

Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School
Letter to the Parents/Guardians/Athletes

Dear Parents/Guardians/Athletes,

Welcome to another year of athletics at Monsignor Doyle. Our Athletic Program is very active and has a great tradition. You as parents/guardians should be proud of your student for qualifying to represent Monsignor Doyle in their athletic endeavour. Along with this privilege comes certain responsibilities and expectations. We have established some guidelines of which the athletes and parents need to be aware of. Please read over this information letter and the contract attached. Please complete and return or verify on School Cash Online, the following forms after discussing them with your student-athlete:

- Athletic Contract
- Sport and Recreation Consent
- Concussion Code of Conduct (student-athlete)
- Concussion Code of Conduct (parent/guardian)
- Transportation of Students Consent
- Student image, video or voice recording, including media use

Since high school athletics goes hand in hand with the curricular program, the students need to give their best effort in all their classes. Coaching staff, teachers and administrators work jointly with our student-athletes to encourage responsible citizenship. The “**Athletic Participation Contract**” outlines our expectations. We ask that you read this carefully with your student-athlete and that you both be aware of the terms of their participation.

Coaches and team members put in a tremendous amount of time and personal energy in order to have a productive season. This requires self-discipline and sacrifice in order to maintain team commitment throughout the entire season. Therefore, it is essential that each athlete selected be prepared to make a total commitment.

District 8 Athletic Fees are now based on a tiered system that can be found under ‘athletics’ on our school website and team fees will be communicated directly to athletes by their coaches. This fee can be paid online by visiting the Monsignor Doyle CSS Webpage or at the direct address <https://wcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>, for each sports team your student-athlete is involved with. This fee is used to assist with the costs of transportation, officials, team uniforms, league fees, athletic banquet etc.).

There is a \$150 refundable uniform deposit that can be completed through School Cash Online or by cheque and will be returned at the end of the season once the uniform has been returned – clean and in good condition. Should your child not return the uniform and in good condition, your uniform cheque will be cashed in order to replace the uniform and you be required to pay any costs exceeding \$150 to replace the uniform. **All unclaimed cheques will be shredded at the end of the school year.**

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at the school at any time. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you, parents/guardians, for supporting your child through athletics at Monsignor Doyle. The commitment that you make to encourage their participation in sports is appreciated. Without your support it would not be possible.

Sincerely,

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MONSIGNOR DOYLE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION CONTRACT

High school athletics goes hand in hand with the curricular program. MDCSS encourages students to “be the best that they can be” academically, behaviourally and athletically. Adhering to the expectations listed below will help to ensure the student athlete’s success.

- The student needs to give their best daily effort and work to their potential in all of their classes. **Teachers and coaches will monitor attendance, behaviour and academic performance.** Students with chronic attendance, academic or disciplinary problems may put on an “Athletic Participation Agreement” or be removed from the team.
- Characteristics of good citizenship shall be fostered. The student must be aware that they have a responsibility to the school and to the team to be responsible citizens. MDCSS athletes are encouraged to be good role models both on and off the “playing field”.
- If absent from school due to illness on a particular day, the student is not to play or practice with the team that same day.
- The student is expected to get the class work they will miss, in advance, so that they can keep up when they are away from class.
- The student will be committed to the team and will attend all practices, team meetings and games. Exceptions to this guideline should occur very rarely and need to be discussed with the coach well in advance. Athletes that have a job will have to make arrangements to work after practices and games.
- The student is responsible for their team uniform and will have to pay the replacement cost should it be misplaced or damaged. The same holds true for any equipment lent to the student.
- Students will be allowed to wear their team jersey over their school uniform on Spirit Wear Days (every Wednesday) but **not at any other time.** (i.e. - in PE class, personal time, at practice...)
- Smoking/vaping is not allowed while participating in school-organized events. The student acknowledges that smoking/vaping severely affects their overall health and athletic performance and will consider a strategy for changing this part of their lifestyle.

A student who encounters difficulty with the above expectations will be consequenced accordingly. Examples include:

- Game suspension(s)
- “Athletic Participation Agreements” designed in consultation with the coach, teacher, Administrator and Athletic Director.
- Withdrawal from the team until classroom work, behaviour and attendance have returned to an acceptable standard for that student.

Co-curricular Suspension

If an athlete:

- **quits the team after final selections are made**
- **is removed from the team (i.e. unacceptable class attendance, academic performance or behaviour, failure to adhere to “Athletic Performance Agreement”)**
- **has on-going issues with Doyle’s progressive discipline**

They will be suspended from all athletic co-curricular activities for up to one calendar year.

However, if an athlete feels there are mitigating circumstances or they have been consequenced inappropriately, they are encouraged to appeal the suspension. To appeal the suspension, the athlete must complete the Co-curricular Suspension Appeal Form (available from Mrs. Ducker) with supporting documentation and submit to Mr. Bellini within two weeks of leaving the team.

MDCSS Athletic Participation Contract

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **DOB:** _____

Parents/guardians, please *initial* the following items as they pertain to your student-athlete.

- _____ I read the letter from the Athletic Director online 2021 - 2022.
- _____ I read the Athletic Participant Contract
- _____ I completed the Transportation of Students consent form
- _____ I completed the Concussion Code of Contact (student-athlete) through School Cash Online
- _____ I completed the Concussion Code of Contact (parent/guardian) through School Cash Online
- _____ I completed the ‘Student image, video or voice recording, including media use’ consent through School Cash Online
- _____ I have paid my D8 athletic fee/team fee online (Monsignor Doyle CSS Webpage or at the direct address <https://wcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>) to assist with the costs of transportation, officials, team uniforms, league fees, etc. There may be additional fees if a student purchases team athletic wear or participates in tournaments.
- _____ I have made a deposit through the Monsignor Doyle CSS Webpage or at the direct address <https://wcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> OR enclosed my cheque of \$150.00 for my child’s uniform deposit which is refundable.

Acknowledgement

We have discussed the expectations outlined in the “Letter to Parents/Guardians/Athletes”, the “Athletic Participation Contract” and the items listed above. We have written any comments or concerns that we would like to discuss in the space provided below.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature

Student’s Signature

Date: _____

Please return this page and the consent forms attached to your coach as soon as possible