



Mooreville

Graded School District

Athletic Handbook

2018 - 2019

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Athletic/School Contacts

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School	Mascot	Principal	Athletic Director
Mooresville High School	Blue Devils	Eric Schwarzenegger	Kevin Wilson
Mooresville Middle School	Red Imps	Ayana Robinson	Ann Clark

ATHLETICS OFFERED IN MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT

All participating students and schools must comply with the rules and guidelines of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Middle School Sports	Season	Grade
Cheer	Fall	7-8
Cross Country (boys/girls)	Fall	7-8
Football	Fall	7
Football	Fall	8
Softball	Fall	7-8
Basketball (boys/girls)	Winter	7
Basketball (boys/girls)	Winter	8
Cheer	Winter	7-8
Wrestling	Winter	7-8
Baseball	Spring	7-8
Soccer (boys/girls)	Spring	7-8
Track (boys/girls)	Spring	7-8
Volleyball (girls)	Spring	7-8

High School Sports	Season	Grade
Cheer	Fall	JV-Varsity
Cross Country (men/women)	Fall	JV-Varsity
Football	Fall	JV-Varsity
Golf (women)	Fall	Varsity
Soccer (men)	Fall	JV-Varsity
Tennis (women)	Fall	Varsity
Volleyball (women)	Fall	JV-Varsity
Basketball (men/women)	Winter	JV-Varsity
Cheer	Winter	JV-Varsity
Swimming (men/women)	Winter	Varsity
Indoor Track (men/women)	Winter	Varsity
Wrestling	Winter	JV-Varsity
Baseball	Spring	JV-Varsity
Golf (men)	Spring	Varsity
Soccer (women)	Spring	JV-Varsity
Softball	Spring	JV-Varsity
Tennis (men)	Spring	Varsity
Track (men/women)	Spring	JV-Varsity
Lacrosse (men/women)	Spring	Varsity

DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

1. The Athletic Director will provide a list of all equipment to the Principal on a yearly basis.
2. The Athletic Director shall oversee and implement the Coaches' evaluations.
3. The Athletic Director shall meet with parents as requested.
4. The Athletic Director shall ensure all sports are treated equitably and will advocate for all sports.
5. The Athletic Director shall provide a means for all Coaches to have input in the needs assessment for each sport. *A needs assessment form will be provided to each Coach at the beginning of the school year. The form must be returned to the Athletic Director and reviewed by the Principal.
6. The Athletic Director will create an athletic budget and will meet, as needed, with the Principal to review all athletic accounts including athletics, individual sports accounts, and athletic booster accounts. The Athletic Director will develop a budget based on the average of the past 3-5 years of gate receipts. In addition, other requests from a coach will be considered each year. The budget will be presented to the administration for approval and submitted to the District Athletic Director.
 - a. The operational budget and financial procedures are to include:
 - Preparation and supervision of the athletic budget
 - Direct sale of tickets for all contests
 - Follow proper financial procedures for cash handling and gate/ticket receipts
 - Collect all monies from the athletic contests and deposit in the appropriate accounts
 - Ensure that all money raised or collected by the school will be deposited in appropriate school athletic account
 - Ensure that the donations from the athletic booster organizations are equitably dispersed among all sports and used for those intended fundraising activities by the athletic boosters
7. The Athletic Director will post all athletic fundraisers on the school's webpage. Fundraiser earnings and uses of funds will be made available upon request. These fundraisers include school level and athletic booster level fundraising.
8. The Athletic Director will develop a master schedule for all competitions to include all athletic events for the school year. The schedule will be submitted to the Principal for approval. The schedule will provide equity for all sports in the use of facilities for competitions.
9. The Athletic Director will develop a schedule to ensure equal access to all weight rooms for male and female athletes.
10. The Athletic Director will work with the MGSD Department of Transportation and/or contracted transportation company to schedule activity/charter buses.
11. The Athletic Director will coordinate with the maintenance department, the repair and maintenance of all facility needs which are utilized by the athletic department.
12. The Athletic Director will provide the Principal with eligibility lists for all sports for their approval. The Athletic Director will ensure the requirements are met for each athlete of each sport according to MGSD, NC DPI, and NCHSAA.
13. The Athletic Director will ensure all rules and regulations as mandated by the NCHSAA are enforced with all sports at each sporting event.
14. The Athletic Director will ensure that Coaches have the information on all pre-season paperwork turned in before participating in any school sponsored athletic activities including but not limited

to try-outs and practice.

15. The Athletic Director will work with Coaches to ensure tryouts for sports are held appropriately; which is defined as announcing dates and times of tryouts in a timely manner, equal access to tryouts, and a measurable rubric to measure the athlete's performance during tryouts.
16. The Athletic Director will work with each Coach to address facility needs and maintenance of all athletic facilities including locker rooms, competition fields, practice fields, and weight rooms.
17. The Athletic Director, in cooperation with the Principal, is responsible for the overall appearance and cleanliness of all athletic facilities all year around.
18. The Athletic Director will provide documentation to the Principal that all head Coaches and Assistant Coaches have attended the required rules session(s) and taken the appropriate course work issued by the NCHSAA.
19. The Athletic Director will report all violations of eligibility or other NCHSAA rules directly to the Principal.
20. The Athletic Director shall provide security at all events held on-site or off-site as needed to maintain the safety and integrity of the scheduled event. The Athletic Director will also ensure that the appropriate staff is in place for crowd control based on the local fire marshal's recommendations.
21. The Athletic Director will work to resolve any conflicts within the coaching staffs.
22. The Athletic Director will act as a tournament manager for all conference and tournament playoff activities that are assigned to the school.
23. The Athletic Director or designee will coordinate the use and operation of the press box.
24. The Athletic Director will attend and serve as school liaison at athletic boosters organization meetings.
25. The Athletic Director will assist the Administration in the preparation and distribution of complimentary passes for the school.
26. The Athletic Director will assist the Principal in the hiring process, retention, and dismissal of coaches.
27. The Athletic Director will prepare and obtain signed game contracts when appropriate.
28. The Athletic Director will have a Coaches meeting prior to the start of each sports season to go over all necessary items Coaches will need.
29. The Athletic Director will welcome and communicate with opposing teams for pass lists, admission procedures, directions, emergency plans, and handicap parking. This communication should take place in enough time so the opposing Coaches have time to communicate with their parents.
30. The Athletic Director will ensure that all Coaches carry out the pre-season meetings with parents and athletes and ensure all pre-season paperwork is signed and returned.
31. The Athletic Director will ensure that all athletic facilities are prepared for practice and/or competition.
32. The Athletic Director will develop a preventative maintenance schedule for all facilities and equipment.
33. The Athletic Director will report all Coaches who are ejected from an event to the Principal.
34. Other duties as assigned.

NORTH CAROLINA COACHES ASSOCIATION

CODE OF ETHICS

When entering the coaching profession, a Coach accepts certain obligations and responsibilities to the players, and fellow Coaches, and to the game each Coach directs. If we are to keep the coaching profession on a high level, we must assume all these responsibilities in such a way that we will give our profession honor and dignity.

- The Coach in contact with each player should, by principle and example, set a pattern of behavior for each student, for he/she influences those more than any other person. Parents put their dearest possessions under your guidance and you should be sure to see that they are better for having played under you.
- The Coach should meet rival Coaches before and after each game and exchange greetings.
- The Coach should practice self-control on the sidelines and on the practice field towards players, officials, administrators, and fans.
- The Coach should see that every injured athlete is given immediate medical attention.
- The Coach should remember the first function is to educate a student through participation in athletics.
- Coaches should remember the position they hold in the school system, and that they must support the Administration in all policies, rules, and regulations. Where there are differences, they should be discussed behind closed doors.
- The Coach should assist their booster clubs.
- The Coach should support the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina High School Athletics Association.
- The Coach should be sure that every participant fulfills all the rules and regulations for eligibility. Anyone who attempts to circumvent eligibility rules and to use ineligible players is guilty of unethical conduct.
- The Coach should inspire every student to achieve the highest academic success possible.
- Every Coach should have a good knowledge of all rules of the game, which he/she coaches. Coaches should never attempt to disregard any rules to their advantage.
- Coaches should stress good sportsmanship, and if they defend the use of unsportsmanlike tactics, they should be considered guilty of a breach of coaching ethics. Every Coach should advise players as to proper conduct in meeting with the press. Players must be advised to promote their team and to never disparage an opponent.

It is the duty of all concerned with athletics:

- to emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- to eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the game fairly.
- to stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
- to be cordial to the visiting team and officials.
- to establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
- to respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- to achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- to encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment of the players on the team.
- to recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players.
- to remember that an athletic contest is only a game and not a matter of life or death for players, Coaches, school officials, fans, community, state or nation.

- to avoid unfavorable criticism of other Coaches and School Officials, except that formally presented to the proper authority.
- to report to the proper authorities matters which are detrimental to the welfare of the conference.
- to study and practice the Sportsmanship Code of NCHSAA.

COACHES GUIDELINES

COACHES – ATHLETIC CONTEST EJECTION POLICY

Any Coach who is ejected from an athletic contest is to sit the required number of contests designated by the NCHSAA and NCDPI. That Coach is to meet with the Athletic Director, School Administration, and the District Athletic Director within one week of ejection.

COACHES – FINES AND PENALTIES

Any Coach who violates NCHSAA guidelines is subject to fines and penalties. The Coach is responsible for paying all fines.

COACHES – NON-FACULTY ASSISTANT COACHES

If after diligent search for a Principal to secure a faculty member to be an assistant Coach, a non-faculty assistant may be hired under the following conditions:

- Their character and behavior must be beyond reproach.
- Approval for such an arrangement must be secured from the Head Coach, the Principal, and the District Athletic Director. A Mooresville Graded Schools “Volunteer Coach Request” form must be completed and submitted to the Human Resources department.
- Their employment is on a temporary renewal basis. Their services may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Principal or Mooresville Graded Schools.
- The Coaching positions will be filled with faculty members whenever faculty members are available and acceptable to the Principal/Athletic Director.
- They must have thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport.
- Documentation of experience must be filed with the Mooresville Graded Schools Human Resources Department. The years’ experience must be verified by the Athletic Director before submitting documentation of experience. Any Coach found to have intentionally falsified their experience level will be subject to termination of coaching duties and any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Superintendent’s office.

COACHES – NON-FACULTY HEAD COACHES

Non-faculty Head Coaches may be employed only if the Principal cannot secure a faculty member or an instructional staff member.

- Their character and behavior must be beyond reproach.
- They must have thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport. Approval for such an arrangement must be secured from the Athletic Director and Principal. A Mooresville Graded Schools “Volunteer Coach Request” form must be completed and submitted to the Human Resources department. This should be used by both middle and high schools.
- Their employment is on a temporary renewal basis. Their services may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Principal/Mooresville Graded Schools.
- The coaching positions will be filled with faculty members whenever they are available and

acceptable to the Principal/Athletic Director.

- Documentation of experience must be filed with the Mooresville Graded Schools Human Resources Department. The years' experience must be verified by the Athletic Director with their previous employer before submitting documentation of experience. Any Coach found to have intentionally falsified their experience level will be subject to termination of coaching duties and any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Superintendent's office.

COACHES – NUMBER FOR EACH SPORT

Varsity Coaching Allotments:

	Football	Basketball	Baseball, Softball	Wrestling, Soccer	Cross Country, Track	All Other Sports
Head Coach	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Coach	8	1	1	1 with 25 +	1 with 20+	1

Junior Varsity Coaching Allotments:

	Football	Basketball	Baseball, Softball	Wrestling, Soccer	Cross Country, Track	All Other Sports
Head Coach	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Coach	2	1	1	1 with 25+	1 with 20+	0

Middle School Coaching Allotments:

	Football	Basketball	Baseball, Softball	Wrestling, Soccer	Cross Country, Track	All Other Sports
Head Coach	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Coach	8	1	1	1 with 25+	1 with 20+	0

If a school cannot fill a coaching vacancy and would like to have one coach for two teams in the same season, the school will need to contact the Athletic Director for approval.

COACHES – SALARIES OR OTHER REMUNERATION

Coaches shall be paid according to the Mooresville Graded Schools Coaches' Salary Supplement Schedule. Coaches' pay rate for all sports is based on the sport in which the Coach has the highest number of years' experience. No additional payment may be made at the school level or from any other source.

COACHES – TEACHING LOADS AND DUTIES

All Coaches must carry the same teaching loads as that required of other teachers, unless approved by the Principal. All duties assigned to Coaches are expected to be completed on the same basis as other non-coaching teachers. During school hours Coaches are to remain on their teaching duty

unless otherwise approved by the Principal or Athletic Director.

COACHES – TRAINING (Mandatory- Faculty Coaches, Non-Faculty Coaches)

All MGSD Coaches must take the required coaching courses as outlined in the NCHSAA handbook.

COACHES – VOLUNTEER COACHES

Volunteer Coaches are utilized within the following guidelines:

- Volunteer Assistant Coaches are permitted if the Coach, the Athletic Director, and the Principal approve them. Volunteer Coaches may receive no pay and their conduct and behavior must be beyond reproach at all times. A Mooresville Graded School District “Volunteer Coach Request” form must be completed and submitted to the Human Resources department.
- They must have thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport.
- A volunteer Coach may be terminated at the discretion of the Principal or MGSD.
- Volunteer Coaches cannot conduct team practices alone unless approved by the Principal or Principal’s Designee.
- Volunteer Coaches must follow the off season skill development and dead periods as noted in the NCHSAA handbook.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACHES

1. Supervise all team personnel during practice, at games, and on trips.
2. Schedule a minimum of two (2) days for tryouts.
3. Inform parents and/or guardians of student athletes that they are required to attend a pre-season sports meeting to review NCHSAA, DPI, Mooresville Graded Schools, and team rules. If the parents and/or guardians do not attend the pre-season meeting student athletes will not be allowed to participate.
4. Supply the Athletic Director with an alphabetical roster of team members indicating their grade level, prior to the first contest.
5. Supervise the care of all equipment, supplies, and facilities, including the year-round maintenance of all playing areas, in their area of responsibility.
6. Monitor the grades of team members throughout the semester and year.
7. Present to the Principal or Assistant Principal, 24-hours in advance, a list of students who are to be dismissed early to participate in an athletic contest. List the time of dismissal assuring that the team misses the smallest amount of class time as possible. Coaches must arrange to have their classes covered when absent for an athletic contest.
8. Obtain approval of the Athletic Director before placing an order to make a purchase. All requests must be made in writing.
9. Plan with the Athletic Director on transporting teams. In addition, they will plan with the Athletic Director for playoff and overnight contests to include feeding and housing of teams.
10. Check with the Athletic Director before re-scheduling a contest. The school calendar must also be considered.
11. File an inventory with the Athletic Director within two weeks of the last contest. Coaches are to

- keep one copy in their files.
12. Count, pack, clean, and store athletic equipment in a designated space, within two weeks of the last contest.
 13. List new equipment needed for next year (two copies, one for the Athletic Director and one for the Coach). The Athletic Director will then secure permission to purchase from the Principal.
 14. Supply the Athletic Director with forms, information, summaries, statistics, or other data the Athletic Director indicates that is needed to operate an efficient department.
 15. The Head Varsity Coach should coordinate duties of staff for the best possible results.
 16. Cooperate with Administration, Faculty, Athletic Director, Athletic Trainers, Parents, Students, and other Staff Members in working together harmoniously for the betterment of the program.
 17. Have team rules, criteria for lettering, and try-out rubrics reviewed and approved by the Athletic Director and/or Principal before being put in place. In addition, this information is shared with parents and student-athletes.
 18. Work closely with the Athletic Training staff to ensure the safety of all athletes (e.g. heat and humidity guidelines, Gfeller-Waller Law requirements: Return to Play, etc.....)
 19. Coaches should meet with parents to discuss their concerns regarding their student athlete at the appropriate times.
 20. Each High School Coach will build a network of collegiate-level coaches in order to assist in the recruiting process of their student-athletes.
 21. Each High School Coach is to understand the NCAA and NAIA standards/requirements for student-athletes to be eligible to compete at the collegiate level. In addition, each High School Coach should share this information regularly with all student-athletes on their team(s).
 22. Each High School Coach should maintain a meeting log for all student-athletes and college recruiters.
 23. All Coaches will host a parent meeting prior to the beginning of the season to discuss team expectations, policies, practices, etc. In addition, each coach will host a team banquet or end-of-year celebration upon completion of the season.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES AND EVALUATION

Coach: _____ **Sport:** _____ **Date:** _____

The information provided below serves as a job description, as well as an evaluation of coaching expectations. Use the blank to the left of each description to document the date received for any required paperwork or the date reviewed with the particular Coach (i.e. preseason coaches meeting). The blanks to the right serve as a post-season evaluation of those same expectations.

De - Developing **P** - Proficient **A** - Accomplished **Di** - Distinguished **NA** - Not Applicable

DATE	MAJOR PRE-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES	YES	NO
	1. Medical clearance (physicals) of team candidates according to MGSD's policy and NCHSAA regulations.		
	2. MGSD's Pre-Season Athletic Packet accurately completed prior to the first contest and submitted to the Athletic Director.		
	3. Correct certifications in CPR/AED, CDL, and Coaches Education Programs must be maintained appropriately.		
	4. NCHSAA required attendance at sports specific pre-season rules meeting.		
	5. Coordinate practice schedule with Athletic Director and fellow coaches.		
	6. Communicate standards and expectations of eligibility, participation, and lettering criteria at a Parent Meeting.		
Comments:			

DATE	MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES DURING SEASON	De	P	A	Di	NA
	1. Follows proper budgetary procedures.					
	2. Provides a copy of the NCHSAA eligibility list submitted (seven days prior to date of first contest) to the Athletic Director.					
	3. Supervises team members from time of arrival for a practice or competition until all players are off-campus.					
	4. Adherence to the regulations relative to NCHSAA Handbook, MGSD Policies/Procedures, and School and Team procedures.					
	5. Care of equipment and supplies.					

	6.	Care of school facilities (gym, athletic field, locker room)					
	7.	Care of injuries and notification of injury to the Athletic Trainer/First Responder/Athletic Director/Administrator.					
	8.	Follows proper procedures to ensure that team members are excused from school for athletic contests and post-game transportation.					
	9.	Adherence to regulations relative to overnight team trips.					
	10.	Pre-game preparations (transportation, equipment, facilities).					
	11.	Appropriate conduct at games toward players, officials, and spectators.					
	12.	Reporting of game scores and other pertinent information to athletic director and all area newspapers.					
	13.	Keep accurate statistical data/records during season (this includes the use of MaxPreps at the high school level).					
	14.	Development and execution of written practice plans.					
	15.	Professional coaching attire is worn during all practices and contests as a representative of the school and district.					
Comments:							

MAJOR POST-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

DATE (Submit to the Athletic Director): **YES** **NO**

	1.	Provide a list of team members who completed the season (varsity letter winners, junior varsity certificate winners, special award recipients) to the Athletic Director.		
	2.	Submit season record -- Opponents and scores, any championships won and any outstanding achievements by a player such as most points scored in a game, high scorer for season, etc. to Athletic Director and pertinent media outlets.		
	3.	Submit detailed list of players who failed to return school-issued equipment to the Athletic Director.		
	4.	Submit inventory of equipment on hand, indicating condition, to the Athletic Director.		
	5.	Return physical folder, medical kit, and other issued medical equipment to the Athletic Trainer.		
	6.	Submit budget requests for upcoming season to the Athletic Director.		

Comments:

DATE	OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES	De	P	A	Di	NA
	1. High ideals, good habits, and desirable attitude in behavior.					
	2. Participation in coaching clinics and in-service programs as part of professional growth.					
	3. Communication/rapport with players/parents.					
	4. Communication/rapport with coaching staff, school administration, and athletic boosters.					
	5. Knowledge of game rules, fundamentals and strategy.					
	6. Ability to improve player performance.					
	7. Teaching/modeling legitimate and ethical standards and strategies.					
	8. Respect and concern for athletes, students, parents, colleagues and other citizens.					
	9. Communication, knowledge, and implementation of college recruiting process.					

Comments:

Other:

Evaluator's Summary:

Employee's Response to Evaluation:

I have read and fully understand my responsibilities as a Coach in the Mooresville Graded School District.

Signature of Coach

Date

Signature of Athletic Director

Date

Signature of Principal

Date

ATHLETIC SALARY SUPPLEMENT SCHEDULES AND POLICIES

CRITERIA USED FOR ESTABLISHING SUPPLEMENTS

1. Length of season
2. Number of athletes to be supervised
3. Responsibilities for assistant coaches
4. Current coaching salaries

POLICIES GOVERNING ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENT SCHEDULE

1. Coaches shall be placed on the athletic supplement scale at the appropriate level based on paid years' experience. The years' experience must be verified by the Athletic Director with their previous employer before submitting documentation of experience to Human Resources. Any Coach found to have falsified their paid experience level will be subject to termination of coaching duties and any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Superintendent's office.
2. The rating of a middle school Coach, who transfers to a high school coaching position, does not change.
3. Athletic Directors will submit a coaching roster to the District Athletic Director for each sport season/year.
4. Supplement Schedule (supplements will be paid upon request from the coach):
 - a. Half of the supplement is available to the coach after midway through the season
5. The supplement scale shall be reviewed yearly.
6. No extra supplement shall be paid for playoffs.
7. One Coach or one cheerleading Coach may coach two teams or squads in the same season (for example: boys' and girls' basketball or varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders). In an emergency, one person may do so only under the following conditions:
 - a. Approval must be secured from Principal
 - b. Approval must be granted each year
8. Only experience in an allotted, paid coaching position will be considered.
9. Athletic Directors will not notify Coaches of their placement on the coaching supplement schedule until documentation of experience has been submitted to the Athletic Director and a rating approved.
10. Coaches' pay rate for all sports is based on the sport in which the Coach has the highest number of years experience.

COACHES SUPPLEMENT SCHEDULE

See Appendix.

Guidelines for Faculty/Non-Faculty Assistant Coaches Paid by Non-School Funds

- Mooresville Graded Schools does not allow extra Coaches to be hired from any other revenue source.
- Mooresville Graded Schools must have an equal amount of Coaches and volunteers for “like sports.”

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ATHLETIC TRAINER

[North Carolina High School Athletic Association Guidelines for Health & Safety](#)

- A. Athletic training encompasses the prevention, examination, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of emergent, acute or chronic injuries and medical conditions. Athletic training is recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as an allied health care profession.
- B. Athletic trainers are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. Athletic trainers work under the direction of a physician as prescribed by state licensure statutes. In North Carolina, an athletic trainer is a person who, under a written protocol with a physician licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes and filed with the North Carolina Medical Board, carries out the practice of care, prevention, and rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes, and who, in carrying out these functions, may use physical modalities, including heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or mechanical devices related to rehabilitation and treatment.
- C. Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT) – In North Carolina a Licensed Athletic Trainer is an individual who is licensed under Article 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes entitling them to perform the functions and duties of an athletic trainer.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ATHLETIC FIRST RESPONDER

[North Carolina High School Athletic Association Guidelines for Health & Safety](#)

First Responder (FR) - A first responder must meet the following requirements set forth by the North Carolina State Board of Education Policy ATHL-000.

- Have completed and continue to maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as certified by an organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- Have completed and continue to maintain certification in first aid as certified by an organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- Have completed and continue to maintain training in concussion management as offered by an organization such as the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- Course available at NFHSLearn.com: Concussion in Sports.
- Have completed and continue to maintain continuing education in injury prevention and management as offered by an organization such as the National Federation of State High

- School Associations (NFHS).
- Courses available at NFHSLearn.com
 - Heat Illness Prevention
 - Sports Nutrition
 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - Complete 10 hours of staff development each school year specific to first aid, injury recognition and prevention. The 10 hours may include hours necessary for recertification/renewals.

INSURANCE FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

Mooresville Graded Schools provides a supplemental insurance for student athletes. The secondary insurer payout differs case by case. Parents should contact the Middle School's Main Office or the High School's Athletic Office for required forms.

All high schools, which are members of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), are covered by catastrophe insurance. This means that the school's student athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, and team managers have certain insurance coverage in the event that they are involved in a catastrophe (\$25,000 claim or more, by definition). Insurance fees are paid in the fall when the school pays its annual NCHSAA membership fee.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION and NCHSAA REQUIREMENTS

Protect Your Eligibility; Know the Rules:

Information can be found on the following state athletic websites:

High School: <http://www.nchsaa.org>

Middle School:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/healthfulliving/athletics/middle-athletics-manual.pdf>

Mooresville Graded School District Athletic Academic Eligibility

High School Requirements

Eligibility Beginning 1st Semester Freshman Year

- No restrictions automatically eligible

Eligibility Beginning 2nd Semester Freshman Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses from the previous semester.

Eligibility Beginning 1st Semester Sophomore Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses from the previous semester.
- Must have accumulated 6 credits, one of which is English I.

Eligibility Beginning 2nd Semester of Sophomore Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses from the previous semester.
- Must have accumulated 6 credits

Eligibility Beginning 1st Semester of Junior Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses from the previous semester.
- Must have accumulated 13 credits, one of which is English II.

Eligibility Beginning 2nd Semester of Junior Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses the previous semester.
- Must have accumulated 13 credits.

Eligibility Beginning 1st Semester of Senior Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses the previous semester.
- Must have accumulated 20 credits, one of which is English III.

Eligibility Beginning 2nd Semester Senior Year

- Must have passed 3 of 4 courses the previous semester.
- Must have 20 credits.

NOTE:

*Grade status is determined by local promotion standards:

*Athletic eligibility status is determined by the number of semesters enrolled in high school.

(Transcript Grade assignment is to be used in determining the grade assignment of the athlete.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION and REQUIREMENTS

Protect Your Eligibility; Know the Rules:

Academics:

In grades seven and eight, the student must pass at least one less course than the number of required core courses each semester (3 out of 4) and meet promotion standards established by the LEA. If an athlete is "academically eligible" or "academically ineligible" at the beginning of any semester, that status is retained throughout the full semester. It is the responsibility of the school Principal to check the academic status of each student/athlete enrolled in school at the beginning and close of a semester. First semester seventh graders are eligible to participate unless they have been retained in seventh grade.

Students with a disability, IEP, or 504 Plan must meet all academic requirements that apply to the regular education student.

No student may be eligible to participate at the Mooresville Middle School level for a period lasting longer than four (4) consecutive semesters, beginning with the student's entry into seventh grade. The Principal shall have evidence of the date of each player's entry into the seventh grade and monitor the four (4) consecutive semesters.

Age:

In grades seven and eight, a student may not participate on a team if the student becomes fifteen (15) years of age on or before August 31 of that school year.

Attendance: A player must attend school at least 85% of the previous semester. A student must, at any time of any game in which he or she participates, be a regularly enrolled member of the school's student body, according to local policy. A student must be present for a minimum of 50% of the student day on the day of an athletic practice or contest in order to participate, unless the absence is excused per Board policy.

MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICIES

To view the policies pertaining to Athletics listed below, please choose the following [LINK](#).

- Domicile or Residence Requirements - Board of Education Policy Code 4120
- Discretionary Admission - Board of Education Policy Code 4130
- Extracurricular Activities - Board of Education Policy Code 3620
- Random Drug Testing Policy Code 4326
- Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying- Board of Education Policy Code 1710/4021/7230

GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ACTIVITY BUS/CHARTER BUS PROCEDURES

Breakdown and Accident Procedures:

- First and foremost, check all passengers for any injuries. **Contact 911 immediately** if any student or staff member should require medical treatment.
- Immediately get the bus off of the roadway and into a parking lot if at all possible (as best as you possibly can).
- If a breakdown or accident occurs, contact the Athletic Director.
- If there are no injuries, assess the damage to the bus to determine if students should evacuate. Evacuation should only be executed if necessary—i.e., fuel is leaking and there is threat of a fire, bus is in a compromised position and could be struck again by other motorist.
- If damage is minimal and the other party is in agreement, move the vehicles involved out of the roadway and into a parking lot or other safe location.
- The Athletic Director will provide appropriate instructions once they have been notified.
- Coaches/Bus Drivers will use the following guidelines in the event that you do not reach the Athletic Director:
 1. Create a roster of all passengers riding the bus and a seating diagram. This information will be used for both law enforcement and insurance purposes.
 2. Highlight the name(s) of any student/staff member who is injured and document their injuries.
 3. Collect pertinent information from other parties involved, including full name, address, phone number, insurance company, and policy number.
- Details of the accident **must not** be discussed with anyone other than law enforcement or School Administration.

Safety Procedures:

- All activity buses must be inspected for safety before each trip as required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation.
- Coaches/Bus Drivers must contact the Athletic Director immediately if items of concern are discovered during the pre-trip inspection. An alternate activity bus will be provided if necessary (see attached safety inspection).
- Before each trip, all passengers should be instructed as to the placement of all emergency exits in the case of an accident where evacuation is necessary.
- At no time should an emergency exit be blocked while the activity bus is parked or in transit.

ACTIVITY BUS INSPECTIONS AND BUS DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

_____ Driver has a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Class B with S and P endorsements, and has a North Carolina School Bus certification.

_____ Driver understands the safety and emergency procedures as outlined in the Athletic Handbook.

_____ Conduct a pre-trip inspection of bus.

- ✓ Check Vehicle number and markings
- ✓ Check tires and treads (no recaps on front tires; no slick tires!)
- ✓ Check wheel hubs for grease leaks
- ✓ Check all mirrors for visibility
- ✓ Look for any fluid leaks, including a check of the fuel tank cover
- ✓ Check all lights (interior, head, tail and brake)
- ✓ Check emergency doors, roof hatches, windows and exit handles
- ✓ Check first aid kit and fire extinguisher
- ✓ Check driver's seat and seat belt
- ✓ Check handrails and handholds
- ✓ Test horn and windshield wipers
- ✓ Check windshield and windows for cracks
- ✓ Check fuel level
- ✓ Test emergency brakes and foot brake; check for air leaks

ADDING/DROPPING ATHLETIC TEAMS

The adding or dropping of a sport at a school must have the approval of the MGSD Superintendent. The dropping of an offered sport should be limited to cases where there is not enough student interest, lack of opposing teams offering the sport, or inability to find interested Coaches.

ADMISSION TICKETS AND PASSES TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

PASSES ACCEPTED AT MGSD HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

- An employee photo I.D. pass.
 - This pass, when properly validated, will grant the employee and immediate family members admission to all MGSD athletic contests for the regular season.
 - Substitute teacher passes are **not** accepted.
- N.C. Coaches Association, NCHSAA, Conference, and MGSD activity passes.
- Uniformed rescue squad and/or emergency service members and their spouses.
- Current, in-season MHS & MMS Athletes.

Note:

Passes may not be transferred to any other person.

Abuse or misuse of passes will result in their immediate revocation.

Athletic passes are not accepted for NCHSAA Endowment Games and playoffs.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Athletic Booster Officers cannot be school employees. Athletic Boosters may operate Principal-approved fundraisers including concession stands. Athletic Boosters must work with the Athletic Director and Principal on all donated items/funds.

ATHLETIC FUNDS

All athletic funds, including revenue derived from fundraisers, gifts, donations, etc., must be reported to the Athletic Director. All gate receipts are the responsibility and property of the school and should be deposited in the appropriate account.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM

All schools must have an athletic participation form for each athlete on file. All schools will conduct a pre-season meeting to discuss expectations, procedures, and concussion protocol.

ATHLETIC PURCHASING

All purchases or donations to athletic programs by Athletic Booster organizations, clubs, or individuals must have the prior approval of the Athletic Director and Principal. Coaches or Athletic Directors will not request purchases or donations without prior approval of the Principal.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

A student-athlete must be present at least one half of the school day in order to participate in an athletic contest on that same day. Parents may petition the School Principal or Athletic Director in writing regarding an excused absence (e.g. funeral, college visit). All athletes must meet local attendance standards from the previous semester to maintain eligibility as well.

CAPACITY (Stadiums, Gyms, etc.)

Administrators are accountable for the scheduled posted capacity at each sports arena. Once capacity is reached, Administrators will discontinue admission. All exits and aisles are to remain unblocked at all times.

ELIGIBILITY LISTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Before the first contest, the Principal or the Athletic Director shall file a copy of the eligibility list at the school. This eligibility list is also shared with the conference each season.

ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

- The Head Coach of each sport will submit an alphabetized list of players to the Athletic Director.
- The Coach will review all data and advise the Athletic Director of any inaccurate information.
- The final eligibility report will be submitted to the Athletic Director, Principal, and the Conference Secretary.
- Coaches will work with school staff to maintain a current eligibility list and inform the Athletic Director of any changes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES TRANSFERRING INTO MHS

Refer to the [NCHSAA Residency and Transfer Policy](#).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Mooresville Graded Schools will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes and otherwise comply with Title IX. Accordingly, the Athletic Director in conjunction with the Title IX Coordinator will oversee and monitor athletics to ensure that equitable treatment and benefits are provided to female and male athletes.

EQUIPMENT

Coaches will submit an equipment inventory and needs list to the Athletic Director at the end of each sports season. Equipment can be purchased through school or athletic booster funds. All equipment that requires certification or inspection by an outside vendor must be documented and the verification of certification/inspection must be kept on file at the school level.

EXAMS

Games are not to be played the day before Final Exams begin and during the exam period (regular test administrations). Middle school or high school contests are prohibited on exam days unless it is on the last exam day of week. Practice should end by 6:00pm the day before an exam.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUSPENSION DUE TO CRIMINAL CHARGES

Refer to the Mooresville Graded School District Athletic Code of Conduct for consequences.

GAMES OR MATCHES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

All teams must observe Mooresville Graded Schools' guidelines pertaining to practice and play during the school day. Teams may not practice during the school day. Teams may not begin competition until after the school day ends. The following are the exceptions: State playoffs, conference tournaments, 18-hole golf matches. In addition, teams may not play, practice or assemble as a team with a Coach on Sundays.

INITIATION OR HAZING

Initiations and/or hazing of student-athletes is strictly prohibited. Coaches should report any incidents to the Athletic Director and Administration immediately.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT GAMES

Mooresville Graded Schools requires that a law enforcement officer in uniform be present at all high school varsity football and varsity basketball games. In addition, Principals and Athletic Directors are encouraged to have law enforcement personnel whenever a large crowd is expected at an athletic event or when there is reason to believe that law enforcement may be needed. Officers should be told they are being paid to patrol the area, not to be spectators. Administrative personnel (Principals

and Athletic Directors) should be on duty at every athletic event at which the public is present on school property.

LETTERING FOR TEAM-SUPPORT PERSONS

Lettering requirements for such persons as team managers, student trainers, and cheerleaders should be reviewed regularly by each school to assure fairness and equity.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Coaches are encouraged to contact media outlets regarding the outcome of contests and team and individual accomplishments. Coaches are encouraged to highlight all athletes throughout the season.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

All athletes must receive a medical examination before participation in tryouts, practice, or athletic events. The medical exam must be done once every 395 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant with no counter signature required. For example, if a student is absent from practice for five or more days due to illness or injury, he/she must receive a medical release by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant before being readmitted to practice and contests.

MEDICAL STAFF COVERAGE

Prior to the beginning of athletic practice for football, each school should make plans to have an Athletic Trainer/First Responder on staff and in attendance at all football practices and football games. These individuals are also responsible for coverage at ALL home events throughout the remainder of the school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Mooresville Graded Middle School will follow NCHSAA guidelines, if not included in the NCDPI Guidelines.

MULTIPLE SPORTS IN ONE SEASON

When sharing athletes, Coaches will work together to ensure sufficient practice time and conditioning for both sports. Any conflicts revolving around these athletes will be handled by the Athletic Director.

PARTICIPATION DURING HOLIDAY BREAKS-ABSENCES

Coaches along with the Athletic Director will evaluate special/unique circumstances with the parent and athlete regarding absences from practices/games during school holiday breaks. Parents and athletes must fully understand this may affect their playing status on the team from this point forward per Coach's discretion. Coaches should communicate this procedure regarding student absences prior to the start of the season.

PLAYER CONDUCT

All players are representatives of their school and are expected to display positive conduct and good sportsmanship at all times. The Coach may discipline any player guilty of willful misconduct to include dismissal or possible denial of participation in the next contest or contests. The Coach and Principal will make this determination. Mooresville Graded Schools follows NCHSAA ejection guidelines. Any student-athlete, Coach or School Official in grades 7-12 who is ejected or removed from any athletic contest shall follow the requirements for reinstatement as stated in the NCHSAA or NCDPI handbooks.

PRACTICE- BEGINNING OF FOOTBALL PRACTICE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Practice may begin no earlier than six (6) school days prior to the opening of the school term.

PRACTICE FOR TEAMS

- Practice may not take place until after the last regularly scheduled instructional period and after the end of a teacher workday.
- There may be no practice or scrimmage involving middle school teams with high school junior varsity or high school varsity teams.
- Student/Team Managers are NOT allowed to participate in drills or scrimmages during practice. ONLY team members are allowed to participate.
- Practice time, especially after school, should be reasonable in length so that students will have adequate time to complete homework assignments.
- Middle school and high school contests are prohibited on exam days unless it is on the last exam day of the week.
- All practices and regular season games are prohibited when Mooresville Graded Schools are closed due to weather related conditions. The Superintendent may make an exception to this rule under certain conditions.
- There shall be no Sunday practices, events, or competition for the calendar year in any sport. (Exception: NCHSAA sponsored events).

PRESS BOX GUIDELINES

The press box is a designated area to be used to coach, operate, and broadcast a sporting event. All press boxes are under the direct supervision of the School's Administration, including the Athletic Director. Each press box should be a working press box. Visitors in the press box should not interfere with coaching, broadcasting, or any operation of the press box. Visitors will be regulated by the School Administration and Athletic Director. Below are the necessary personnel in Mooresville Graded School press boxes:

- The window areas are first reserved for clock operators, scoreboard operators, announcers, spotters, video technicians, statisticians, coaches, and media.
- The media shall consist of radio station(s), home team newspaper, and visiting newspaper (if room exists). If room does not exist for all media outlets who desire to be in the press box they can stand behind the other media, if occupancy allows, or stand on the sidelines behind the media lines that are painted on the field.

- Any disruptions or other circumstances in the press box are to be monitored by the School's Administration/Athletic Director.

RECRUITING

No employee of Mooresville Graded Schools shall encourage a student-athlete to seek a transfer from one school to another for athletic purposes, or to otherwise engage directly or indirectly in recruiting practices that would result in such transfer requests. Any school employee that exercises undue influence to cause a student to transfer from one school to another for athletic purposes shall be considered in violation of this regulation and shall be subject to whatever disciplinary action the Mooresville Graded School District Board of Education and Superintendent deem appropriate.

RELATIONS BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

A close, cooperative working arrangement is encouraged between high school and middle school athletic departments. Each school has much to gain from such cooperation.

STATE COMPETITION AND CAMPS

- **IN-STATE OVERNIGHT COMPETITION AND CAMPS**

All athletic teams that spend the night in state must notify the Athletic Director in writing ten days prior to the contest/camp or as soon as the team is aware of the event. Athletic Directors will notify the Principal in writing of any overnight sports camps ten days prior to the team's departure.

- **OUT-OF-STATE OVERNIGHT COMPETITION AND SANCTION**

All contests during the sports season where a Mooresville Graded Schools team will travel out-of-state, including scrimmages or regular season games involving non-North Carolina Schools, should be approved by MGSD BOE provided there is no loss of school time. An out-of-state travel form should be filled out and submitted to the Athletic Director.

STUDENT/TEAM MANAGERS

Student/Team Managers no longer have to meet eligibility requirements but are NOT allowed to participate in practices or games. Student/Team Managers are ONLY allowed to assist the Coach with managerial duties. Student/Team Managers will be included on the eligibility list for catastrophic insurance purposes.

TEAM CAMPS

Off-season team camps are not mandatory. Costs for off-season camps are the responsibility of the student athlete. The sport and/or athletic department may offset the cost for non-mandatory team camps. Athletic Directors will notify the Principal of any overnight sports camps in writing ten days prior to the team's departure.

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students must ride to and from the event in which an school sponsored transportation is provided. With prior written permission and the Coach's permission, a parent/guardian may take only his/her student home from the event. Parents and students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from all practices. Coaches and staff members shall not transport students in their own private vehicles unless approved by MGSD.

TRYOUT/SELECTION CRITERIA

All tryouts shall be a minimum of 3 days. Athletic Directors will work with Coaches to create measurable rubrics to be used during the tryout period. Athletic Directors and Coaches will create a plan to notify student athletes if they are not chosen for the team in the most respectful manner possible. Students who were part of a sports season and either quit or were removed may not try out for the next sports season until that season is complete.

UNIFORMS

All mandatory uniforms and team gear will be paid for by the school or through team fundraising. Coaches cannot mandate students to purchase supplemental apparel/accessory items. This does not take the place of the uniform rotation procedure.

Mooresville High School uses a four-year rotation for Varsity teams (teams wear the uniforms for four years and they are replaced on the fifth year). This excludes Swimming, Golf, and Tennis as these uniforms are purchased annually.

Mooresville Middle School uses a five or six year rotation to replace uniforms for each team based on need.

UNIFORMS- REPLACEMENT

- Replace as needed due to wear and usage
- A list of all uniforms replaced will be provided to the Athletic Director each season.

WEIGHT ROOM ACCESS

All Coaches and teams will have access to the weight room. Athletic Director will oversee the scheduling of the weight room.

CHEERLEADING GUIDELINES

MIDDLE SCHOOL PYRAMIDS AND STUNT

Middle school cheerleaders and Coaches will follow the safety guidelines and progressions set forth by the Middle School Athletic Conference.

NUMBER OF CHEERLEADING SQUADS/MEMBERS

Middle schools will carry a maximum of 15 cheerleaders per squad. High schools will carry a maximum of 16 cheerleaders on each the JV and Varsity squads.

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING GUIDELINES

Spirit Squads have evolved to include competition as athletes. Competition should be a secondary consideration for spirit groups. Forming a competition squad is at the discretion of each school based upon number of student athletes and Coaches. Competition squads must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Mooresville Graded Schools spirit squads (Middle School and High School) may compete as long as the Coach chooses to compete. Mooresville Graded Schools does not fund competition costs for non-state affiliated competitions. Funding will be the responsibility of the participants (registration, transportation, etc.).
2. Spirit squads will be covered by the same liability insurance that covers a team traveling during a school activity.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

CONCUSSION IN SPORTS

The NFHS has teamed up with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate coaches, officials, parents and students on the importance of proper concussion recognition and management in high school sports. This course highlights the impact of sports-related concussion on athletes, teaches how to recognize a suspected concussion, and provides protocols to manage a suspected concussion with steps to help players return to play safely after a concussion.

Select the following link to view this course: <http://www.nfhslearn.com/>

Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act: The Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act was drafted and implemented to protect the safety of student-athletes in North Carolina and was signed into law on July 16, 2011. There are three major areas of focus in the law and these include: (1) education, (2) emergency action and post-concussion protocol implementation, and (3) clearance/return to play or practice following a concussion. Each school should maintain documentation that it is in compliance with the law. For further information on the Gfeller-Waller Act, please visit: <http://www.nchsaa.org/parents-students/health-safety/concussion-awareness>.

The NCHSAA website (Health and Safety Section) has information on the Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act including the Legislation Policy, Compliance Checklist, Student-Athlete and Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Statement Form, Return to Play Form, Coach/School Nurse Concussion Statement Form and link to the Gfeller-Waller concussion Awareness Act website (Revised May 2014).

HEAT and HUMIDITY GUIDELINES

Mooresville Graded Schools follows the NCHSAA Heat and Humidity Guidelines.

For updated guidelines, go to <http://www.nchsaa.org/parents-students/health-and-safety>.

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NFHS GUIDELINES ON HANDLING PRACTICES AND CONTESTS DURING LIGHTNING or THUNDER DISTURBANCES

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school activities association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard within 30 seconds of a visible lightning strike, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for thirty minutes and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Review annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel.
5. Inform student athletes of the lightning policy at start of season.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Lightning and Thunder Safety" section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

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DISCLAIMER – NFHS Position Statements and Guidelines

The NFHS regularly distributes position statements and guidelines to promote public awareness of certain health and safety-related issues. Such information is neither exhaustive nor necessarily applicable to all circumstances or individuals, and is no substitute for consultation with appropriate health-care professionals. Statutes, codes or environmental conditions may be relevant. NFHS position statements or guidelines should be considered in conjunction with other pertinent materials when taking action or planning care. The NFHS reserves the right to rescind or modify any such document at any time.

MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT TORNADO WATCH/WARNING GUIDELINES

What to do if a Tornado Watch or Warning is issued before/during/after athletic practices and/or contests are in progress.

TORNADO WATCH

All practices/events may continue as scheduled as long a school designee is constantly monitoring the local weather channel at all times.

If an athletic team is traveling away for a contest the Principal or designee shall notify the opposing school or their local law enforcement office and have them contact the Coach and inform them if the **TORNADO WATCH** is in Iredell County.

TORNADO WARNING

All events should be cancelled **IMMEDIATELY** and the athletes are to **IMMEDIATELY** go to the nearest building and seek coverage and get in the proper position for the **TORNADO WARNING**.

If an athletic team is traveling away for a contest the Principal or designee shall notify the opposing school or their local law enforcement office and have them to contact the Coach and inform them of the **TORNADO WARNING** in Iredell County. Remain in your present location until the **TORNADO WARNING** has been removed. If the **TORNADO WARNING** is in effect for the area in which they are playing they should be instructed to seek **IMMEDIATE** shelter and assume the proper position until the **TORNADO WARNING** has been removed in Iredell County prior to returning home.

REMEMBER:

A **TORNADO WATCH** CAN TURN INTO A **TORNADO WARNING** IN A MATTER OF SECONDS. IT IS THE FEELING OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT DURING A **TORNADO WATCH** IT IS MUCH SAFER FOR TEAMS TO RETURN HOME IN DAYLIGHT VERSUS WAITING UNTIL DARK TO RETURN HOME.