

Mohave Accelerated Learning Center

2023-2024

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

INTRODUCTION

Mohave Accelerated Learning Center believes the athletic program is an integral part of a school's curriculum. The athletic program provides opportunity and emphasizes goals difficult to achieve in other activities. Participation in athletic activities is a privilege and should be an enriching and rewarding experience in which physical, mental and social growth is stimulated through interscholastic competition. The purpose of the Athletic Code is to provide uniform rules throughout the school district concerning participation in the athletic program.

The student athlete and parent must attend an Athletic Code meeting prior to his/her competitive season, each year. No student athlete may participate in any contest unless this requirement has been met. At the meeting, questions are encouraged. The purpose of the meeting is to better understand the Athletic Code and the objectives of the District's Athletic Program.

It is the aim of the Mohave Accelerated Learning Center Athletic Department to develop highly competitive athletic programs, and not lose sight of our educational values. We want our student athletes to be outstanding citizens with these identifiable traits: respect for self and others, responsibility, honesty, to be caring, compassionate and have goodwill towards all. It must be recognized that athletics is a privilege, which carries definite responsibilities with it. The Mohave Accelerated Learning Center community should realize the control of athletic programs for student athletes at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center rests with school authorities.

The policies and procedures are reviewed every year. Your input is encouraged. To initiate any change, it is recommended that such action be submitted in writing with substantiating data to the Athletic Director, for ultimate consideration by the Governing Board. It is to these viewpoints that we dedicate ourselves, thus promoting the most purposeful athletic program.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES AT MOHAVE ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball
- Football
- Golf (Boys)
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Scheduled Event: Games or matches that are scheduled on a particular date. There may be one or more games or matches on that particular date. Scheduled events do not include AIA Tournament events.

Percent of Season: The Percentage of suspended games will be based on the season schedule and will be rounded down in case of an uneven number.

*The percentage of suspensions will not include AIA Tournaments.

G.P.A.: G.P.A. stands for Grade Point Average.

SPORTS FEES

Athletic activities are those athletic programs conducted outside of the school day.

Each sport/team: **\$150.00 (H.S.) \$125 (M.S.) or tax credit donation of equal amount or higher directed to that specific sport. At the time fees are paid, the athlete will receive 5 “discount cards” or similar item worth a total of \$50 to give to family and friends or to sell and keep the profit.**

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

A student athlete has four (4) consecutive years of high school eligibility (grades 9-12). The Mohave Accelerated Learning Center Athletic Code will govern the same four (4) years of the student athlete's eligibility. All code violations will carry-over for the entire four (4) years of eligibility for the student athlete. A student athlete shall not participate in athletic activities until the following criteria are met:

A. Written permission from parents for their child to participate in school athletics is on file in the Athletic Director's office (see handbook receipt page).

B. An AIA physical examination form, (3 pages) from a licensed physician, to practice and participate is on file in the Athletic Director's office. Physical examination of new enrollees may be eligible to be transferred. Physicals expire 365 days from date of the exam. Must be done no earlier than May 1 of previous school year.

C. Has attended an Athletic Code meeting. An agreement by the student athlete and the parent(s) must be signed which states that each has read and understands the Athletic Code, and has agreed to abide by it.

D. Has current and valid health insurance and a signed insurance information card on file in the appropriate office.

E. Has paid ALL fees due for the sport/activity before practicing with the team.

F. Is a full-time, registered student of Mohave Accelerated Learning Center (exceptions may be made for home school students).

G. Adheres to the athletic and academic requirements stated in the Mohave Accelerated Learning Center Athletic Handbook.

H. Is an amateur student athlete. A student athlete shall be an amateur in all recognized sports at this school in order to compete in any sport, and shall become ineligible for all further participation in his/her schools' interscholastic program if he/she:

1. Accepts for participation, reimbursement in any form. (i.e., salary, cash, merchandise of any kind or amount, or share of game or season's proceeds. Except, actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, food and lodging paid in connection with playing in a contest shall not be regarded as a violation).
2. Signs a contract for athletic services.
3. Permits his/her name, picture or personal appearance to be used for promotional purposes based on his/her achievement in athletics.
4. Plays under another name.
5. At any time (during school year or summer vacation) receives an award of merchandise.
6. Student athletes may receive awards during the school year, such as medals, trophies, etc., only with the permission of the school.

ATHLETIC ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY CODE ~ GRADES 6-8 / 9-12

Academic achievement is clearly the major focus of Mohave Accelerated Learning Center. Athletic activities are an extension of the academic program and help the students develop mentally and physically while interacting positively with others. It is also recognized that participation in athletic activities is a privilege.

Students must abide by the following academic requirements to participate:

1. **Student athletes must have no D or F grades to be academically eligible to participate in athletics. Further, athletes with one or more F's may not attend practice and must go to mandatory tutoring until the F is brought to passing.**
2. An ineligible student athlete shall become eligible for contests when he/she has no D or F grades in the following weekly (Tuesday) grade report.
3. A student athlete who has any D's or F's is ineligible. Each Tuesday morning, the Athletic Director will provide the teachers and coaches with grade check information and determine weekly eligibility of all student athletes. Students will remain ineligible for seven days until the D or F grade is brought up to C's or better on a subsequent Tuesday grade check.
4. Students will be ineligible for **practice and/or games** until all fees are paid to the Athletic Office for the sport/activity.

DUAL SPORTS PARTICIPATION

Out of concern for the health of student athletes and the time involved, athletes may not participate in more than one sport per season. Individual exceptions to this rule are left up to the Principal and Athletic Director. Students who are involved in one sport may not begin practice for the next seasons' sport until the first season is completed, including playoffs.

QUITTING A SPORT

Athletes who quit a team after the coach sets the roster must sit out the next 365 days of sports at Mohave Accelerated. There is an appeals process in place as described later in the handbook.

INJURIES AND ATHLETIC INSURANCE

Coaches try their utmost to keep their athletes healthy and safe. For minor injuries, routine first aid is administered. If necessary, injured students are referred to a physician. In all cases, parents are notified if their child is injured. The athletic staff follows the parents' wishes regarding the care of an injured athlete. Athletes who are under a physician's care must follow the physician's orders regarding when they may resume participation in sports. The athletic office and the coach should be informed regarding any pre-existing medical condition. This is the responsibility of the parents of that athlete. Proof of medical insurance is required for all students to participate in any athletic event, including practice. If an athlete is not covered under any medical insurance through their family, they then have the opportunity to purchase supplemental athletic insurance through the athletic department. Information regarding this insurance is available upon request from the athletic office. All student athletes at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center must carry some type of medical insurance that covers injuries during a practice and/or contest.

MOHAVE ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES THAT MAY TAKE PLACE DURING ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND/OR CONTESTS, INCLUDING STUNTING AND TUMBLING.

PRACTICES

Practices are held daily and last for 1.5–2.5 hours, depending on the sport. Practice schedules are given by the respective coaches, either in written or verbal form. Unforeseen circumstances may warrant changes in the schedule. It is the student's responsibility to inform the parents about schedule changes. Practices are not generally scheduled on Sundays. Occasionally a practice that was cancelled because of inclement weather or other reasons may be rescheduled for a weekend. On days when school is cancelled due to inclement weather, no practices or games are held. If inclement weather falls on a holiday or weekend when activities are scheduled, the administration decides whether or not the activities will be held. It is the policy of this athletic department that when a student commits to an athletic team, they should be at all practices, games and any events related to that sport throughout the season. Continual absences from

practice and/or arriving late may result in removal from the team for an extended period of time or indefinitely.

CARE OF EQUIPMENT

1. Each student athlete is responsible for the proper care and safe keeping of equipment issued.
2. Lost items shall be paid for to the athletic office prior to competing in another sport season.
3. School athletic equipment is to be used only for school related athletic activities or AIA approved summer activities.
4. **Student athletes with an outstanding athletic fine *SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS UNTIL FINES ARE REMOVED.***

PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

1. All student athletes are expected to attend **ALL** practices and games unless excused by the head coach of the sport involved or by administrative excuse.
2. Coaches may hold student athletes out of competition because of missed practices caused by family or student vacations.
3. Unexcused absences from practices or games will result in suspension and/or discipline as prescribed under "suspension."
4. Student athletes may not play in any contest or practice unless they have attended **ALL** classes (unless excused) on the day of practice. This has no bearing on the following day.
5. For all sports, the AIA requirement will be followed regarding the number of practices a student athlete must attend before competing in that sport.
6. It is the belief of the Athletic Department that teammates should support each other. To this end, members of a JV, Varsity, "A" or "B" team should be present to support their peers during all contests. For example, volleyball players should attend both JV and varsity games. JV basketball players should be present during both boys and girls games. Varsity basketball players should be present during both varsity games. Middle school "A" and "B" players should be present during both games. Individual exceptions can be made by the coach only on extreme occasions.

TRAVEL AND CONDUCT ON TRIPS

Team members shall use the mode of transportation designated by the school to reach the site of the contest or practice. Team members must also return to school by the same mode of transportation unless a parent or legal guardian gives written permission to take the student athlete home in his or her private vehicle. Written permission is required for student athletes to travel home with another parent or legal guardian. Students are required to pay for all of their own food and drink items on trips, or they may bring their own. Sack lunches may be provided on school days, but would count as a lunch eaten at school for lunch account purposes. Students who refuse to wear a seat belt or remove the seat belt during travel may be suspended or removed from the team immediately.

BUS AND VEHICLE RULES

- 1. Seat Belts will be worn and worn properly by all passengers on any MALC vehicle AT ALL TIMES. The driver is not permitted to operate the vehicle unless everyone is wearing their seat belt.**
- 2. Boys in the back, girls in the front.**
- 3. Boys and girls will not sit next to each other. Ever. This is for safety and security reasons.**
- 4. If there are two coaches, one will be in a middle seat between boys and girls, one will be in a back row behind all the students in order to see everyone. If there is only one coach, they will sit at the back of the bus in order to see everything in front of them.**
- 5. All trash MUST be picked up when exiting the bus. This will be verified by the coach/teacher in the last row as they exit.**
- 6. If there are seats available, Seniors will get a seat by themselves, then Juniors, etc. This rule applies to the “oldest” students on all trips.**
- 7. NEVER sit on the armrests.**
- 8. Drinks are only allowed in containers with a sealed lid (screw on cap, etc.) Food is not allowed to be eaten on the vehicles.**
- 9. The bus driver has the Final decision on all matters relating to behavior and actions on the bus, including students and coaches, during each trip.**

STUDENT ATHLETE CONDUCT CODE

Interscholastic (competition) activities at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center are organized to protect and develop the mental and physical health, as well as social skills and standards of Mohave Accelerated Learning Center students. Students who participate in interscholastic activities carry a responsibility not only for their own health, but also for the way Mohave Accelerated Learning Center is viewed by others. Students, both in uniform and in street clothes, represent Mohave Accelerated Learning Center. They should be clean, well-groomed and neatly dressed.

IN-SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON, CONDUCT BY MOHAVE ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER STUDENT ATHLETES IS EXPECTED TO BE EXEMPLARY. THEREFORE, ALL ATHLETIC CODE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY ALL 12 MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

All violations will remain for the duration of the student athlete's eligibility. As school representatives, student athletes are expected to abide by the following rules and regulations:

Level I Violations

Student athletes will be suspended from participation in 100% of the games or events in which they are participating or intend to participate for engaging in or being an accomplice to any illegal action. Examples of the violations are:

- A. The use or possession of alcohol.
- B. The use or possession of tobacco products at school or school events.
- C. The use, possession or selling of illegal drugs.
- D. Stealing of uniforms or equipment from our school or any other school. This includes theft of personal property of others.
- E. A ticket issued for a felony or misdemeanor.

Consequences of above actions:

1st Offense: Loss of competition or participation for the remainder of the season

2nd Offense: Loss of competition or participation for one calendar year

3rd Offense: Loss of competition or participation for remainder of high school career

Level II Violations

A student athlete will be suspended from participation in one game or event in which he/she is participating or intend to participate for conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of Mohave Accelerated Learning Center or the AIA. Examples of these violations are:

- A. Insubordination to his/her teachers, coaches or advisors, or members of opposing teams.
- B. Unexcused absences from practices or games.
- C. Suspension from classes whether it is in-school or out-of-school suspension. (Half day suspensions from school can equate to half game event suspensions at the discretion of administrators).
- D. Truancy from academic classes.
- E. Hazing of any student athlete is not tolerated. (*Hazing - the practice of seasoned veterans intimidating, humiliating, or physically punishing younger recruits as a rite of passage - in their particular sport.*)
- F. Fighting.

Consequences of above actions:

- 1st Offense: One scheduled event suspension
- 2nd Offense: Two scheduled events suspension
- 3rd Offense: 100% suspension of games or events for the season
- 4th Offense: Loss of participation for one calendar year

If at the end of a season there are not enough games or matches remaining to satisfy the penalty, the penalty will be prorated and will extend into the next season in which the student athlete participates. Coaches and advisors will establish additional rules and regulations dealing with transportation, lodging and general behavior of participants in their activity and will provide student athletes under their supervision with such rules and regulations.

OTHER REGULATIONS

Listed are a few other regulations, which will make students ineligible for competition in interscholastic athletics:

1. Reaching 19th birthday before September 1st of any given school year (AIA league rule).
2. Losing amateur status in any recognized sport of the AIA.
3. Participating in a non-school activity in the same sport during the established school season. Not all possible violations are listed in this handbook, but student athletes must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on themselves and Mohave Accelerated Learning Center. Any violations resulting from a criminal action may result in a more severe penalty than previously stated in this handbook.
4. Mohave Accelerated Schools are not responsible for any extra events outside of regular scheduled team games/meets, such as All-Star games, Senior Banquets or other such events held by the AIA or other organizations.

STUDENT ATHLETE DUE PROCESS AND APPEALS

All student athletes shall have the right to due process following a suspension.

1. The student athlete and parent shall be verbally notified immediately by the Athletic Director of the suspension, the nature of the violation, and the length of the suspension. Within five (5) school days the student athlete and parent or guardian shall receive written notice from the Athletic Director by mail of the nature of the violation and the length of the suspension.
2. The student athlete and parent or guardian has the right to appeal the suspension. They must notify the Athletic Director in writing of their request for a hearing within four (4) days of receiving their written notice. Such a hearing will be held before a panel, which consists of the

Superintendent, a coach from another sport, and a teacher or designee (as determined by the Superintendent). Student may participate in contest(s) during appeals process.

At the appeal hearing:

1. The student athlete shall have the right to have parents present.
2. The suspended student athlete, parent(s), and/or guardian shall be given the opportunity to present mitigating circumstances or facts to disprove the violation.
3. The student athlete shall have the right to confront and cross-examine any witnesses against him/her and to produce either oral testimony or written affidavits in his/her behalf. The decision of the appeal panel shall be forwarded to the student athlete and parents within 48 hours of the appeal hearing.

RECOGNIZED AWARDS/EARNING LETTERS

VARSITY AWARD: “M” Letter representing sport and participation certificate.

1. The athlete must finish the season. The athlete cannot be removed from the team for any reason, including academics.
2. The athlete must compete in at least 75% of the games/meets during that season.

NOTE: ONLY ONE VARSITY LETTER WILL BE GIVEN TO A STUDENT ATHLETE, BUT MEDALS, PINS, AND/OR BARS WILL BE GIVEN TO SHOW MULTIPLE VARSITY AWARDS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WARNING

By signing the handbook receipt page, Parent(s) and Athlete agree and give permission to participate in organized interscholastic athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. Parent(s) and athlete acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, the injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, quadriplegia or even death.

Any policies or procedures not included here (including transfer rules) will follow AIA policy.

If you have any questions regarding the **ATHLETIC CODE**, please contact the Athletic Director at (928) 704-9345.

Player's Code of Conduct

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I hereby pledge to be an asset to my team and fellow team members by following this Player's Code of Conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other team event.
- I will abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this athletic handbook and any additional guidelines that my coaches may instill.
- I will abide by all transportation rules including wearing a seat belt at all times, not eating or drinking on vehicles, and I will clean up after myself on the field, court, bleachers, locker rooms, bathrooms and vehicles.
- I will represent myself, my family, my school and my team with pride and class.
- I will abstain from behavior that is illegal and/or inappropriate for athletes and students at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center both during and outside of the school setting.
- I will place the team's emotional and physical wellbeing ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will demand and help provide a sports environment that is free from poor sportsmanship, selfishness, and profanity and will refrain from their use at all team events.
- I will remain teachable at all times and remember that it is the coaches' job to determine the climate, pace, and strategy of the games and practices.
- I will do my very best to make Mohave Accelerated Learning Center sports fun for myself and my teammates.
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will help my team in any way possible, whether it is from the bench or from the playing court.
- I will use the following guidelines if I wish to voice a concern:
 - I will review the Player's Code of Conduct prior to voicing my concern.
 - I will not voice any concerns on a game day. Rather, I will wait until a school day in which there is no game to discuss this with the appropriate person.
 - I will be sure to keep my concerns to myself so as to not negatively affect the team and its chemistry.
 - I will first meet, one-on-one, with the coach. If I am not satisfied with the response I receive, then I will meet with the athletic director. If I still am not satisfied, then I will meet with the school principal.
 - I will approach the coach, athletic director, or principal with a positive attitude and an open mind.
 - If an agreement cannot be met, then I will voluntarily resign from the team.
- I will support the team's discipline, attendance and grade policies (No D's or failing grades) and realize that it may be the sole reason for dismissal from the team.
- I will remember that I may not be seeing the whole picture. The reasons behind increased bench time or play time may be due to factors beyond my scope of observation.
- I will have fun, learn, and prepare myself for future team-play.

Parent's Code of Conduct

2023-2024

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Mohave Accelerated Learning Center Athletics program by following this Parent's Code of Conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other team event.
- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child and other team members ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable learning experience for all.
- I will attend all required meetings and events related to the participation of my child in the athletics program.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, alcohol, and profanity and will refrain from their use at all team events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth-not adults.
- I will do my very best to make Mohave Accelerated Learning Center sports fun for my child.
- I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will help my child enjoy this sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful and positive fan whether we win or lose.
- I will use the following guidelines if I wish to voice a concern:
 - I will review the Parent's Code of Conduct prior to voicing my concern.
 - I will not voice any concerns on a game day. Rather, I will wait until a school day in which there is no game to discuss this with the coach first then, if needed, the athletic director.
 - I will first make an appointment to meet with the coach before the athletic director. If I am not satisfied with the response I receive, then I will make an appointment to meet with the building principal. If I still am not satisfied, then I will make an appointment to meet with all of the above parties and the superintendent.
 - I will approach the coach, athletic director, or principal with a positive attitude and an open mind.
 - If an agreement cannot be met, then I will voluntarily resign my child from the team.
- I will support the team's discipline attendance and grade policies (No D's or failing grades).
- I will remember that I may not be seeing the whole picture. The reasons behind increased bench time or play time may be due to factors beyond my scope of observation.
- **I understand that I am a representative of Mohave Accelerated Learning Center. I will represent Mohave Accelerated Learning Center positively at home and away games.**
- I understand that my negative behavior may prevent me from being allowed to attend away and/or home games in the future.

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Field Trip / Permission Slip / Consent for Emergency Care

For all away games and events concerning the above mentioned sport or activity, I give permission for my son/daughter to leave campus for the school field trip(s) or athletic contests. I also give permission for the above named student to participate in an all-day field trip or athletic event if scheduled.

For all away games and events concerning my child's sport or activities:

Be it known that I, the parent or guardian of the student named, do hereby give and grant unto any medical doctor or hospital my consent and authorization to render such aid, treatment or care to said student as, in the judgment of said doctor or hospital may be required, on an emergency basis, in the event said student should be injured or stricken ill while participating in an interscholastic or school sponsored activity.

Extra-Curricular Sports Proof of Medical Insurance

In order for students to participate in any extracurricular activities or sports at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center, each student must have on file with the school office **Proof of Medical Insurance** signed by a parent or legal guardian. Mohave Accelerated Learning Center is not responsible for any medical bills incurred by students resulting from injuries sustained while participating in extracurricular activities and/or sports programs. The information below is to be filled out in its entirety and returned to the Athletic Office.

All student athletes at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center are required to possess some type of athletic insurance while participation in any sport/activity at Mohave Accelerated. Information regarding a supplemental athletic insurance can be found in the athletic office at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center.

Concussions:

Please see: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/pdf/athletes_Eng.pdf

MOHAVE ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER**HANDBOOK RECIEPT:**

Student/Athlete Name _____ Grade: _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Sports/Activities _____

*I _____ have read and understand and agree to all of the material contained in
(athlete name) the Mohave Accelerated Learning Center athletic handbook.*

INSURANCE:

Please attach a copy of your child's medical insurance card AND complete the information below:

Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Address of Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Primary Insured _____ ID# _____

CONTACTS:

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Name: _____ Phone: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT:

I have read the Student and Parent Code of Conducts and agree, whole-heartedly, to abide by these codes. I understand that breaking the Student and/or Parent Code of Conduct could result in the immediate removal of me and/or my child from the Mohave Accelerated Learning Center Athletics Program. Athletes and parents are required to sign this agreement.

Signature of Athlete_____
Date_____
Signature of Parent_____
Date

Please complete ALL INFORMATION on this page and return to the athletic office. All athletes MUST have this page completed, accepted, approved and on file with the Athletic Director prior to attending any tryouts or practices. All participation fees are also due before student/athlete may attend a tryout or practice.