



BITTERROOT HOMESCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PLAYER & PARENT AGREEMENT

The policies, expectations, and waivers that govern participation in every BHAA team and season. Please read carefully before completing the digital registration form.

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— 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

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SECTION 01

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The BHAA is a Christian organization, and as such will govern itself and operate its teams according to its Statement of Faith. We believe in and unqualifiedly affirm:

- 01 The inspiration of the Bible, equally in all parts and without error in its origin.
- 02 The one God, eternally existent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created man by a direct immediate act.
- 03 The pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 04 The fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace through faith and the resurrection of all; to life or damnation.
- 05 The spiritual relationship of all believers by the Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of righteous works, separated from the world, witnessing His saving grace through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

SECTION 02

COMMITMENT TO YOUR TEAM

Athletes are expected to commit themselves to the program and continued self-development. The realization that practice sessions are important is a premise that is vital to a successful sports program and player. Athletes and parents should be prepared for a weekly commitment for games and practices. It is vital that each member understands and accepts their role on the team, as the number of roster positions is relative to the student's acceptance of their individual roles in pursuit of team goals. Athletes are expected to attend every practice and contest, unless excused by their coach. Timely communication between the coach, parent, and/or athlete is essential.

For all team members, meaningful contest participation will exist over the course of a season, providing the athlete meets program expectations. A specified amount of playing time, however, is never guaranteed. All registered players who pay fees are guaranteed full access to practices and coaching. As a competitive program, the amount of game time and varsity/junior varsity placement is at the sole discretion of the coach. All athletes must work to earn their play time. Athletes are expected to compete for a position, and earn their position in the starting line-up. The expectation is the same for the starting player as it is for the limited role player. Every athlete involved on the team has a role in preparing the team for a demanding competitive schedule.

SECTION 03

PLAYER AGREEMENT

As a player I agree to abide by the expectations set forth in the MCAA Code of Conduct, as well as the disciplinary guidelines and team rules of this organization. I understand that my actions may have consequences, and failure to abide by BHAA and team rules may result in suspension or expulsion from the team. I understand that I will be held accountable by parents, coaches, and fellow athletes.

SECTION 04

COACH, PLAYER & PARENT EXPECTATIONS

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COACHES

- Be responsible for their own behavior and also the behavior of their team members, parents, and fans.
- Lead by example in being respectful of other players, coaches, fans, and officials at all times.
- Provide a sports environment free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language at all BHAA events.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
- Never publicly demean a player, official, opposing coach, or parent.
- Ensure players are supervised by a coach or another designated adult and never leave players unattended.
- Never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game.
- Take reasonable steps to see that all equipment used by players is safe and conforms to standards.
- Take the initiative in resolving any known or suspected conflict relating to a player or family.
- Accept positive and negative feedback graciously as from the Lord.
- Communicate expectations — including these BHAA expectations — clearly to players and parents.

PLAYERS

- Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players, officials, and coaches with the utmost respect.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Stay composed and exercise self-control.
- Respect playing facilities by cleaning up benches, locker rooms, stands, and grounds after practice or games.
- Refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
- Avoid profanity or demeaning speech on all occasions, on and off court, even in the “heat of competition.”
- Be an encourager.
- Understand that the TEAM comes before the personal feelings of an individual player.
- Be willing to serve in any role to build TEAM success.
- Show up for practice on time, with proper equipment, and ready to play.
- Make reasonable efforts in advance to be excused from conflicting classes or activities.
- Communicate to the coach ahead of time when missing a practice or game.
- Dress in a manner that could not be considered offensive or morally suggestive at all BHAA events.
- Tell the coach of concerns or problems instead of talking to others about them.
- Seek to resolve personal conflicts with teammates directly and seek reconciliation.
- Maintain the dignity and privacy of teammates at all times and on all platforms.

PARENTS

- Trust the coach to coach the team and support decisions, regardless of agreement. This includes refraining from “coaching from the sidelines.”
- Volunteer to help with team needs whenever possible.
- Let officials and umpires call the game, maintain self-control, and remember they too are only human.
- Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship: use only positive cheers, never laugh at errors or jeer opponents or fans.
- Advocate a sports environment free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language at all BHAA events.
- Get your athlete to practice and games on time. Recognize this is a travelling team — transport is the parent’s responsibility.
- Direct your athlete to communicate directly to the coach in advance of any anticipated missed practices or games.
- Direct your high-school athlete to speak directly to the coach privately about any issues concerning participation.
- Encourage your athlete to abide by team rules, program guidelines and social media etiquette.
- Speak to the Athletic Director about any issue not adequately resolved with a coach.
- Be familiar with the MCAA rules of eligibility and notify the coach of any reason your athlete might not qualify.
- Obtain the proper medical release if a player has been removed from a game or practice with a suspected concussion.
- Accept financial responsibility for any willful or malicious damage resulting from my player’s or family’s actions.
- Fill out the post-season evaluations with truth and love.

SECTION 05

LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration of the acceptance of my player's entry into the BHAA program, I hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and personal representatives, **waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages** I may have against sponsors, organizers, and volunteers of said athletic organization or their representatives. I waive and release any and all damages or injuries incurred due to my player's participation in said athletic organization. I understand that sports have certain inherent dangers and I accept and understand those risks.

Although the BHAA may carry medical or liability insurance, I understand that **having medical insurance to cover my player while participating in the athletic program is my personal responsibility.**

| ASSUMPTION OF RISK – INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.

| EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

In the event that this player should require emergency medical treatment while participating in the Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic program under the immediate supervision of its designees, I authorize professional medical services that may be deemed necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read the above Liability Waiver and assumption of risk agreement, fully understood its terms, and understand that I have given up substantial rights by agreeing to it, and agree to it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. This acknowledgement is captured electronically as part of the BHAA digital registration form.

SECTION 06

MCAA ELIGIBILITY

MCAA By-Laws — Article V: Abbreviated Rules to Be Used for MCAA Sports.

5.A ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

5.A.1 AGE AND GRADUATION

- 5.A.1.a No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has turned 19 on or before August 31st of that school year.
- 5.A.1.b No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has received a GED.
- 5.A.1.c No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has gone through a graduation ceremony.

5.A.2 YEARS OF PARTICIPATION

- 5.A.2 Student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at the High School Varsity level for four (4) years.
- 5.A.2.a An extension of a fifth (5th) year of participation will be granted to students who are in the eighth (8th) grade and participating at the High School Varsity Level. The Board of Directors must be informed in writing.
- 5.A.2.b Seventh (7th) grade student athletes are allowed to participate at the High School level only when the total athlete participation is below: Soccer—12; Volleyball—9; Basketball—10, without losing a year of eligibility. The Board must be informed in writing.
- 5.A.2.c Seventh (7th) grade student athletes are allowed to participate at a Sub-Varsity High School level without losing a year of eligibility. The Board must be informed in writing.

5.A.3 NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

- 5.A.3 Any student who is not in full-time attendance at an MCAA member school/association must have Board approval. A written request for a Board ruling must be made prior to participation.

5.B MCAA ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

- 5.B.1 Players must play for the respective team in their geographic area at which they must be in full-time attendance. No student may establish athletic eligibility concurrently at two schools. Dual enrollment is not recognized for MCAA activities.
- 5.B.2 Girls play girls' sports and boys play boys' sports.
- 5.B.3 A student enrolled in an MCAA member school in which no high school program is available to him/her may, upon Board approval, be granted eligibility to participate within the program of an alternate MCAA organization in the student's geographic area.

A student with no program available, who is not enrolled in a member school but wishes to participate within the MCAA, must submit a formal written statement to the Board requesting the privilege to participate as an eligible athlete within a specific member organization.

A student enrolled in a school which is a member of a high school athletic association **other** than the MCAA will not be granted permission to participate in an MCAA program.

SECTION 07

FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

NOTE · NOT APPLICABLE TO ULTIMATE FRISBEE

PRIMARY FUNDRAISER (RAFFLE TICKETS)

Participation in the primary fundraising activity is encouraged to promote individual growth, as well as to foster a team-building experience. Full participation in the team's primary fundraiser for the year is strongly encouraged. Fundraising plays a vital role in the development of the athlete. Not only does fundraising lay a foundation for the future growth and success of the program, but achievement outside of one's comfort zone and communicating with the public serve to build a cohesive team spirit and personal confidence.

Alternate fundraising activities (car washes, etc.) must be submitted in writing and approved by the BHAA board prior to said activity, and are the sole responsibility of the individual choosing to organize such activity. Such additional activities **may, with written board approval, replace the player's participation in the primary fundraiser** but will **not** replace their responsibility of minimum fundraising goals. If the individual's minimum goal is not met (i.e. 10 raffle tickets), the player is responsible to make up the difference in funds. All fundraising funds (whether from the raffle ticket sales or alternate activity) are due at the same time — **October 1 for fall sports** and **December 1 for winter sports**.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are **not** a substitute for the primary fundraiser. Team budgets are set based upon anticipated fundraising activities. Requests for sponsorship fulfill additional needs of the team, as specified by the donor per the sponsorship form. Advertising by sponsors will appear in all sports' programs.

CONCESSIONS

Concession sales are voluntary and based solely upon parent interest. The individual parent is responsible to purchase concession items, provide change to customers, track income and expenses, and to organize other parents to help (filling roles to manage the athletic contest takes precedence).

Parents interested in providing concessions should submit to the BHAA board a written proposal of concession items they will provide and a plan for managing sales & communication to home and competing teams, as well as for facility clean-up and garbage removal (clean-up includes kitchen and all areas where food is eaten). Concession sales are expressly for the benefit of the team/organization. The church does not approve any for-profit activity. All profits should be turned in to the BHAA representative in a timely manner.

Concession sales requiring the use of a kitchen must contact **Lone Rock Bible Church** and complete a facility use form in advance. Athletic activities are specifically not permitted to use the kitchen unless approved in advance by the deacons. It is the responsibility of the concessionaire to confirm with the church whether the activity has been approved. **Approval should not be assumed.**