

Muscogee County School District Middle School Athletic Event Guidelines

Middle School Sportsmanship Statement:

The Muscogee County School District (MCSD) is dedicated to promoting exemplary sportsmanship among student-athletes, coaches, and spectators at all athletic events. Any use of profanity, derogatory remarks, or intimidating behavior directed towards officials, competitors, or fellow spectators will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the event premises. Spectators are prohibited from entering the competition area before, during, or after the contest. Violators may be asked to leave the venue. We appreciate your cooperation in upholding the principles of good sportsmanship at today's event.

Enhanced Security

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all attendees, MCSD will implement a series of safety procedures and guidelines, effective immediately. These include:

- Safety personnel and school administration will be stationed throughout the venue to monitor entrances, exits, and crowd behavior, ensuring a safe and comfortable environment for all.
- The District reserves the right to deny admission based on reasonable suspicion of illegal drug or alcohol use.
- **School-aged students will be refused entry without an adult, even if a ticket was previously purchased.**

Attendance

- At the end of the school day, the campus will be cleared of all students (excluding the student-athletes participating in the game). All students should leave campus and return for games when the gates open. Gates will generally open 30 minutes before the start of the event.
- All middle school students and younger children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at least 21 years of age, who is responsible for them throughout the event.
SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS WITH A TICKET WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY WITHOUT AN ADULT.
- No more than five (5) students will be permitted per adult.
- Once in the athletic location, all spectators must remain on their respective sides and in the bleachers unless using the restroom or getting items from the concession stand.
- The MCSD Code of Conduct, available online and provided to all students, parents, and guardians at the beginning of each school year, applies to any event hosted by the District. In addition, attendees exhibiting horseplay, insubordination, disrespect, and fighting are subject to removal and may be banned from future games.

Bags

- **Bag Size Restrictions:** Bags larger than 5 x 9 inches will no longer be permitted inside the athletic events. Attendees are encouraged to leave bulky bags at home to expedite entry and security checks.

- Exceptions for Essential Bags: To accommodate essential needs, exceptions will be made by security personnel at their discretion for medical bags, diaper bags when accompanied by an age-appropriate child, and small, single-compartment clutches no larger than 5 x 9 inches. These bags will be subject to inspection upon entry.
- Enhanced Security Measures: All bags, regardless of size, will be subject to thorough security inspections to ensure the safety of all attendees. The enhanced security measures align with our commitment to providing a secure environment for all guests.
- Media personnel, photographers, student-athletes, athletic staff, trainers, band members, and band staff may bring bags subject to inspection before entry.

Student Dress Code

- Students should follow the dress code stated in the Muscogee County School District Student Handbook. The District reserves the right to remove students found to be in violation of the Student Dress.
- Face coverings, other than medical-grade, are prohibited. Violations may result in removal from the event.

Tickets and Entry

- All spectators, school personnel, and athletes are subject to enhanced security measures when entering the athletic facility.
- Tickets are available digitally and may be purchased at gofan.co.
- Those who exit the athletic event after initial clearance and entry are not permitted to re-enter the event. Refunds will not be issued to anyone who has been denied admission, asked to leave, or has been removed from an event.
- There will be no admittance or purchase of tickets after half-time of the game (of the final game if there is more than one).

Exiting the Athletic Event

- We request your patience and cooperation as we facilitate an organized exit after the game. Please follow the instructions of the school staff for a safe departure.