

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY DUAL SPORT GUIDELINES

STUDENT-ATHLETE DUAL SPORT PARTICIPATION (No student will be eligible to participate in more than 2 sports)

When it is the intention of a student-athlete named to participate in two (2) sports during the same season, the following stipulations must be met:

A. General Guidelines

1. Upon request, coaches will notify the student-athlete of the dual sport participation process.
2. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to secure an application from the Athletic Director, to ensure the proper completion of all necessary paperwork and to meet the necessary criteria.
3. Coaches will comply with established dual sport participation guidelines.

B. Application Process for Dual Sport Participation

The following criteria must be met for a student-athlete to apply for dual sport participation:

1. Student must have a completed PPE (Physical form) and Concussion form signed in and turned in to the school office prior to applying for dual sport participation.
2. A *Dual Sport Participation Application* must be properly completed and signed and must indicate the primary sport.
3. The student-athlete must possess and maintain a GPA of 85% to qualify for dual sport participation. Grades will be checked every other Tuesday at 8:00 AM. If a student is ineligible at that time, they are ineligible for the entire two weeks until the next grade check.
4. The application is good for only one (1) sports season (fall, winter or spring) during only one (1) school year. A new application must be completed for any subsequent season or school year.

C. Tryout Procedure for Dual Sport Participation

Only student-athletes who have properly completed the above application process will be eligible to participate in the dual sport tryout process.

1. Tryouts will be held at the discretion of the coach of the primary sport.
2. Only student-athletes in grades 6–12 will be eligible for dual sport participation tryouts.
3. No more than 20% of primary sport roster can participate on the same secondary sport team. If the secondary sport coach would like to add more dual sport participants from the same primary sport to his/her team, a written request must be made to the primary sport coach and all appropriate paperwork must be properly completed.
4. The secondary sport coach will notify the primary sport coach of any student-athlete(s) selected to participate on the secondary sport coach's team and will initiate the process of developing participation guidelines.

D. Coaching Guidelines for Dual Sport Participation

1. Only student-athletes who have properly completed the application process with all required documentation and participate in tryouts will be eligible for possible selection to be a dual sport participant.
2. Student-athletes must attend all games of their primary sport. This includes times when weather-related postponements cause a conflict.
3. The coach of the primary sport must agree with the secondary sport coach on any scheduling of practice time for the student-athlete to participate in a secondary sport. Both coaches must agree on secondary sport practice schedule options.
4. In the event of an evening contest, transportation must be provided by the student-athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s) when he/she cannot be released from their primary sport in time to ride on the team bus. Return transportation back to MCA will be provided on the team bus.

5. Student-athletes disqualified for participation in any sport due to discipline by a coach, MCA official, or administration cannot participate in any other sport.

6. For football, the only position a dual sport student-athlete can participate in is the kicker position, which includes field goals, extra points, kicking off and punting (unless both sport coaches agree on additional participation.)

7. Once a student-athlete has been selected for dual participation, the coaches involved must complete the *Dual Sport Participation Individual Student Athlete Guidelines* form, committing to writing such things as, but not limited to, practice requirements, game/meet requirements, the effects of postponement of events, and any other pertinent stipulations. The completed form must be submitted to the Athletic Director for approval prior to student-athlete participation.

8. Conflicts not resolved by the coaches will be addressed by the Athletic Director or secondary principal.

9. Once a primary and secondary sport is declared, that decision cannot be changed without the proper completion of a new *Dual Sport Participation Application* (all signatures required). If the coaches, the building principal, and the Athletic Director do not all agree to the changes, the original form remains in effect.

Dual Sport Participation Application

Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Primary Sport: _____

Secondary Sport: _____

Date of Application: _____

General Guidelines:

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2. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to secure an application from the Athletic Director to ensure the proper completion of all necessary paperwork, and to meet the necessary criteria.
3. Coaches will comply with established dual sport participation guidelines.
4. Once a primary and secondary sport is declared, that decision cannot be changed without completion of a new *Dual Sport Participation Application* (all signatures required). If the coaches, the building principal, and the Athletic Director do not all agree to the changes, the original form remains in effect.

Application Process for Dual Sport Participation

The following criteria must be met for a student-athlete to apply for dual sport participation:

1. The PPE (physical examination form must be completed, signed, and turned in to the office before consideration is given to application.
2. The proper completion and submittal of this form.
3. A student-athlete must possess a GPA of 85% to qualify for dual sports and must maintain that average.
4. This application is good for only one (1) sports season (fall, winter or spring) in only one (1) school year. A new application must be completed for any subsequent season or school year.

Part 1: FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPLETION:

I, _____, a Maranatha Christian Academy student-athlete, wish to become a dual sport participant and want to participate in the sport of _____ for my primary and _____ as my secondary during the _____ season of the _____ school year.
(fall/spring)

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Part 2: FOR COMPLETION BY PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

I/We give my/our consent for the above-named student-athlete to try out for and, if selected, commence practice and participate in athletic contests during the school year in the primary sport of _____ and the secondary sport of _____ during the _____ season only.

I/We also recognize the responsibility for the student-athlete and his/her parent(s) guardian(s) to adhere to all criteria and guidelines pertaining to dual sport participation.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

Part 3: FOR COMPLETION BY MCA PERSONNEL

Dual Sport Participation Individual Student-Athlete Guidelines

Name of Student-Athlete: _____

Grade: _____

Primary Sport: _____

Secondary Sport: _____

Date of Form Completion: _____

Game/Meet Requirements:

The Effects of Postponement of Events:

Other Pertinent Stipulations:

Approval Signatures:

Primary Sport Coach

Date

Secondary Sport Coach

Date

Athletic Director

Date

Secondary Principal

Date