



Dual-Sport Participation Application Form and Contract

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) seeks to provide an inclusive and equitable interscholastic athletic program that maximizes participation for all high school students. Some student-athletes have skills and abilities with a desire to contribute to more than one athletic team in a particular season.

Procedures:

1. Student-athletes may be allowed to participate in two interscholastic sports during the same season. Student-athletes wishing to participate will need to obtain a request form from the athletic director and follow the guidelines established by the athletic department involving dual sport participation.
2. A student-athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the first official MPSSAA play date for that season.
3. A primary sport is defined as the sport taking precedence over another sport in the event there is a conflict of schedule or other matter that could lead to a conflict. The student-athlete must adhere to the primary sport in the event of any conflicts of schedule. If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence. Student-athletes are restricted to one practice or one game on any given day.
4. The student-athlete must practice in both sports, but the amount of practice time must meet the agreed requirements of the head coaches of those sports involved.
5. HCPS/MSDE/MPSSAA Heat Acclimatization procedures will apply and must be factored into practice time.
6. Student-athletes must be academically eligible through quarterly grades. Students on probation or appeal will not be considered.
7. The student-athlete and parents or legal guardians must sign a contract of dual-sport participation before the first practice session the athlete attends.
8. If the student-athlete is ejected for any infraction in a specific sport, the consequences will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation. The sportsmanship protocol must be followed and the NFHS sportsmanship course must be completed prior to participation in the second sport.
9. Once the Dual Sport Participation Contract has been completed, the student-athlete may not stop participating in their primary sport to participate full time in their secondary sport. Student-athletes must be active in their primary sport to participate in their secondary sport.
10. The High School Athletic Director and the School Principal will serve in the capacity of advisors and final decisions on matters concerning dual-sport participation.



Dual-Sport Participation Contract

Note: Must be completed before the first allowable MPSSAA play date.

It is the intention of the student-athlete named below to participate in two sports during the same season. For this to occur, the following stipulations must be met in accordance with HCPS procedures.

1. Three weeks prior to the start of the season, the student-athlete must initiate the process by scheduling a conference with the athletic director, head coaches from both teams, and parent(s)/guardian(s).
2. All parties (both head coaches, AD, Principal, and parent(s)/guardian(s) must agree. There will be no appeal process.
3. The student-athlete must declare which sport is primary and secondary for participation purposes.
4. The student-athlete must be academically eligible through quartering report card grades. Students on probation or appeal will not be considered for this opportunity.
5. Practice and game/meet requirements must be established prior to the sport season. Contests take precedence over practice, and the primary sport contests take precedence over secondary sports contests. Varsity contests take precedence over JV contests. After the conference between the athletic director, coaches and parents/guardians, the details of the plan will be established through a day-to-day calendar of the season. All parties involved will receive a copy of the plan. Rescheduling of games may require a modification of the day-to-day calendar.
6. All other procedures outlined on the application form (opposite side) apply.

Student-athlete: Click or tap here to enter text.

School: Choose an item.

Season: Choose an item.

Sport 1: Choose an item.

Level: Choose an item.

Primary/Secondary: Choose an item.

Sport 2: Choose an item.

Level: Choose an item.

Primary/Secondary: Choose an item.

Practice and Game/Meet Requirements (attach calendar if necessary):

Additional Stipulations:

Signature of Student-Athlete Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Head Coach – Primary Date

Signature of Head Coach- Secondary Date

Signature of Athletic Director Date

Signature of Principal Date

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