



MAULDIN HIGH SCHOOL



EXTRA CURRICULAR HANDBOOK 2010-2011

There is an excellent tradition of both academics and extra curricular activities at Mauldin High School. The extra curricular program is an integral part of the total educational experience. The intent of the program is to enrich a student's life while preparing him/her for future endeavors.

While it is an honor for a student to be a part of the extra curricular program, it is also a privilege. The extra curricular program will not be allowed to detract from Mauldin High School's primary mission - to provide every student the opportunity, challenge, and support to realize his or her educational potential and the ability to assume a productive role in a democratic society. **Extra curricular activities are complementary and supplementary to the academic program of Mauldin High School.** Academic success is considered the principal goal for all students.

Students who participate in extra curricular activities are required to fully comply with all policies outlined in this manual. Once a student is a member of the team/group, he/she is considered a member year round and must adhere to the policies set forth in this handbook and to team rules established by the coach. Ultimate authority over extra curricular activities lies with the principal and he/she may amend any policy set forth.

Tradition

Tradition builds pride, fosters team unity and reinforces confidence.

What is a Maverick?

From WordNet (r) 1.7:



adjective : independent in behavior or thought; "she led a somewhat irregular private life"; "maverick politicians"
[syn: irregular, unorthodox]

noun 1: someone who exhibits great independence in thought and action [syn: rebel]

noun 2: unbranded range animal especially a stray calf

OFFICIAL SEAL

The Official Seal of Mauldin High School is enclosed by ribbons in the school colors of orange and white. The motto AGE QUOD ADIS means *finish what you attempt*. The original founding date is 1927 - the new founding date is 1973. A Maverick head is the school mascot. The shield is divided into four parts: the American flag symbolizes Freedom; the open book symbolizes knowledge and wisdom (SAPERE AUDE - dare to be wise); the magnolia symbolizes abundance and natural beauty; and the white clouds in a blue sky symbolize a serene community, free of pollution and congestion, while the spire with cross symbolizes character.



Alma Mater

In the golden heart of gentle foothills
Stands Mauldin High School lighting our way
to life and learning. . .

Our Alma Mater leads each day!
Mauldin, Oh Mauldin High,
We lift our praises unto you.
Ours to build, to honor, love
Ours to pledge with faith anew.
In the golden days of Mauldin High School
May love and peace bind heart to heart
And reap a spirit . . .

Ours to hold as we depart.
Mauldin, Oh Mauldin High,
We lift our praises unto you.
Ours to build, to honor, love
Ours to pledge with faith anew.

by Sarah Cooper

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRY-OUTS

ACADEMICS

For a student to be eligible to try-out for a sport during the first semester eligibility cycle, he/she must meet South Carolina High School League requirements (see below) as well as have passed both English and math the previous school year or in summer school and have an overall 75 average from the previous school year and summer school where applicable.

Students who take a course in summer school will have that grade averaged with their final grades from the previous school year.

For a student to be eligible to try-out for a sport during the second semester eligibility cycle, he/she must meet South Carolina High School League requirements as well as have an overall 75 average for the first semester.

South Carolina High School League academic requirements (Article VII, Section 3) are as follows:

To be eligible in the first semester a student must pass a minimum of five Carnegie units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous school year. To be eligible during the second semester, a student must meet one of the following conditions: (1) If the student met first semester eligibility requirements then he/she must pass the equivalent of four, ½ units during the first semester. (2) If the student did not meet first semester eligibility requirements then he/she must pass the equivalent of five, ½ units during the first semester.

Students must satisfy eligibility requirements in the semester preceding participation. (1) Credits earned in a summer school approved by the State Department of Education may apply for first semester eligibility. A maximum of two units per year may be used. (2) Students eligible for a first semester sport will be permitted to complete that sport even if it extends into the second semester.

DISCIPLINE

- A. Out of School Suspension
 - 1. 1 Offense – Student allowed to try out, but a second OSS will result in dismissal from the team
 - 2. 2 or more Offenses – Student not allowed to try out
- B. In School Suspension
 - 1. 1 Offense – Student allowed to try out, but a second offense will result in a 1 game suspension
 - 2. 2 Offenses – Student allowed to try out, but will serve a 1 game suspension, which will be the first regular season game/match
 - 3. 3 Offenses – Student will not be allowed to try out

Serious offenses may result in student not being allowed to try out.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR

A student who participates in extra curricular activities at Mauldin High School not only represents the team and the school during competition; he/she represents the team and school in the community. Any behavior deemed unbecoming will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee, which is made up of the Principal, Athletic Director, Coach and an additional faculty member. This committee will determine what measures will be taken.

If an extra curricular participant is arrested and charged with a criminal violation, he/she must adhere to the following steps:

- 1. Report the violation to the coach immediately or 2 weeks prior to try-outs
- 2. Undergo a review by the Disciplinary Committee
- 3. Adhere to the decision of the Disciplinary Committee

IN SEASON REQUIREMENTS

DISCIPLINE

- A. Out of School Suspension
 - 1. 1 Offense – 2 game suspension to be served the next 2 games/matches or first two regular season games/competitions
 - 2. 2 Offenses – Dismissal from the team

- B. In School Suspension
 - 1. 1 Offense – Coach’s discretion
 - 2. 2 Offenses – 1 game suspension to be served the next game/match or first regular season game/competition
 - 3. 3 Offenses – Dismissal from team

- C. Missed Practice
 - 1. 1 Unexcused absence – Coach’s discretion
 - 2. 2 Unexcused absences – 1 game suspension to be served the next game/competition or first regular season game/competition
 - 3. 3 Unexcused absences – Dismissal from team
 - 4. Excused absences will be at the coach’s discretion to make up missed time

Serious offenses may result in student being dismissed from the team.

ATTENDANCE

A student must be present at least 4 periods of the school day to be allowed to participate in practice or in competition that day. If the competition is on a weekend, the student must be present at least 4 periods on the Friday preceding the competition.

If a student’s school day is only 4 periods, he/she must be in attendance all 4 periods.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR

Any student who participates in extra curricular activities at Mauldin High School not only represents the team and the school during competition; he/she represents the team and school in the community. Any behavior deemed unbecoming will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee, which is made up of the Principal, Athletic Director, Coach and an additional faculty member. This committee will determine what, if any, measures will be taken.

If an extra curricular participant is arrested and charged with a criminal violation, he/she must adhere to the following steps:

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INJURY

All injuries of any nature must be reported to the coach and athletic trainer at the time that they occur so that further injury can be avoided. A certified athletic trainer, provided by the Greenville Hospital System, supervises all athletic injuries that occur at Mauldin High School. This includes:

1. Working directly with coaches in planning conditioning programs to prevent injury.
2. Coordinating coverage of games and practices
3. Administering emergency care and first aid when injuries occur.
4. Evaluating injuries and making appropriate medical referrals.
5. Providing daily treatment, rehabilitation and reconditioning to the injured athlete.
6. Maintaining records pertaining to all injuries.
7. Communicating with the athlete's parents, coaches and physicians regarding injury status and progress.

In order for a student athlete to be allowed to return to practice/competition from an injury he/she must have a written release from his/her treating physician. If the physician has communicated to the athletic trainer, the athletic trainer must notify the coach. If the athletic trainer is treating the injury, he/she must notify the coach.

PARENTS

COMMUNICATION

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult endeavors. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of others and provide greater benefit to the student. As parents when your child becomes involved in an extra curricular program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication.

In order to assure the best communication possible, the following steps must be taken:

1. Call the school to set up an appointment with the coach. Requests to speak to a coach during class time will not be granted. However, parents are encouraged to leave a message for the coaches. Every effort will be made by the coach to contact the parent in a timely manner.
2. If the concern is not satisfactorily resolved after speaking to the coach, contact the athletic director in an attempt to resolve the situation.
3. Please do not attempt to contact a coach before or after a contest or practice. Often this is an emotional time for both parents and coaches. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolution.

SPORTSMANSHIP

In order to ensure that the educational experience your son/daughter has while participating in extra curricular activities at Mauldin High School is positive, it is important to follow the guidelines below:

1. Practice good sportsmanship.
2. Respect the officials and their authority during games/competitions.
3. Do not question or confront the coach at the athletic venue. Use the procedure outlined in the previous section.
4. Remember the game is for the athletes to have fun. These programs are for our students, not the adults.
5. Reinforce with your child that competing as hard as one can is more important than winning or losing.
6. Demand that your child treat opposing players, officials, coaches, spectators with respect and dignity.

7. Promote the physical and emotional well being of all students.
8. Do not encourage any behaviors, which could endanger the health and well being of the students.
9. Playing time is not open for discussion.
10. **Please understand that it is a privilege, not a right, for your child to be a participant in extra curricular activities. Therefore, it is a privilege for you to be a spectator. Failure to abide by the aforementioned guidelines may be cause for your removal from that event and future events.**

TRAVEL

All athletes will travel both ways on the school-provided transportation to a contest, unless written notification by the parent or legal guardian is given to the coach. Approval by the coach must be given before the student will be allowed to leave the contest. **Should an emergency occur and a student misses the school's transportation to an away contest, their parent or guardian may transport him. Upon arrival, the parent or guardian must discuss the emergency with the coach before participation will be allowed.**

While on trips to other schools or a competition, all students are under the rules and codes set forth by Mauldin High School and Greenville County Schools.

AWARDS

VARSITY LETTERS

Only one letter is given during a student's years of eligibility. Further accomplishments are designated by awarding service bars and/or a pin to designate another activity. The requirements for earning a varsity letter differ for each activity. The criteria is set up by the coach. Letters signify an accomplishment at the varsity level. They are earned, not merely "given."

TEAM AWARDS

All team awards are decided upon and presented by the coaches in that particular activity at the end of the season banquet.

JERSEY RETIREMENT

The retirement of a jersey is a distinguished honor only bestowed to those students who excel in their particular activity. When a jersey is retired, only the jersey is retired, not the number. The number will continue to be used. For a person to have a jersey retired, the following criteria must be met:

1. Nomination made in the form of a letter with a complete list of accomplishments and submitted to the athletic director.
2. Be a graduate of Mauldin High School
3. Earn All-State honors at least 2 years (All-State, All Star, Player of the Year)
4. Must retain an unblemished record of citizenship after they leave Mauldin High School

Mauldin High School reserves the right to retract any retired jersey.

**Mauldin High School
Extra Curricular Responsibility Acknowledgement**

Participant's Name _____ **Activity** _____

Prior to participating in any practice or try-out session for any extra curricular activity, each student must:

1. Return to the coach (in each activity) the Mauldin High School Extra Curricular Responsibility Acknowledgement form properly signed.(this page)
2. Properly complete the physical form and parent permission statement and turn in the form to the coach.(2 pages) **athletics**
3. Return to the coach (in each activity) the Greenville Hospital System information form and the Consent and Authorization form (**athletics**).
4. Pay \$54 for supplemental athletic insurance – once each school year. (This amount is subject to change yearly)
5. A copy of your birth certificate.

Bring all five (5) completed sheets with copy of birth certificate and insurance payment stapled together at one time to be given to coach. Foreign birth certificates are not accepted. A copy of your passport must be received in place of foreign birth certificates.

As a Mauldin High School **student** participating in extra curricular activities, I understand that:

1. I will abide by the Mauldin High School Extra Curricular Handbook, Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, the coach's team rules and the laws of the State of South Carolina.
2. I will conduct myself in a reasonable, responsible manner.
3. I will be responsible for all equipment issued to me through out the season/activity, will return such equipment at the conclusion of the season/activity, and will pay for the replacement cost for any of the equipment not returned by me or damaged at the end of the season/activity.

As a Mauldin High School **parent/guardian** of a child participating in extra curricular activities, I understand that:

1. Playing time is not open for discussion.
2. I will not confront an official/referee during or after a sporting event.
3. I will not speak negatively of a player while a spectator of a sporting event.
4. I will abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to eligibility and participation set forth by The South Carolina High School League.

I have read and understand the Mauldin High School Extra Curricular Handbook and the coach's team rules. I know what the expectations are for any student and parent/guardian who represent Mauldin High School and I am prepared to be part of this distinguished body.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____