



**BRECK ATHLETICS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
REQUEST TO PLAY VARSITY**

Student Name _____ Sport _____ Grade _____ School Year _____

Breck School Athletics Policy states that Middle School students (7th and 8th graders only) may petition to try out and participate on a Varsity team. Prior to the designated date, the athlete must submit this petition form to the Middle School Office for review by the Athletic Director and Middle School Director.

This form represents the student's request to try out and perhaps participate on a Varsity team. Students that are at a Varsity level will be placed accordingly. The expectation for a student who does not make Varsity would be to play at the Middle School level.

A case may be presented, on a case-by-case basis, to the Athletic Director for a Middle School student to be placed on a sub-varsity team if the following all holds true:

- The student desires to play on sub-varsity team for developmental reasons
- The parents support their student athlete's wish to play up
- The student is academically, emotionally and socially prepared to play with older players
- The head varsity coach and the coach of the appropriate sub-varsity team must give approval
- The student athlete may not displace another member on the team. There must be a place for this athlete in terms of roster size or position.

The Middle School Director and Athletic Director will review all information upon being presented with a case, and will set up a meeting with the athlete, their parents and the varsity head coach. From that meeting an appropriate ruling will be made. If applying for more than one sport, each petition will be vetted individually. The following dates are the deadlines for each season:

- Fall - July 1
- Winter - October 1
- Spring - February 1

The Middle School athlete who is petitioning up is declaring they are willing to take on the responsibilities of an Upper School sports team and are expected to abide by all of the rules and policies set in place by the team, Breck School, and the Minnesota State High School League.

By signing this form, parents indicate that they understand that their child's participation is a choice and that academic concessions will not be made due to time constraints created by the child's athletic commitment.

Athlete Statement: "I wish to apply for permission to try out for a Varsity team. I understand that I must adhere to all school and MSHSL policies and meet all academic and athletic obligations. In addition to completing this petition, I understand that I must also complete the MSHSL eligibility form, health questionnaire, and have a current physical exam on file in the Health Center"

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date