

PARKWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

POLICY: TWO-SPORT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES IN SAME SEASON

As our Parkway Christian Athletic Program grows and we expand teams at the high school level, we have created the following policy regarding a student wanting to play on two teams in the same season and out-of-season regulations. This is being done to be fair to all coaches and athletes. The Administrative Team wants to be sensitive to the athlete, to the coaches and to the teams. The following applies to Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams. Middle school students applying for two sport athletic eligibility will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Athletic Director.

IN-Season and OUT-of-Season Sports:

Coaches need to communicate with each other regarding the “sharing” of athletes.

Because “out-of-season” conditioning programs are purely voluntary, an “in-season” coach can forbid or limit their player from participating in another sport’s off season conditioning program. The concern for such things as: injury, academics, game day needs, too much time involvement during the “in season” team’s practices plus the added voluntary “out-of-season” conditioning programs, are all rationales for limitations.

IN-Season Two-Sport Athletes:

Coaches need to communicate with each other regarding the “sharing” of athletes.

As far as an athlete wanting to play two sports during the same season, the following will be in effect.

To be fair to the coach and to the team, an athlete wanting to participate in two sports during the same season must declare ONE sport his/her “Primary Sport” and the other sport his/her “Secondary” sport. This declaration must be made to the Athletic Director BEFORE the first day of official MHSAA pre-season practice for that sport.

Commitment to the “Primary” sport means that the athlete will attend all practices and games for that sport. This will insure that the Coach and Team of the “Primary” sport will be able to count on the athlete for practices and games.

Commitment to the “Secondary” sport means that the athlete will be able to make practices and games when it is not conflicting with the Primary sport. Because our concern is for the athlete’s academics and physical well being, any practice time for the “Secondary” sport will be determined by the coaches involved and the Athletic Director.

In some cases the “sharing” of athletes may be easily handled because of similar training and game availability. Examples of this might be soccer and cross country, soccer and football, etc. In other cases because of the specific training , e.g., basketball game preparation for offense/defense and cheer team preparation for competitive choreography, the situation might be much more complex. In some cases, it may be impossible to accommodate the athlete and be fair to the coaches and teams involved. Situations requiring decisions, will be made by the Athletic Director and/or the Parkway Christian School Administrative Team.

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ATHLETE'S DECLARATION

Athlete's Name _____

Grade _____

Primary Sport _____

Secondary Sport _____

It is our understanding that an athlete wanting to participate in two sports during the same season must declare ONE sport his/her "Primary Sport" and the other sport his/her "Secondary" sport. Commitment to the "Primary" sport means that I will attend all practices and games for that sport. This will insure that the Coach and Team of the "Primary" sport will be able to count on me for practices and games.

Commitment to the "Secondary" sport means that I will be able to make practices and games when it is not conflicting with the "Primary" sport. We understand that any practice time for the "Secondary" sport will be determined by the coaches involved and the Athletic Director.

We understand that in some cases the "sharing" of athletes may be easily handled because of similar training and game availability. Examples of this might be soccer and cross country, soccer and football, etc. In other cases because of the specific training, e.g., basketball game preparation for offense/defense and cheer team preparation for competitive choreography, the situation might be much more complex. In some cases, it may be impossible to accommodate the athlete and be fair to the coaches and teams involved.

Final approval for all requests will be made by the Athletic Director and/or the Parkway Christian School Administrative Team.

Athlete's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

(please return Declaration Form to the Athletic Director's Office)