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## MIAMI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 ATHLETIC CODE 2015-2016

### **I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of interscholastic athletics is to instill in student-athletes an appreciation for the value and necessity of hard work and perseverance in achieving goals and to promote such values as honesty, sportsmanship, mental discipline, and pride in oneself for a job well done.

The Athletic Code is a set of rules and guidelines approved by the Governing Board for student-athletes in grades 7-12.

All student-athletes in grades 7-12 are bound by rules and guidelines as put for in the Arizona Interscholastic Association Constitution and Bylaws (i.e. sportsmanship rule, eligibility requirements, transfer rules, practice dates, etc.).

### **II. ELIGIBILITY and ATTENDANCE:**

-All Arizona Interscholastic Association and MUSD #40 requirements for participation in athletics must be met before drawing equipment.

-An athlete cannot play on an outside team during the sports season. (Exceptions only as designated by AIA).

-Any students grade check that shows one or more D's or F's shall, upon the first instance, be benched from interscholastic competition until all grades are a C or above. On the second instance, be benched for two weeks and on the third instance, be removed from the team.

-Eligibility periods always run from Monday through Sunday.

-The AD is responsible for determination of eligibility.

-To be eligible to compete in a contest scheduled on a day when classes are in session, an athlete must be in attendance the day of and day after the scheduled contest. An Athlete must be in attendance on the last day that school is in session to be eligible for the next contest held on a day when school is not in session. Athletes not in attendance for either situation will be eligible to compete only if their absence was due to a documented court, medical or dental appointment. Documentation of the absence must be presented to the athletic director prior to game time for a home contest or prior to departure time for an out-of-town contest.

-At the discretion of the principal or the athletic director, funerals, and medical emergencies will be an excused absence.

-All students are required to be full-time students. To be regarded as a full-time student at Miami High School, athletes



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in grades 7-11 must be enrolled in a minimum of seven credit classes; athletes in grade 12 must be enrolled in a minimum of seven credit classes unless alternative arrangements have been approved by administration.

-Athletes are to arrange for make-up work the day before the game for any schoolwork that will be missed due to athletic trips. Athletic trips are an excused absence from school and teachers must supply work at no penalty.

-Proper care and treatment of injured student-athletes is imperative. Athletes whose injuries either (A) necessitate consultation or care from a medical-service provider, or (B) are deemed worthy of consultation of care by the coach, athletic director or principal or their designee, are not eligible to resume practice or competition until a written medical clearance to resume full participation is submitted to the athletic director. This written clearance must be from a medical doctor, orthopedic surgeon, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner. The coach must hand in a yellow injury form to the office.

-The reporting of injuries from all sources (athletic activities, vehicular accidents, P.E., serious illness, etc.) to the head coach and/or athletic director is a shared responsibility among student-athletes, parents, coaches, and teachers.

## **III. TRANSPORTATION**

-Athletes will travel to and from competition in transportation provided by the school.

-A student/athlete may return from an away game in transportation designated by his/her parent as long as these conditions are met: (1) the permission request is given in writing on the official school form, (2) the permission request is approved by the AD or principal at least one day before the contest.

## **IV. EQUIPMENT**

-Students/athletes are responsible for all equipment issued to them including the care of facilities such as lockers, showers, etc. All equipment is due 48 hours after completion of season or if a student quits or is terminated from team.

-If any equipment is lost or damaged the athlete shall reimburse the school for the new replacement cost.

-Before students may participate in the next sport they must have returned all previous equipment issued to them and have no outstanding fees.

-Students who owe money for books, equipment or fees may not participate in any sport until the fees are paid. The athletic director or principal may allow a short grace period on fees for unusual circumstances.

-Coaches, teachers or other school personnel who are responsible for collecting equipment or fees from students may



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declare to the athletic director a student's ineligibility to participate, including practice, under rule 4.

-All coaches are responsible for making personal contacts, phone calls, etc. in collecting equipment. After this has been followed, a referral may be written if the athlete has not turned in all equipment and paid all fees. Coaches are required to document what equipment or attire is given to the student.

-If an athlete has not turned in all equipment two weeks after the end of that season, the student will be charged for the cost of replacement equipment.

## **V. PRE-SEASON ORIENTATION MEETINGS**

Prior to the start of each sport season, an orientation meeting may be held. These meetings are intended to provide coaches a forum to outline their coaching philosophies, guidelines, expectations, etc. Parents and prospective athletes will have an opportunity to ask questions and get to know the coach. Coaches will answer questions regarding issues that parents often want to know about including criteria for making the team, whether or not cuts will occur, cut dates, practice times, ineligibility concerns, dress codes on away trips, criteria for lettering, playing time determinants, and any additional questions that may arise. At the onset of these meetings, the Athletic Director will briefly discuss AIA guidelines and the district athletic code. Pre-season orientation meetings are great opportunities for parents to get to know their child's coach in an informal setting. Parents are very much encouraged to attend. Copies of team rules, the Athletic Code, and Coaches Handbooks will be available to parents and students. A copy of the AIA Constitution & Bylaws ([aia.online.org](http://aia.online.org)) will be available for students and parents to view. Dates and times of meetings will be publicized through local papers and radio stations.

## **VI. GENERAL DISCIPLINE RULES AND GUIDELINES**

Athletes are responsible for their actions on and off campus. It is the athlete's responsibility to choose not to engage inappropriate and/or illegal behaviors that will result in suspension from competition or dismissal from the team.

-All eligibility paperwork must be completed and submitted within two weeks of the first day of school for fall sports and within two weeks from the first legal AIA practice date for winter and spring sports. There may be extenuating circumstances (i.e. transfer students, serious medical conditions, etc.) which would allow a student to come out past the deadline with approval by the AD.

-Student athletes who commit a serious discipline infraction (as determined by administration or the AD) on a game day will be ineligible to compete that day, and/or may be ineligible to compete in subsequent games as determined by administration or the AD.

-Athletes are expected to abide by all team rules. Coaches have authority to impose punitive measures on athletes who violate rules.



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-Be respectful at all times to teachers, coaches, athletic officials, fellow students, team members, fans, and opponents. Good citizenship and good sportsmanship are mandatory!

In-season” begins on the first legal AIA practice date and ends upon completion of the final conference/AIA sanctioned contest).

Stay away from all illegal activities, on and off campus (i.e. possession/use of alcohol or drugs, vandalism, theft, etc.). Participation in illegal activities, whether direct or indirect, on the part of an in-season athlete will result in immediate suspension from the sport in season. Miami athletes who are associating with anyone participating in illegal activities will be considered a participant for the purposes of eligibility. A second offense on the part of an in-season athlete will result in suspension from participation in inter-scholastic competition for one calendar year from the date of the second offense.

## **DISMISSAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM/APPEAL PROCESS**

Not all circumstances resulting in disciplinary action against an athlete can possibly be covered. In the vast majority of cases it is the coach who is responsible for the daily management of the team, including the evaluation of an athlete’s ability, work ethic, and conduct. Athletes who commit severe and/or chronic infractions may be dismissed from the team by the coach and/or school administration. Athletes dismissed from an athletic team will be provided notice of the dismissal and the reason. The coach will also provide this information to the Athletic Director.



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## VII. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

List all sports: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL requirements for participation in MUSD #40 athletics must be completed before an athlete will be issued equipment/uniforms and before he/she will be permitted to practice or compete.

a. \_\_\_ I will purchase athletic-insurance through the school provider.  
(Office use only—purchased: \_\_\_\_\_  Football  Other)

b. \_\_\_ I choose not to purchase school insurance. My child is covered by insurance through \_\_\_\_\_ insurance company.

**PARENTAL CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE:** I give consent to any medical doctor, certified emergency medical personnel, or hospital to provide emergency care and treatment to my son/daughter in the event that he/she should become ill or injured. I accept responsibility for all costs regardless of who directed their incurrence, including costs requested by Miami USD personnel.

**PARENTAL CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE:** I give permission for our son/daughter to participate in organized interscholastic athletics, realizing that there is an inherent risk of injury associated with active participation in athletics. I acknowledge that, even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict adherence to rules, injuries resulting in total disability, paralysis, and even death are possible.

**MUSD ATHLETIC CODE:** I have received and read the MUSD Athletic Code (attached, contained in MHS Student Handbook, posted on campus, and copies available in High School office). I understand the contents and agree to comply with the rules and guidelines set forth in the MUSD Athletic Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian *signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student/Athlete *signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent phone (cell)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address (street & city)

Emergency contact person in case parent cannot be reached:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone