

# FREQUENTLY ASKED ATHLETIC QUESTIONS



## **1. What sports are available?**

| <b><u>FALL</u></b>            | <b><u>WINTER</u></b>      | <b><u>SPRING</u></b>         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cross Country-Coed (6th-8th)  | Nordic Ski-Coed (6th-8th) | Golf-Coed (7th-8th)          |
| Soccer-Boys & Girls (6th-8th) | Swimming-Boys (6th-8th)   | Tennis-Boys (6th-8th)        |
| Swimming-Girls (6th-8th)      | Wrestling-Boys (6th-8th)  | Track & Field-Coed (6th-8th) |
| Volleyball-Girls (7th-8th)    |                           |                              |
| Tennis-Girls (6th-8th)        |                           |                              |

## **2. Can my child participate on school and community teams at the same time?**

Yes, provided the schedules for each do not conflict with each other. We encourage your child to participate in a wide variety of activities. The student athlete's activity commitment should be balanced with academics, family, and other priorities.

## **3. Does my child have to tryout?**

There are no tryouts, however, there may be A and B level teams in 6th –8th grades. Athletes' abilities will be observed in order to place them on a team most appropriate for their skill level. The philosophy of the district is not to cut athletes at the 6th, 7th and 8th grade level; there may be teams where participation numbers are capped due to coach/player/facility ratios. Contact the high school for participation in sports not listed here for eligibility/tryout information.

## **4. What schools do we compete against?**

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders compete in the Big Suburban Conference. The conference is comprised of schools from Burnsville, Farmington, Faribault, New Prague, Northfield, Prior Lake, Red Wing, Owatonna and Shakopee. Occasionally, in some sports, we compete against other Minnesota area schools.

## **5. When are practices and contests?**

Athletic practices for Century Middle School, Kenwood Trail Middle School and McGuire Middle School are held Monday through Friday after school dismissal times. Practices last about 1-1/2 –2 hours. Coaches will give specific times after the first day of practice. Contest dates and length will vary depending upon the sport. If possible, no contests are held on Wednesdays. Most contests are held at 4:00 p.m. The school provides transportation to and from out of town events. A one way shuttle is provided for in-district contests. Parents will pick up their child from the in district contest site.

**6. How do we find out about activities?**

There are a variety of ways this information is disseminated. They include: T.V. monitors in each middle school, newsletters, district emails, and the middle school activities web page which is accessed by going to each of the middle school websites and linking to sports/activities. A pre-season newsletter that gives specifics about each sport is available at the Student Services Office. These newsletters are not mailed out, but may be picked up prior to the start of each season at each middle school and are posted on the website. You can also follow us on twitter @msact\_lakeville

**7. How do we sign up?**

Registration is done through the online Rschool Today system. The link is on the website. You must have a valid sport's physical on file at school.

**8. Does my child's shot records qualify for a physical?**

**No!** Your child must see a doctor for a SPORT'S PHYSICAL. The physicals are good for three years. A copy of the physical form is available in the school office and on the website. Some doctor's offices use their own forms and we honor these, **if** it states it is a sports physical. Due to the large volume of paperwork that we receive, we recommend that you send us a **copy** of the original physical.

**9. May my child participate in more than one school sport during the season?**

No, all of the school sports practice at the same time.

**10. Is there an activity bus?**

A shuttle bus is provided to transport athletes to schools in the district for practices. There is no activity bus that will transport your child home after practices. A bus is ordered for out of town competition and will transport athletes back to Lakeville.

**11. Is there a fee and what is it used for?**

The sports fee is \$200.00 per season/per sport, there is no family max. Any athlete participating on a high school team will pay the H.S. fee designated for that sport. The fee is transferred into the district's general fund and pays for officials, transportation, salaries, uniforms, athletic equipment and supplies, first aid supplies, padlocks, office supplies, rulebooks and more.

**12. Who do we call if we have questions?**

Harry Robbins - Middle School Activities Director at 952-232-2321  
Rebecca Donner - Middle School Activities Assistant at 952-232-2320

To see schedules and other sports related information go to your child's school website and click on the link to Activities and Sports on the left hand side of the middle school website.

<http://isd194.org/century-middle/>  
<http://isd194.org/kenwood-trail-middle/>  
<http://isd194.org/mcguire-middle/>