

**SUMMERSVILLE JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC / ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK
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ATHLETICS

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Information in this handbook is provided for the safety of student athletes and is developed with the best interest of the student athlete in mind. Values such as good sportsmanship, integrity, character education, a winning attitude and the complete development of the individual in team and individual settings shall be promoted. Rules are established for the conduct of athletes, and the administration of Summersville athletics within the pages of this handbook.

Student athletes, parents, and coaches are responsible for knowing the contents of this handbook and for following the guidelines set forth herein. Failure to comply with these rules and procedures may result in a suspension of participation in Summersville athletics. Participation in sports is an extracurricular activity: aimed at better developing the minds, bodies, and character of our student athletes, and as both a complement and supplement to our educational course of study. It is a privilege, not a right to be a part of our athletic program.

GOALS OF THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The goals of the Summersville athletic department are to provide opportunities for student athletes to excel in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline, acceptable personal and social behavior, and character. Members of the teams and organizations must always serve as exemplars of high moral character and must demonstrate appropriate academic commitment, which is expected of all the students. Participation in athletics at Summersville is a privilege, not a right. In addition to the rules established by MSHSAA, each coach will have rules and expectations for the members of the team, which shall be distributed to all players and parents at the beginning of the season. The Summersville athletic department code of conduct applies to all student athletes on and off the field of play. All students who participate in athletics are subject to disciplinary consequences imposed by coaches and the administration. The athletic department at Summersville is designed to produce well rounded citizens who can take their place in the community and in a democratic society. The program is intended to develop leadership skills, a sense of responsibility and accountability, and sportsmanlike attitudes of the student population.

MISSOURI STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MSHSAA)

Summersville Junior High/High School is a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). MSHSAA is the governing body of high school athletics in the state of Missouri.

The objectives of this organization are:

1. To serve as an organization through which member high schools mutually adopt rules and regulations for interscholastic athletic competition so the boards of education and school faculties will regard interscholastic athletics as an educational resource to be encouraged and fostered.
2. To establish the responsibility for the administration of high school athletics by member school in order to ensure satisfactory supervision.
3. To provide a constitution, by-laws, and organization through which member school shall administer their interscholastic athletic programs.
4. To cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools through good standards of sportsmanship.
5. To promote equal opportunities for all involved in Missouri secondary school athletic programs regardless of race, religion, gender, or national origin.

MSHSAA GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MSHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations are provided 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. MSHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations should be considered in conjunction with other pertinent materials when taking action or planning care. Guidance may be rescinded or modified at any time, based on current conditions. Summarized information related to topics and issues that you should be on top of relative to COVID-19, Concussions, Heat/Humidity, Severe Weather, Cardiac Arrest, Emergency Action Plans, etc. can be found in the link below. These topics and additional information and resources may be found under the "Sports Medicine" tab or in the MSHSAA Handbook on www.mshsaa.org

SPORTS TEAMS AND ACTIVITIES

BOYS TEAMS

High School Basketball - Coach Dustin Tinsley (Winter Sport)
Assistant High School Basketball - Coach Roger Porter (Winter Sport)
Junior High Basketball - Coach Dustin Tinsley (Fall Sport)
High School Baseball - Coach Caleb Dudley (Fall, Spring Sport)
Junior High Baseball - Coach Josh Ashlock (Spring Sport)
Junior High & High School Cross Country - Coach Tori Porter (Fall Sport)

GIRLS TEAMS

High School Volleyball - Coach Bobbi Jo Bayer (Fall Sport)
Assistant High School Volleyball - Coach Heather Cooper (Fall Sport)
Junior High Volleyball - Coach Emma Keeling (Fall Sport)
High School Softball - Coach Jeannine Buttress (Spring Sport)
Junior High Softball - Coach Tabitha Lee (Spring Sport)
Junior High & High School Cross Country - Coach Tori Porter (Fall Sport)

ACTIVITIES

High School Cheerleading - Sponsor Heather Cooper (Winter)
Junior High Cheerleading - Sponsor Ashley Beavers (Fall)
High School Quiz Bowl - Sponsor Kristina Terrill
Junior High Quiz Bowl - Sponsor Krista Campbell
Music Activities - Sponsor Jonathan Guilbert
Archery - Sponsor Linda Goines
Trap - Sponsor Amanda Bell

CLUBS

High School Beta - Sponsor Kristina Terrill

Junior High Beta - Sponsor Becky McGuire

Student Council - Sponsor Amanda Michel

FBLA - Sponsor Kristina Terrill

FFA - Sponsor Amanda Bell

SUMMERSVILLE JH/HS ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The specific rules and regulations governing our Athletic Department are consistent with the policies of the Missouri State High School Athletic Association, the Summersville Junior High/High School. The Summersville Athletic Code is in effect every day, in school or out, for the athletic season beginning on the first scheduled practice and ending with the last contest for that sport.

PHILOSOPHY

1. The Summersville R-II School District believes that the extra-curricular activities are a privilege and an integral part of the total education program.
2. Students have no absolute right to participate in co-curricular activities; however, it is a privilege that is strongly encouraged. The demand that each participant attain and maintain his/her best possible physical and mental condition.
3. We recognize that the use and abuse of mind-altering chemicals and alcohol can be a significant health problem for adolescents which successfully participate in extracurricular activities.
4. We believe that extra-curricular activities make school life richer and more rewarding, and that adherence to certain behavior codes and academic standards enhances an individual's quality of life.

APPLICABLE TO:

This code shall apply to all students connected to an athletic or activities program of the Summersville R-II Schools and shall govern inclusively all athletes, managers, cheerleaders, participants, etc. The participants shall be considered in violation of the code if they use, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages, or illicit controlled substances (drugs), as well as commit felonies, misdemeanors, vandalism, theft, acts of disrespect, or actions unbecoming an athlete.

SPORTSMANSHIP/ACTS OF DISRESPECT/ACTIONS UNBECOMING AN ATHLETE

Participation in interscholastic/extracurricular activities is an honor and important part of personal growth. The standards we use to define sportsmanship include but are not limited to respect, honesty, self-control, positive attitude, responsibility and courtesy regardless of the event outcome. All event participants (students, sponsor, and spectators) are expected to follow the below standards.

- Show respect for the opponent at all times. When an opposing team visits our school, they should be treated as guests, greeted cordially upon arriving, given good accommodations and accorded the tolerance, honesty and generosity that all human beings deserve. When visiting another school we should be cordial and appreciative of our host. Good sportsmanship is the golden rule in action.
- Show respect for the officials. The officials should be recognized as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job and who can be expected to do it the best of their ability. Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.
- Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest. A familiarity with the current rules of the game and the recognition of their necessity for a fair contest is essential. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rule.
- Maintain self-control at all times. A prerequisite of good sportsmanship requires one to understand his/her own bias or prejudice and the ability to prevent the desire to win from overcoming rational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized. Good sportsmanship is concerned with the behavior of all involved in the game.
- All school discipline policies and rules apply directly to Summersville R-II students at school activities whether they are held on school property or away from school.

TRAINING RULES/DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Athletic Department of Summersville R-II School delegates the responsibility of developing a reasonable set of training rules for participants to the coach. Two important considerations are made when making these rules:

1. Rules are limited to only be more restrictive and not to be in conflict with the policies of Summersville R-II Schools or other Athletic Department policies.
2. All rules should be discussed with the squad at the first practice session.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

DRUG ABUSE

Incidents involving students taking or supplying a controlled substance or dealing with substance abuse while traveling to or from school or during the school day will be handled in the following manner:

1. Parents will be notified to pick up the student.
2. If a student possesses drugs, deals drugs or is under the influence of drugs while on school premises, the student will be suspended from attending school for at least 10 days. Both parents and students must come into the principal's office for a conference with the principal and superintendent. The parent and student involved must be willing for the student to receive counseling.
3. If the same thing happens a second time, the student and parent must appear before the Summersville Board of Education in order to be reinstated.
4. If a parent or student refuses to follow the above stated steps, recommendation will be made to the Summersville Board of Education that the student be expelled for one school year.

****The police department or juvenile authorities may be notified at any time.****

DRUG TESTING

All athletes, extracurricular students, and student drivers are subject to random drug testing throughout the school year. Random urine drug testing of the aforementioned public school students is legally determined by the United States Supreme Court. Summersville R-II School District reserves the right to test any participant in extracurricular activities if there is a justified suspicion on the sponsor's part to drug test the student during the next drug testing session. Any student not giving consent to take part in the random drug testing will not be allowed to participate in the program or drive to school until such consent is given. The Summersville R-II School Board will determine the frequency and number of students tested. Any student refusing to submit to urine drug testing will not be allowed to participate in the extracurricular activity for which he/she is signed up. Each time a student refuses to take a drug test it will be treated as a positive test. If a student whose name is on the list should leave school without testing and/ or following the proper check out procedures, it will be treated as a positive test.

Drug/ Alcohol (see Board policies JFCH and JHCD)

1. Possession, sale, purchase or distribution of any over-the-counter drug, herbal preparation or imitation drug or herbal preparation.

First Offense: In-school suspension or 1- 180 days out-of- school suspension.

Subsequent Offense: 1-180 days out-of –school suspension or expulsion.

2. Possession of or attendance while under the influence of or soon after consuming any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV, or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.

First Offense: police/juvenile and parent/guardian contact; 10-day suspension; conference with student, parent/ guardian, principal and superintendent before returning to school; permanent suspension from all sport and activities for the remainder of the school year.

Subsequent Offense: Police/ juvenile and parent/guardian contact; 30-day suspension; student and parent/ guardian must appear before the Board of Education to be reinstated. If parents or students refuse to do so, the administration will recommend suspension for the remainder of the school year.

3. Sale purchase or distribution of any prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substance or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.

First Offense: Police/juvenile and parent/guardian contact; 10 day suspension; conference with student, parent/ guardian, principal and superintendent before returning to school; permanent suspension from all sports and activities for remainder of school year.

Subsequent Offense: Police/juvenile and parent/guardian contact; 30-day suspension; student and parent/guardian must appear before the Board of Education to be reinstated. If parents or students refuse to do so, the administration will recommend suspension for the remainder of the school year.

4. Drug Test Failure but Not Under the Influence of Drugs Student failing random drug test will lose privileges according to the following chart.

First Offense; Suspension from all sports, activities, and parking privileges for 45 school days. After 45 days, students must test negative to a second drug test before allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities or allowed to park on school premises. The student will be charged for the second drug test.

Subsequent Offense: Permanent suspension from all sports, activities, and parking privileges. If a second offense occurs during the 4th quarter, the student may be suspended from the aforementioned list for an administratively determined number of days to begin the subsequent year.

CITIZENSHIP

Students who represent a school in interscholastic or extra-curricular activities must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper school authority certifying a list of students for competition. Those students whose character or conduct both in school and out of school is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "creditible citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

The school's reputation should not be placed in jeopardy because of unsportsmanlike conduct displayed by anyone involved. Violations of this policy will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any act that would reflect discredit upon an individual's character.

According to the MSHSAA By-Law 710, a school may be suspended from membership in the MSHSAA and from participating in interscholastic activities with other member schools for the unsportsmanlike conduct of teams, coaches, students, and fans. Each school is responsible for the conduct of its teams, coaches, students, and fans at games both at home and away. Players and spectators should support the players in a positive manner rather than possibly placing them in a position of being penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The following policies are established to serve as guidelines for actions to be taken by the school in addition to the mandatory provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Laws 810.

Consequences of Unsportsmanlike Conduct

If a student should commit an unsportsmanlike act while participating in an interscholastic event, the coach in charge shall review the incident with the athlete and have the appropriate consequence and correction made.

If a student or athlete should be ejected from an athletic event, he/she shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest. If repeated ejections occur, the athlete's continued involvement in the athletic program will be reviewed and possibly terminated.

If a student's conduct as a spectator is found to be unsportsmanlike, he/she could be barred from attending any junior high/ high school athletic contests.

The unsportsmanlike conduct of any spectator, regardless of age, could cause that spectator to be barred from attending future interscholastic athletic contests.

- Any student who (1) is arrested for, charged with, and/or issued an indictment or information regarding, (2) pleads guilty to, (3) is convicted of, (4) receives probation for, or (5) receives a suspended imposition of sentence for any violation or alleged violation of federal, state, or local law (regardless of whether the matter is pending in a local court, the juvenile justice system, or the adult justice system) shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of the action, notify the Athletic Director or Principal. Failure to provide such notification within the stated time frame will result in the student's removal from the respective team/activity. In addition, students should note that by failing to provide this information,

students possibly jeopardize their respective team's season and may cause the team to be placed on probation.

- A student who is involved with criminal behavior and has been charged will be ineligible until all matters have been concluded with the legal system and the school. MSHSAA By-Law 212.0
- A student who is found guilty of a law violation shall not be considered a credible citizen until he/she has satisfied his/her fine and/or penalty. MSHSAA By-Law 212.0
- If a student is on probation under the suspended execution or suspended imposition of a sentence, the student must fulfill all special conditions of the probation such as jail time, payment of a fine, restitution, community service, counseling, etc. before eligibility can be restored. After the student has fulfilled the special conditions of probation, but remains under general conditions of probation only, the Local Board of Education shall determine the eligibility. MSHSAA By-Law 212.0
- Each individual school has the authority to set more restrictive citizenship standards and shall have the authority to judge its students under those standards. MSHSAA By-Law 212.0

CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS

Each squad must have 14 days of condition practice and each individual must have participated in 14 school condition practices on 14 different days prior to the date of the first interscholastic contest in all sports. This requirement shall be met if a student has been a member of another school sports squad immediately preceding the sport season, has been actively practicing with the sport squad, has had 14 days of physical conditioning and begins physical conditioning practice with the new sport squad with no more than seven calendar days having passed between the two sports before beginning practice. If an athlete is ineligible to participate in a given sport because of academic probation in the beginning of the season and is subsequently reinstated eligibility at mid-term, the athlete must complete 14 days of conditioning before competition.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Student athletes who are absent from school for more than 3 class periods on the day of an activity WILL NOT be allowed to participate that day. Student athletes who are late for school, check out of school, or are absent from school the day after an activity will be suspended from the next activity; this includes activities on non-school days. Students who miss a practice or game will miss the next contest; this also includes activities on non-school days. It is at a coach's discretion to incur additional penalty. Any student who is over his/her days of attendance in a semester is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. Exceptions may

be granted by the Principal and/or Athletic Director for extenuating circumstances i.e. doctor appointment, funeral, etc.

VIOLATIONS OF SCHOOL RULES

Penalty – Students may not compete, practice, or participate in any way with an athletic team during a suspension from school. **This includes in-school suspension.** Less serious violations are to be handled by the head coach.

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING

Students, athletes, and coaches that are involved in interscholastic/extra-curricular activities represent Summersville R-II Schools. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to make a good impression. The dress code applies for all sports and activities. Practice clothing must follow school policy. Hairstyles and all facial hair must be maintained in a neat and clean manner as defined by the coach/sponsor, so as to present a positive image for both the team/activity and the school. Dress code to and from games are to be decided by the head coach of the sport.

END OF SEASON

Athletes are responsible for turning in their equipment and uniforms after the completion of their seasons. Failure to do so will result in the loss of credit for the season in which they did not return equipment or uniforms. Athletes are financially responsible for any equipment or uniforms not turned in or damaged beyond what normal use would cause.

APPEAL PROCESS

Anyone wishing to request an appeal should notify the Superintendent in writing within seven calendar days of the date the student is notified of the suspension. The right of appeal is forfeited if not requested within this seven-day limit. If an appeal is requested, the Superintendent will conduct a hearing with the athlete, the athlete's parents, building administration and the athletic director. The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into the athlete's violation and to allow the athlete and parents or guardians to present evidence on the student's behalf. The Superintendent shall make the final determination in regards to whether the Athletic Code was probably applied to the violation.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

While it is hoped that all athletes, parents, and staff members work for the common good of the individual and the school, disagreements are a part of high school athletics. Parents and players are encouraged to address concerns through the process outlined below.

Process

When conflicts or issues arise it is important that they be addressed immediately, and as directly as possible, so that they can be promptly resolved. It is important for the student athletes and parents to recognize that coaching strategy and playing time are not appropriate subjects for complaint or discussion. In addition, parents should follow any instructions from the coach about the best way/time to approach the coach with questions or concerns.

- **First Step: Student athlete contacts the coach** – The student athlete should present the conflict/issue to the coach as soon as possible. It is always best for students to become their own advocates. It is expected that the majority of concerns will be resolved at this first meeting.
- **Second Step: Parent(s) contact(s) the coach** – if needed, a parent may contact the coach directly but not just before, during or just after a practice or game. A parent should email or call the coach to set up an appropriate time to discuss the issue.
- **Third Step: Contacting the Athletic Director** – If a satisfactory solution is not reached through direct contact with the coach, the student and / or parent contact the Athletic Director. The coach should be informed that this contact is going to be made. If needed, a meeting may be scheduled involving all concerned parties in an attempt to reach a satisfactory resolution. The AD will respond to the student athletes and parents in a timely manner as to the disposition of their concerns.
- **Fourth Step: Contacting the Principal** – If there is still not a satisfactory resolution, the student or parent may contact the building principal. The Athletic Director should be informed that this contact is going to be made. While there can be no guarantee that all parties will agree with all resolutions or findings.

NOTE: Board members and administrative officials may be contacted by parents and members of the community about a concern regarding a player or coach. However, board members and administrative officials shall inquire as to whether or not the issue has been handled according to the conflict resolution process and shall direct the inquiring person to follow the step in the process.

HIGH SCHOOL LETTERING PROCEDURES

Only students earning varsity letters will receive an “S” from Summersville High School. Students earning junior varsity recognition will receive a certificate. No one may purchase or wear an athletic letter that was not earned through varsity participation or band.

Volleyball: Students expecting to letter in varsity volleyball must compete in at least sixteen sets of varsity level competition or play in two matches in the state tournament.

Basketball: Students expecting to letter in varsity basketball must compete in at least twenty quarters of varsity level competition or play in two games in the state tournament.

Baseball: Students expecting to letter in varsity baseball must compete in an average of three innings per seven inning game of varsity level competition over the season or play in two games in the state tournament.

Softball: Students expecting to letter in varsity softball must compete in an average of three innings per five inning game of varsity level competition over the season or play in two games in the state tournament.

Cross-Country: Students expecting to letter in varsity cross-country must compete in at least 5 regular season meets AND compete in the district meet.

Cheerleading: Students expecting to letter in varsity cheerleading must participate in at least 75% of all varsity basketball games with no more than three demerits.

Manager: Any student who wishes to letter as a manager must work with the team and assist the coach throughout the season.

Choir: Students expecting to letter in choir must maintain at least a 90% grade average each semester. Students must also attend all scheduled performances, completing all assigned duties and remain until the completion of the concert and duties.

Grades and Conduct: Letters are to be given out each spring at the awards banquet. Up until that time, your grades and conduct must be maintained. Any unreasonable misconduct will

cause you to forfeit your right to the varsity "S". This applies to every student expecting to letter. No student may letter if they quit during the season.

PHYSICALS AND INSURANCE

Students must have medical information, proof of insurance, completed physical form and parental consent information on file with the AD prior to the first practice to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at Summersville Junior High/High School.

TRANSPORTATION

All athletic groups must travel to and from games by school bus. With permission of the coach and parental signature on the sign-out sheet, an athlete may ride home with his/her parents after the game. Parents should notify the coach in person of this request. Any exception to this rule must be granted by the AD and/or Principal.

BILLS

When students accrue or owe \$100 or more to the school, they will lose participation in all field trips, athletic teams and club activities **until balance is brought below \$100.**

SUMMERSVILLE JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL AND MSHSAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMICS

Grades 9 - 12

- You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which any student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is GREATER, at your school.
- For your current semester, you must be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned at your school whichever is Greater.
- Credits earned or completed after the close of the semester will not fulfill the requirement. **Summer school credits earned as remediation for a failed course do not count toward fall eligibility.**

- Students promoted for the first time into 9th grade are considered academically eligible for the first semester after promotion **unless they have failed a 2nd semester or 4th quarter class from the previous year.**
- Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal, athletic director or counselor to determine whether doing so will affect your eligibility.

Grades 6-8

- You must be enrolled in a normal course load for your grade at the member school.
- You will be ineligible if you failed more than one class the previous grading period.
- You must have been promoted to a higher grade prior to the first day of classes for the new school year.
- Students promoted for the first time into 7th grade are considered academically eligible for the first grading period after promotion **unless they failed a 2nd semester or 4th quarter class from the previous year.**

NOTE: Grades will be checked regularly. Any student with at least one failing grade in any course during a quarter will not be allowed to participate during extracurricular activities until the grade is brought to passing. Students must still participate in practice until all grades are at or above 60%. A coach of his/her respective activity may set the participation percentage higher than 60% at the junior high and/or high school level. **Students who fail a quarter or semester are placed on academic probation for the following quarter. Students must meet the minimum practice requirement before being allowed to play in games following the quarter of restriction. Students may attend practices while on academic probation, but are not allowed to dress out for games, sit the bench, travel with the team, or act as the team manager. These same rules apply for team managers.**

SEMESTER OF PARTICIPATION

Grades 9 - 12

- Students are eligible to participate in any sport for a maximum of four seasons (an exception is in place for schools sponsoring baseball or softball in both the fall and spring). Any part of a contest played during a season counts as a season of participation.
- Student eligibility to participate in high school activities begins when student first enters the 9th grade and lasts for the next eight consecutive semesters (four consecutive years).

Grades 7 - 8

- Students are eligible for only first two semesters of attendance in the 7th grade and for only first two semesters in the 8th grade.
- Students are not eligible to compete against students enrolled in the 10th grade or above when enrolled in either the 7th or 8th grade.
- NOTE: Check with your school principal for exceptions to this rule if you are ineligible because of age.

AGE LIMITS

Grades 9 - 12

- If a student reaches 19 years of age prior to July 1, they are ineligible the next school year.
- Over-aged 8th graders should be moved up to the senior high team to have eight semesters of eligibility.

Grades 7 - 8

- In order to participate on or against teams made up of only 7th graders, a student must not have reached 14 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.
- In order to participate on or against teams made up of only eight-graders, a student must not have reached 15 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.
- In order to participate on or against teams made up of only 9th graders (freshmen teams), a student must not have reached 16 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.
- Students may participate with the next higher grade team if they no longer meet the age limit for their grade.
- NOTE: Check with your school principal or athletic director for options available to you if you are ineligible for your grade level because of age.

MSHSAA JUNIOR HIGH AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Grades 6 - 8

- Playing time. Athletes will only be pulled up a grade if for example the 7th grade team only has three players and they need two or three more players to compete in games.
- Students below the 5th grade will not be eligible to play when we pull elementary kids up to play on the 7th and 8th grade teams.

- When we start pulling students up one grade at a time, the entire grade will have the opportunity to play. Coaches will not pick which 5th and 6th graders move up.
- A lot of these decisions will be left up to the coaches. Ex, playing time ex...with a lot of thought and communication we can use this type of membership to our advantage so that our athletes are given more and better opportunities to participate.

ATHLETE AND PARENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is to be completed and submitted prior to the first game of the sports season.

I, _____ have received the Summersville Junior High / High

(Print Athletes Full Name)

School Athletic / Activities Handbook and I understand all contents within it.

_____ **(Athlete Signature)**

_____ **(Date)**

_____ **(Parent / Guardian Signature)**

_____ **(Date)**