

TSD MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER ATHLETICS: Girls' & Boys' Basketball, Volleyball

This plan follows all MHSAA & NFHS guidelines and procedures

General Information

- Athletes will need to provide their own transportation to and from practice
 - One-way bus transportation will be provided to away games
 - COVID Waiver must be signed and submitted prior to participating in any practices (copy of waiver is provided)
 - Athletes will have their temperature checked and be given a COVID screener survey prior to all practices and games (copy of MHSAA screener is provided)
 - Athletes should stay home if they are exhibiting any COVID-related symptoms
 - Masks must be worn during team meetings, entering/exiting practice facility, and practices/games
 - Wash hands before coming to and after returning home from practice
 - Shower immediately upon returning to home
 - Wash clothes as soon as possible from each practice
 - Athletes should wear their own clothing, includes uniforms, pinnies, etc.
 - Athletes should bring their own hand sanitizer and water bottle (with name on it and filled); these should not be shared with others
 - No handshakes, fist bumps, high fives, or contact celebrations
 - No visitors or spectators are allowed at practices
 - Two spectators per team member will be allowed for games
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MS Girls' Basketball, MS Boys' Basketball, MS Volleyball Season

- Approximate Schedule below—2-3 weeks of practice, 3 weeks of 6 games—home & away series between Troy middle schools
- **Girls' Basketball**
 - Practice begins Monday, November 9
 - Games
 - Tues & Thur, December 1 & 3
 - Mon & Wed, December 7 & 9
 - Mon & Wed, December 14 & 16

- **Boys' Basketball**
 - Practice begins Monday, January 4 (or Tuesday, January 5)
 - Games
 - Tues & Thur, January 26 & 28
 - Tues & Thur, February 2 & 4
 - Mon & Wed, February 8 & 10
 - **Volleyball**
 - Practice begins Thursday, February 11 or Wednesday, February 17
 - Games
 - Tue & Thur, March 2 & 4
 - Mon & Wed, March 8 & 10
 - Mon & Wed, March 15 & 17
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Sports Physicals

Due to the COVID-19 complexities, for the 2020-21 school year the MHSAA sports physical requirement will be waived for students in any grade who received a valid physical for sports during the 2019-20 school year (one completed on or after April 15, 2019). These students and their parents/guardians will be required to complete the two-page MHSAA Sports Health Questionnaire, which is in FinalForms.

FinalForms

We are entering the second year of a partnership between the Troy School District and FinalForms, an online forms and data management service, for athletics (first year at the middle school level). FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your student-athletes. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice. FinalForms also pre-populates information wherever possible, for each of your student-athletes, saving you time.

You may review your data at any time to verify it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update.

ALL parents of 7th & 8th grade student-athletes are to use FinalForms.

Please register at: <https://troy-mi.finalforms.com> and follow the prompts to create your account and sign your forms. Note: unlike high school student-athletes, middle school student-athletes will not need to create their own account.

The **Parent Playbook** provides information on registering. If you require any support during the process, scroll to the page bottom and click “Use Support”.

In using Final Forms, Troy School District is also transitioning to a new physical form (which is the MHSAA recommended form). This physical form is in Final Forms and, after you have answered the questions on the form, you will be able to print the form out and take with you to the doctor’s office for your child’s physical.

Also, you will be able to make the Pay to Participate payment directly in Final Forms using Stripe. Directions and prompts will be provided within Final Forms.

2020-2021 Athletics Fees

There will be no change in the Pay to Participate fees. The first two sports will cost \$75 per sport (must be paid before participating in a game) and the third sport is free. The household max remains at \$600. You can complete the FinalForms information now but hold off on paying the Pay to Participate fee until your son/daughter makes the team.

If your daughter is interested in playing basketball, please click on the link below to sign up. This is only for Girls’ Basketball—separate links will be sent for Boys’ Basketball and Volleyball at later dates.

Link to sign up to play/try out for Girls’ Basketball:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HFse7ftO7kaKrQXH05cAy5A4Ct1aZaZGmZ3RuiSAfaBUMDc2SIITITWIAxWjEzSVQyRFBKVTILTC4u>



Waiver/release For Communicable Diseases Including Covid-19

Assumption of Risk/waiver of Liability/indemnification Agreement

As a result of the highly contagious novel coronavirus, COVID-19, federal, state and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The Troy School District has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 including following the directives and guidelines from the Governor, the Michigan Department of Health, and our county health department. However, the Troy School District cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending and participating in any Troy School District athletic events (“Activity”) could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

You and/or your child(ren)’s participation and attendance at Activity is voluntary. Further, you and your child(ren) are required to abide by directives designed to lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure which may include wearing masks, social distancing (6 feet apart), washing hands, non-sharing of equipment, wiping down all shared equipment after each use, limitations on spectators, etc. These directives will be provided to you by the Troy School District Athletic Department in accordance with guidelines set by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and National Federation of State High School Associations. If you fail to follow these directives, you will forfeit you and your child(ren)’s right to continued participation in the Activity.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Activity the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Troy School District their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, I and my child/ward understand and accept these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.