



GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Greater Midland/MPS will not allow 6th graders to participate in team cut sports (volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball), unless there is a need due to lack of numbers. 6th grade football players over 125 pounds will be eligible to compete on the 7th grade football team. 7th graders over 140 pounds will be eligible to compete on the 8th grade team. All participants ***MUST*** have a physical form on file at school prior to the first day of practice or tryouts. The physical must be dated after April 15th, 2017.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Fees for middle school athletics is \$85 per activity with an annual cap of \$170 per student for three sports and a cap of \$255 for four sports. **All fees must be paid prior to the start of practice and or tryouts.** Students who do not make the team for a cut sport, fees will be refunded within 10 days. Students will not be allowed to practice or tryout until fees are paid.

WHAT ARE MY PAYMENT OPTIONS?

1. Fees can be paid online through the Greater Midland Community Center website.
2. Checks can be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and dropped in the athletics box located at each school in the main office (Jefferson and Northeast).
3. Payment can be made at the Greater Midland Community Center located at:
*2205 Jefferson Ave.
Midland, MI 48640
(989) 832-7937*
4. Students who qualify for free or reduced priced lunch through Midland Public Schools will be granted a scholarship. To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and check the box allowing our food service department to share your application with school officials. Completed applications should be sent to your child's school or the MPS Food & Nutrition Services Office at 600 E. Carpenter St. Midland, 48640. Paper applications may also be filled out and sent to the main office of your student's school. Students are **REQUIRED** to register for each sport that they are participating in:

WHEN DOES EACH SPORT TAKE PLACE?

Sports Season	Start Date	*Try-outs	First Contest	Last Contest
Cross Country	August 21 st		September 2 nd	October 18 th
Football	August 21 st		September 12 th	October 18 th
Girls Basketball	August 21 st	*9/5-9/8	September 18 th	October 26 th
Girls Swimming	October 30 th		November 15 th	December 20 th
Boys Basketball	October 30 th	*10/30-11/3	November 21 st	January 17 th
Wrestling	October 30 th		November 14 th	December 19 th
Volleyball	January 22 nd	*1/22-1/24	February 12 th	March 21 st
Boys Swimming	January 22 nd		February 14 th	March 21 st
Boys & Girls Track	March 26 th		April 25 th	May 17 th

WHAT NIGHTS ARE GAMES PLAYED?

General Rules - (unless noted on schedule)

Cross Country (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday)

Football (Tuesday/Wednesday)

Basketball (Girls) – (Monday and Thursday)

Basketball (Boys) – (Monday and Wednesday)

Volleyball (Monday and Wednesday)

Track (Monday and Thursday)

Swim (Wednesday)

Practices are held Monday thru Friday after school for most sports programs.

DOES IT COST TO ATTEND EVENTS?

The fee for all athletic contests (including track & field) for students is \$2, adults \$3 and seniors (65 and over) and children under 5 years are free.

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Athletic teams* will be transported to *out-of-town* athletic contests by school bus, and in some cases, parents may need to provide transportation for events held *in-town*. Athletic contest held on the weekend will NOT be transported by MPS.

All athletes must travel with their respective team on out-of-town trips.

EXCEPTION: A parent may want to transport a child due to special circumstances. Arrangements must be made between the COACH and the PARENT in advance (NOT THE DAY OF!) and the request must be in writing. Parents are not allowed to transport any other child but their own – NO EXCEPTIONS!