



Middle School Athletics-Athletic Participation Policies & Guidelines

Akimel A-al Middle School, Altadeña Middle School, Aprende Middle School, Centennial Middle School, Kyrene Middle School, Pueblo Middle School and Kyrene Traditional Academy are members of the Kyrene Athletic Program. The goals and objectives of the conference are to develop and maintain the following on the part of every participant:

- Physical skills necessary in the sport or activity
- An awareness of progressive skill requirements needed to continue to grow in the specific sport
- A sense of loyalty, team play, cooperation, and sportsmanship, which will have value later in life • Respect for the efforts, abilities, and rights of others
- The awareness of leadership responsibilities in school, community, and life contacts, as well as the athletic field
- Active participation by all members of a team
- Understanding and experiencing the benefit of healthy competition

The program is governed by a coordinating committee consisting of one administrator or designee from each participating school and the District Athletic Director. The members will adhere to the rules set forth by the Kyrene Athletic Program guidelines and bylaws and/or the rules and regulations of the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and National Federation Rules and Regulations.

PARTICIPATION

The following are required prior to a student practicing or trying out for a team:

- All athletes must be registered students in the Kyrene School District. Private and charter school students are not eligible to participate. Home-schooled students are eligible to participate if they meet the requirements listed below. Home-schooled students are eligible to participate at the school within the school boundaries they reside. Kyrene Digital Academy students will be allowed to participate within the school boundaries they reside. Kyrene Digital Students that reside outside of Kyrene school boundaries will be designated to participate at Pueblo Middle School.
- Prior to participation (each year) the student must be examined by a licensed physician and determined to be physically fit for sports unless the student has sustained an injury or illness that warrants an additional examination by a physician. It is recommended that all athletes obtain a physical during the summer prior to a school year.
- Parents must register for tryouts and non-cut sports through <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/> . This registration serves as the Athletic Participation Packet and must be completed by the deadline set before tryouts and practices begin. If a student is not registered and is not on the tryout or team roster, he/she cannot tryout or practice.
- A signed Sports Physical form, Brain/Injury Concussion form, and COVID waiver form is required to be uploaded and signed by the parent/legal guardian when completing online registration for participation. Failure to submit these documents by the designated deadline date before the first day of tryouts or practices will result in student being unable to participate.

The Athletic online registration contains the following information that must be provided:

1. Health history is to be completed by the parent each year a student participates and be updated if a student's health status changes.
2. Statement of insurance coverage signed by the parent each year stating that the student has health insurance coverage.
3. Emergency information giving important information and consent for emergency medical treatment.
4. Parental permission to participate.

5. An Academic Rating Sheet, completed by each teacher, will be turned in to Student Services by each student. A copy of this sheet is then given to the coach and will be one factor considered when a coach selects team members.

Athlete playing time will be determined by the coach and is based on attendance, practice, participation, effort, attitude, behavior, sportsmanship and the number of participants.

WARNING

I/we give permission for my/our child to participate in organized interscholastic athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury which is inherent to all sports. I/we acknowledge that when participating in interscholastic athletics, there is an inherent risk of injury, disability, quadriplegia or even death.

HEALTH & SAFETY

It is required that Parents and Athletes review the following Health & Safety information:

Required Participation Forms/Agreements:

- [Sports Physical Form](#)
- [Brain Injury/Concussion Form \(mild traumatic\)](#) (see concussion fact sheet below)
- [COVID Sports Parent-Guardian Waiver](#)
- [Kyrene Sportsmanship Agreement](#)
- [Participation Payment Agreement](#)
- [Kyrene Family Handbook](#)
- [Uniform Replacement Agreement](#)
- [Financial Assistance Application](#)

Additional Athletic Registration Forms:

- [Parent & Athlete Concussion Information Sheet](#)
- [AIA Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy](#)
- [Hot Weather, Heat Stress & School Safety](#)
- [Hazing Policy](#)
- [Opioid Handout](#)
- [Cardiac Arrest Handout](#)

TRYOUTS/CUTTING PROCEDURES

Tryouts and “cuts” are probably the most painful experience for coaches, students, and parent(s)/guardian(s). While we would like to accommodate every student, who wants to participate in a sport, limitations in facilities, coaches, and other resources as well as safety factors make tryouts and “cuts” necessary.

Each coach is responsible for establishing guidelines for tryouts and” cuts” in his/her sport, and then submitting them to the Athletic Director for approval before tryouts begin. General guidelines are as follows:

- Each coach will have a letter explaining team expectations and procedures that will be given to the student and/or parent/guardian(s) prior to a student’s trying out.
- Coaches will have a minimum of two days of tryouts.
- For non-cut sports, the last day a student may join the team is the day following the first game or meet. This decision is at the discretion of the site Athletic Director.

All other “cutting” decisions are at the discretion of the coach; however, we strive for our procedures to be well communicated, consistent, and fair. Students assigned to In-School Intervention by an administrator for any portion of the day will be ineligible to try out for a team on the day(s) they are in In School Intervention. Students who are suspended off campus will be ineligible for sports for the remainder of the season and possibly the remainder of the year. This decision would be made by the Principal or Athletic Director.

PAYMENT & FEES

Fee Structure for Athletics the District has established an athletic participation fee to help offset the cost of our after- school athletic program. For updated information, contact your school site athletic secretary or call our District Athletic Secretary at 480-541-1129.

Payment is due on or before the first practice and after the Athlete has made the team for cut sports. Non-cut sports will require payment at time of registration. **Registration for either the non-cut sport or Tryout Registration for cut- sports is required before a student can participate in anyway.** (See Participation Agreement) Please know that there will be NO REFUNDS once payment has been made.

- Payments cannot be accepted at your school. Payments can be made online at <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>
- TAX CREDIT: All athletic participation fees qualify as an Arizona Tax Credit, tax credit receipts area mailed out in January for donations made the previous year. Your tax credit donation must specify Kyrene Athletics at the time of tax credit donation to apply to both athletics and your child’s school, you will need to make two separate donations. Tax credits are nonrefundable and non-transferable.
- Returned checks or declined credit cards will be assessed a \$15 non-sufficient funds fee and the student may be required to drop the team if the current outstanding balance is not paid immediately.
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: is available for the Kyrene Athletic Program. An application process and approval for a District designee is required. All financial assistance applications must be turned in before tryouts begin. In order to qualify for financial assistance your Athletic account must reflect a zero balance. Please visit our Athletic Web Page to complete your financial assistance application.
- REFUNDS: Refunds cannot be issued once fee is paid. A refund cannot be issued if the athlete gets hurt, the athlete quits or is suspended from the team and the athlete becomes ineligible due to grades or behavior.
- Athletes will not be able to participate in practice or games until the fee is paid.

KYRENE SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT

Parents and spectators agree to encourage good sportsmanship by using positive comments for all players, coaches and officials. Parents and spectators understand that players, coaches and officials can (and will) make mistakes. Parents and spectators agree to be supportive of all participants, thereby ensuring an enjoyable experience for all. Parents and spectators understand that spectators who do not adhere to these guidelines may be asked to leave the event and may be banned from all future athletic events.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

All athletic clothing/equipment must be returned to your school’s Athletic Secretary no later than one (1) week after the season has ended. Failure to comply with this rule will result in lunch detention every day until uniform is returned.

Athletic clothing must be washed and handed back to the school's Athletic Secretary. Students must sign the return form, do not leave uniform on desk.

Parents/Athletes are responsible for paying for any lost or damage uniforms or equipment. Please see your school's Athletic Secretary for replacement costs or visit our Athletics Web Page and click on "Uniform Replacement Agreement" in the Forms and Agreements section for further details.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the event of an emergency where I cannot be contacted, I consent to my child being taken to the hospital emergency room at the discretion of school or emergency personnel. I acknowledge that any expense for emergency transportation and/or treatment shall be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Athletes must be covered by a medical insurance policy which includes coverage of an injury in a school supervised game and activity. Insurance policy information is collected through the tryout/sport registration.

If you do not have your own insurance, school day or 24-hour accident insurance is available through a private insurance agency. This insurance is optional. Information on this insurance policy is given to each student at the beginning of the school year. Claims are handled by the insurance carrier and are not processed by the school district. A full summary of coverage is provided on the application form that the student receives. Additional forms may be obtained in the school office.

Optional Insurance Company: Myers-Stevens & Toohey & CO INC. www.myers-stevens.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information regarding the Middle School Athletics please see the [2020-21 Family Handbook](#)