



MODIFIED SPORTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Philosophy, Values, Offerings, Expectations & Athletic Placement Process



Overarching Philosophy

- Student participation in athletics is an integral part of education
- Promote and ensure the value of education and fair play
- Foster an environment in which student-athletes can cultivate & instill qualities of:
 - Leadership
 - Player development
 - Collaboration
 - Cooperation
- Aim to build competitive and successful teams
- Enhance positive student behaviors and relationships
- Provide life lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork and competition



Modified Philosophy

- Available to 7th, 8th, and in some instances, 9th grade students.
- We value access to developmentally appropriate participation, while ensuring the quality of competitive programs.
- Student-athletes will be challenged to develop new skills & test them in competition.
- Modified coaches attempt to "play" all athletes while maintaining the integrity and competitiveness of each competition.
- Offerings will be dependent on program needs and must have the ability to provide available resources and supervision. Potential opportunities include, but are not limited to:
 - Addition of a second team (A/B Model)
 - Intramural program offering
 - Partnership w/ the Irvington Recreation Department



Decision Making Criteria & Definitions

- **Registrants**
 - The amount of interested/registered students for a given sport.
- **Program Sustainability**
 - The ability to maintain future programs.
- **Competition**
 - Section I opponents.
- **Staffing**
 - Availability of qualified coaches.
- **Facilities**
 - Physical space where programs will practice and compete.
- **Resources (Equipment, Uniforms, Officials, Chaperones, Transportation)**
 - Ancillary items needed to facilitate a program.
- **Budget**
 - Planned financial backing that supports the staffing and resources of a program.



Decision Making Matrix

Sport (# of Registrants)	Criteria							Totals (AVG)
	Registrants	Program Sustainability	Staffing	Available Facilities	Resources (Equipment, Uniforms, Officials, Chaperones, Transportation)	Competition*	Budget	
Baseball (33)	3	3	3	1	1	2	1	2
Volleyball (24)	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2

3: Exceeds the Need, 2: Meets the Need, 1: Somewhat Meets the Need, 0: Cannot Meet the Need

** 0 for competition additional team cannot be added*



Athletic Start Dates, Offerings & Locations

Fall (9/13/21)

Cross Country (B&G)
(Oley Track)

Field Hockey (G)
(Upper Dows/East Field)

Football
(Lower Dows/East Field)

Soccer (B&G)
(Upper Dows/East Field)

Tennis (G)
(Tarryhill/Memorial
Courts)

Volleyball (G)
(Maher Gym)

Winter (11/29/21)

Basketball (B&G)
(Maher Gym)

Winter Track (B&G)
(Oley Track)

Wrestling
(Main St. School)

Spring (3/28/22)

Baseball
(Scenic Hudson/
Memorial Field)

Lacrosse (B&G)
(Upper/Lower Dows)

Softball
(Scenic Hudson)

Tennis (B)
(Tarryhill/Memorial
Courts)

Outdoor Track (B&G)
(Oley Track)



Modified Registration

- Registration opens **one month** prior to the season start date.
- Registrations must be completed through our online registration platform **FamilyID**.
- Email communications from the athletic department will be sent out to all 7th & 8th grade parents with instructions on how to register.
- Registration closes 1 week prior to start date.
- All registrations are reviewed by IMS Nurse & approved by the District Medical Director.
- Current Physicals Exam documentation must be uploaded by registrants.
- If you miss the registration deadline, we will not reopen FamilyID until all registrants who met the deadline have been cleared.
- Missed registration deadlines may hinder prospective student-athletes ability to participate in the first few days of tryouts/practice.



Practice & Game Info

Practices

- Require a five-day a week commitment (Monday-Friday); No weekends or holidays.
- Practice will not exceed 1.5 hours
- Players/parents are responsible for transportation to off campus locations for practice.
- Players must meet the required number of practices before they can play in games.
 - Football, Wrestling, Baseball (10); All other Sports (6)

Games

- School will provide transportation to and from all away contests.
- Athletes are expected to travel to and from competitions with their team.
- Schedules will have between 10-12 games or matches (Football-6).
- Weekday games start at 4:15 or 4:30.
- No weekend games.



Coach & Parent Communications

It is encouraged that your child discusses any issues or concerns with the coach directly. Direct communication with the coach will provide the student-athlete with an opportunity to learn how to communicate and advocate for themselves.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach:

- Philosophy of the coach.
- Expectations the coach has for participation and roles within the team.
- Locations and times of practices and competitions.
- Team requirements, i.e. special equipment.
- Procedures should your child be injured during participation.
- Discipline that may result in denial of your child's participation.



Coach & Parent Communications (Continued)

Parent Communication expressed directly to the coach:

- Notification of any schedule conflicts, including absences for games or practices, in writing in advance.
- Specific questions regarding a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
- The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.
- Notification of illness or injury as soon as possible.

*** Please do not address a concern with the coach before or after a contest or practice. Schedule a phone call or a meeting at a later date to discuss.**



The Athletic Placement Process (APP)

The Athletic Placement Process (APP) is a screening process for middle school students that determines physical maturity, fitness and skill of students who are interested in participating in high school sports. The APP is developed and required by New York's Commissioner's Regulations. District Policy 7412 provides an opportunity to participate at an appropriate level of competition based on readiness rather than age or grade with certain restrictions listed below.

- No middle school athlete will be allowed to participate on a high school team if the rosters are at capacity or if a high school athlete is cut.
- A 7th grade student will only be allowed to select and classify up to the varsity level in non-contact sports that do not offer a JV program.
- 7th grade students may only classify up to the JV level in contact sports.
- 8th grade students may select and classify up to either JV or Varsity upon meeting the State & district criteria.



The Athletic Placement Process (APP) (Continued)

- **Parent/ Guardian Approval**
 - To initiate the process must provide written approval through FamilyID.
- **Medical Evaluation**
 - Physical maturity is reviewed and determined by the District Medical Director, using Tanner Scale ratings provided by private medical providers.
- **Coaches Evaluation**
 - A skill evaluation form is completed by the coach of the team for which the student desires to try out; evaluation includes consideration of past observations of the student athlete and/or input from the student's former coaches.
- **Fitness Testing**
 - Physical fitness test administered by a certified physical education teacher who is not a coach of the sport for which the student will be trying out.
- **Tryout**
 - Upon successful completion of all components of these tests, the student-athlete shall be eligible to try-out for the high school interscholastic team for which the student-athlete has been approved, at the level for which he/she has been approved, and in accordance with Policy 7412.



Questions



Thank you & Enjoy your Summer!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at athletics@irvingtonschools.org

