

## Huntington Christian Middle School Athletics

### Qualifications to tryout and play on a team

- Good citizenship (not receiving detentions, referrals, suspensions, N's in citizenship)
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA with no F's
- Tuition dues are paid in full

### Leading up to the season

All team information can be found on the HCS Athletics Webpage a few weeks before the upcoming season. An email will also be sent out to parents on upcoming tryouts and team information in the weeks leading up to the new season. Students will be informed during PE class of all upcoming team information.

Students will be given a tryout date sign-up. We make decisions based on how many students will be trying out. If your child is not on the tryout sign-up sheet by the deadline, he or she cannot tryout.

### Tryouts

We encourage everyone to tryout. It is okay if your child does not have any previous experience. Please be committed to be fair to all our athletes, as there is a possibility decisions have to be made on splitting into two teams or making cuts.

### After tryouts

An email will be sent out informing families if the student made the team. Students will receive a MyHCS Message informing if they did or did not make the team. If the student made the team, he or she will be added to the roster that connects you to the MyHCS Team Page with all team information.

All Athletes will then need to complete an Athletic Packet, including a physical, and the player fee for each sport is \$125. A due date for that season will be given.

You don't need to fill out any paperwork or player fee until after tryouts and your child has made the team.

Players receive jerseys that are returned at the end of the season.

### The season

#1 priority is that our students, coaches, staff, and parents all represent Christ and show glory to Him. We want these athletes to learn more about the game, develop team spirit, and take away all those life lessons we know team sports offer. It is fun to play with your classmates and represent your school ☺

### Practice and Game Information

**Practices** – usually about 2 practices a week for an hour to 1 ½ hours. Some are during PE and some are after school. It depends on the schedule.

**Games** – start times are typically between 3:00pm and 3:30pm depending on the school and last about an hour. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Soccer, hockey and golf matches have later start times. Our league is also moving towards doubleheaders during the Winter Season with later start times for Girls VB and Boys BB.

A few parents volunteer each game to drive the team to the away games. It is the responsibility of parents to find a ride home for their child.

Game days constantly vary. We play in leagues with private schools that are not on the same school

calendar. This means we all have to be flexible with schedules as everyone varies.

In the CALOC league, the divisions are usually made up of 4 teams and you play one home and one away game. Teams usually play 1 to 2 games in a week, with the last week devoted to playoffs. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team plays the 4<sup>th</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>. Winners of the playoff games go to championships. In the Junior High divisions (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) if there are more than 4 teams, only the top 4 teams make playoffs. In Elementary(6<sup>th</sup>) everyone makes the playoffs.

### **Parent Volunteer**

- We will need drivers for away games. There is a link to Sign-Up.com on the MyHCS Team Page.
- We will sometimes need parents to keep score at home games.
- Putting bleachers away after games. The athletes can help put away the rest of the equipment, but for safety reasons we need adults helping supervise the rolling of the bleachers.
- You are welcome to be in charge of any end of the season parties you may want to have.

### **How each League works**

#### **CALOC**

This is the main league we compete in. There is an Elementary League (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders) that our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams play in and there is a Junior High League for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Within each League there are a few divisions. When we have one 6<sup>th</sup> grade team they play in Elementary D1 and if we have two 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams we will have an Elementary D1 and D2 team. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders typically play in Junior High D2 and 8<sup>th</sup> graders typically play in Junior High D1. Depending on the season/situation we will also do a mixed 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> D2 team and/or a mixed 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> D1 team. If we make more than one team per grade they will play in D3 or D4.

The divisions are not based on grade. Our school has enough students to be able to split teams by grade. Other big schools like Mariners do the same thing and like us only have 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> sports. However, when we play other schools they may only have enough kids to make one team. Which means our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing against teams with both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There is a school in the league that only has one team consisting of 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders that plays in Junior High D2. Therefore, be aware that sometimes our teams will be playing against various grades and sometimes we may have various grades on a team. The only regulation is that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders cannot play down in the Elementary league, but 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to play up on Junior High teams if needed.

#### **Ducks i3 Roller Hockey**

This league consist of co-ed 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders from schools across Orange County. It is broken up into 4 divisions. The divisions are based on skill level, not grade or gender. We typically have 2 teams consisting of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> girls and boys that compete in the Varsity B and JV A divisions. Games are at the HB and Irvine Rinks. There are about 10 league games and then one Saturday in late May is a playoff day for all teams and divisions.

#### **Beach Cities Golf League**

This league is at the Costa Mesa Country Club with local public and private schools. We have one co-ed 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> team. All team members have practice once a week at the course and driving range. Our top 8 golfers compete in the league matches. We also have a couple B level matches. Not everyone on the team will get to compete in matches.

### **Overlapping seasons**

We participate in a few different leagues to offer our athletes a variety of sports. We have had students play on up to 5 teams throughout the year. We do our best to make the schedules work to allow students to play on multiple teams. Sometimes schedules do overlap and your child will need to choose a sport. That varies year to year as leagues send out schedules and you will be updated on that information.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Soccer – practices overlap during Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball Winter Season, but we can usually fit the games in without any conflicts. These games start right at the end of Winter Season and end right before Spring Season begins.

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Coed Hockey – we are given this schedule right before the games start in March. This is the main sport that will overlap with Spring CALOC teams (6<sup>th</sup> Coed Soccer, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> girls FB and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Boys VB). We have students that play on hockey and another Spring team, but there are usually conflicts.

Golf – Practices and Matches are typically Mondays. We are on the schedule of the Costa Mesa Country Club and are limited on making changes to fit our schedule. This will overlap some with Spring sports.