

# **KLONDIKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



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## **Athletics Handbook for Students and Parents Klondike Middle School**

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## Welcome to Nugget Athletics!

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian (s),

Klondike Middle School Athletics Department would like to extend an invitation to all students to participate in the many athletic programs offered. We believe that the mental, physical, and emotional growth of a student can be greatly enhanced by participating in a well-organized sports program.

At Klondike Middle School, we believe that an athletic program is an extension of the classroom. Klondike athletics offer students an opportunity to develop and grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. The positive benefits that participation in athletics offers include, but are not limited to self-esteem, self-discipline, self-confidence, and the development of team spirit. Participants in Klondike athletics learn the values associated with competition and benefit from the experience of both winning and losing.

We count on the support of parents in reinforcing that academic responsibilities come first and that each student-athlete must learn to manage his/her time, energy, and talents in such a way as to excel in the classroom as well as athletics.

This Athletic Handbook is to inform each of you of valuable information relating to participation in athletics at Klondike Middle School. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Mr. Grant Goodwine  
Athletic Director  
Social Studies Teacher

# Policies and General Information for Participation in Athletics

## Available Sports

Klondike Middle School offers the following sports:

### Fall

Football  
Volleyball

### Winter

Boys and Girls Basketball  
Wrestling

### Spring

Track and Field

## Participation

Participation in athletics at Klondike Middle School is a privilege earned by meeting the rules and standards set by Klondike and in conjunction with the Tippecanoe School Corporation. Students who have questions concerning eligibility should contact the Athletic Director or Principal.

Since it is a privilege to participate in athletics at Klondike Middle School, the student athlete will be kept accountable for their actions during the time they are a student-athlete. Coaches can take disciplinary action (possible suspension for quarter, half, game, etc.) if they feel necessary due to student-athletes actions.

## Requirements for KMS Athletic Participation

1. A completed IHSA Physical Examination form must be on file in the athletics office before the first day of practice. This form is available in the office at Klondike or on Klondike's athletic website. Physicals dated before April 1st of 2019 are not valid.
2. Each participant must pay a one-time seventy-five dollar (\$75) athletic fee per sport participating in to be used to pay for officials and costs of athletics. The athletic fee must be paid through Final Forms prior to the first athletic competition.
3. Parents and Athletes must submit their signed Athletic Handbook Agreement within one week of the parent meeting.

## Conduct and Character

Athletes' conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as:

- not to reflect discredit upon our school
- not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, or environment in the school.
- not to jeopardize academic integrity

Athletes who violate this rule may be excluded from representing Klondike Middle School in athletic participation.

***It is a privilege to represent Klondike and our community in athletic competition.***

Klondike Middle School athletes and fans must understand that the primary focus of our athletic program is not winning games. Our primary function is to use athletics as an extension of the classroom. Klondike believes that having an understanding and respect for sportsmanship is just one of the many benefits of athletic participation. Great sportsmanship shows: respect for the opponent at all times, a dedicated work ethic, self-control at all times, and respect for officials.

Poor sportsmanship displayed by any of our student-athletes or fans may result in suspension from a team and/or athletic probation.

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for athletics, a student-athlete must maintain grades to where there is not one failing mark (F) during a grade check period.

If the student-athlete receives a failing mark (F) during a grade check the student-athlete will be .....

- unable to participate in the sporting event for the two week probationary suspension status.
- required to attend all practices during the two week probationary suspension.
- required to attend the teams sporting event and sit with team, but cannot wear the team uniform.
- be expected to meet with his/her teachers to discuss academic progress and seek additional help.
- meet with their athletic coach to create a plan as to how to raise their academic achievement.

## **GRADE CHECKS**

For the purposes of determining athletic eligibility, and in accordance with TSC policy, grade verifications will be conducted on predetermined dates. Any student participating in an after-school activity will be included during the season of their participation. Events that shall be included (but not limited to) are football, volleyball, golf, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, track, intramurals, dance, and cheerleading.

All verification dates are listed in the Nugget Passbook. Students must have a passing grade in all subjects. If, during the grade verification, a student is not passing all classes, they will be ruled ineligible. During the first two-week period of ineligible status, students should still attend practices but not participate in contests. Students will be able to earn an eligible status only during the next scheduled verification check. If a student is ruled ineligible for a second time during any one sport, they will be removed from the roster and must turn in their uniforms and/or equipment.

Verification sheets will be run at 3:45 on Grade Check Friday. The eligibility period will include a two-week time period including weekends. Students failing a class on the verification sheet will be notified no later than the following Monday. All verification dates are listed on the KMS Master Calendar and in the Nugget Passbook.

### **Attendance**

Student athletes are expected to make school attendance a priority. Students must be in attendance by 9:30 a.m. and attend all afternoon classes to be eligible for extracurricular events that day. Exceptions to this would be an excused absence with a note.

An athlete who is unable to participate in physical education class may not participate in athletics.

### **Parent Meetings**

A parent or guardian is expected to attend an informational meeting conducted by the Athletic Department for each sport that their child participates in. The meetings are held after teams have been selected but before the first game or event. Meetings are usually held after or before a teams practice so parents are already at the school when they pick up/drop off their child.

Football / Volleyball / Cheerleading August TBA  
Boys Basketball October TBA  
Girls Basketball / Wrestling January TBA  
Track and Field March TBA

### **Tentative Athletic Starting Dates**

<b><u>Sports</u></b>	<b><u>Tentative Starting Dates</u></b>
Football/Volleyball	Monday August 5, 2019
Boys Basketball	Monday October 14, 2019
Girls Basketball/Wrestling	Monday December 9, 2019
Track and Field	Monday March 2, 2020

### **Participation on Teams outside of Klondike**

Participation in athletic contests/practices on any other similar team during the same season is strongly discouraged. Because of the ever-increasing conflict between middle school sports and outside programs, it has become apparent that specific rules or guidelines need to be established to minimize conflicts.

In order to foster better relations and communications, the following procedures have been established.

Parents and/or athletes need to communicate with the middle school coach(es), before the actual season starts, any potential conflicts that would jeopardize the student-athlete's attendance at practice, games, and/or events.

For student- athletes the following rules will apply:

- 1) If a student-athlete misses two contests the middle school coach may remove the individual from the squad.
- 2) If a student- athlete misses one practice the middle school coach has the option of not starting or playing that individual in the next contest.
- 3) If the student-athlete has five unexcused absences from practice/games in a season the coach *may* remove the individual from the squad.

### **Pick Up and Drop Off of Athletes**

Parents should pick-up their son or daughter at the South Entrance (Door #5) following a game or practice. It is very important to pick-up your child on time. Coaches are expected to remain at school until all athletes have been picked up. Please be considerate of your coach's personal time.

### **Practices**

All student-athletes are expected to attend all practices unless there is a serious circumstance. If a circumstance came up, the coach must be notified. If you cannot contact the coach, contact the athletic director and the message will be relayed. Team practices are open to team members and school staff only. Most teams practice each day of the week Monday – Friday.

### **Equipment Issue and Return**

Klondike Middle School provides each team member with equipment. All equipment issued to an athlete is expected to be returned in the same condition as when issued (excepting normal wear and tear) or the athlete is expected to compensate the athletic department for the lost or damaged equipment.

### **Team Schedules**

Team practice and game schedules are created weeks and months in advance. Things happen and sometimes changes might occur. The team's coach will communicate any upcoming changes. Also be sure to check the Klondike Athletic Website and/or the Klondike Facebook site for any changes.

### **Awards**

Athletes that complete their season in good standing will be awarded a letter, or pin, by the Athletic Department.

# **ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AGREEMENT**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to all of the policies explained in this document presented at the parent meeting.

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Sport

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Athlete

Date

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Parent/ Guardian

Date

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Parent/ Guardian

Date