

Oak Mountain Basketball

Program Policies 2021-22

Acknowledgement Form

Philosophy: The goal of the Oak Mountain Middle School Basketball Program is to provide the best opportunities for the female student-athletes to excel in sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline, and character both on and off the court by effectively communicating and positively reinforcing the expectations daily, and by exemplifying accountability in all aspects of life.

Communication: Effective and timely communication is expected. All student-athletes are responsible for communicating any issues, delays, conflicts, etc. ahead of time if possible or as soon as information is available. Communication pertaining to your daughter and/or family will be handled privately and by appointment only. Public criticism to your daughter or other athletes will not be tolerated. **Playing time will not be discussed.**

- **Cell Phones:** All cell phones are to be turned off and put away during the following: practices, travel time, games, tournaments, team meetings, events, and any other team events.

1. **Academic Expectations:**

- A. **Attendance:** Must comply with OMMS and Shelby County attendance policies. Must be present for at least ½ day of school in order to participate in any extracurricular activities. To attend a weekend event, Friday's school attendance is required.
- B. **Grades:** Must maintain an average grade of 70% in all classes.
- C. **EAET/Disciplinary notices:** Must immediately notify your coaches and parents.
- D. **Study Hall:** study hall will be held prior to late practices or games.
- E. **Guidelines:** Must comply with OMMS and Shelby County Academic Policies, including the OMMS Basketball Program Policies.

2. **Athletic Expectations:**

- A. **Attendance:** Must be present for at least ½ day of school in order to participate in any extracurricular activities. To attend a weekend event, Friday's school attendance is required. All activities related to the Basketball Program are required unless prior arrangements are made with the coach. Those include but are not limited to practices, games, tournaments, fundraising activities, and team bonding activities.
 - a. **Illness:** Must ***notify the coach ASAP*** by email or phone call to school. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. Absence due to an illness may result in limited participation in games.
 - b. **Non-school related events:** Absence due to a non-school related event or activity must be approved by the coach in advance. If advance communication and approval are not given, such actions may be considered the same as quitting the team and you will forfeit eligibility for one year.
 - c. **PE:** If an athlete is unable to participate in Physical Education Class, she will not be allowed to participate in any after school sport related activity.
 - d. **Quitting the team:** If an athlete quits the team during the season, she will forfeit eligibility for one year.

- B. Absences & Tardiness: 3 or more *excused* absences may demonstrate a lack of commitment and jeopardize your participation with the team. 1 or more *unexcused* absences may result in dismissal from the team. Excessive tardiness (3 or more will not be tolerated) may result in dismissal from the team.
- C. Sportsmanship: Treat teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents with respect and courtesy.
- D. Team Activities: The following attributes are always expected:
- Teamwork: Be supportive of everyone, practice encouragement, and participate in a positive manner.
 - Self-Discipline: *Be on time!!!* Use time and energy wisely. Set and achieve goals on and off the court. Maintain self-control. Lead by example. Represent yourself, your family, OMMS, and OMMS Basketball in a positive and respectful manner.
 - Character: Be honest, loyal, and committed. Respond to mistakes with *character*. Show character especially when no one is looking.
- E. Practices & Games & Tournaments: These are team events, which means that we will act as a team, behave as a team, and work as a team.
- Practices: All practices are mandatory starting on **October 2021** and are open to players and coaches only.
 - Weekday Games: Players will stay after school to help set up for home games and eat pregame meals together. For away games - players will eat and carpool to the game location.
 - Weekend Tournaments: Players are to stay together as a team for the duration of the tournament.

3. Parent Expectations:

- A. Support: Your support is greatly appreciated. Demonstrate your support in a positive and encouraging manner. You are our best cheerleaders!!!
- B. Drop-off & Pick-up: Be on time. If you are unable to meet a specific drop-off and/or pick-up time, please plan accordingly by securing a carpool, etc.
- C. Games: We need your help. Parents will keep the book and clock, work the concession stand, work the gate, and coordinate food for tournaments and pregame meals.
- D. School Spirit: Wear our team colors and try to sit together to show unity and team spirit.
- E. Team Parent: A team parent will coordinate the various duties such as score keeping, concession, gate, carpool, banquet, team bonding events, etc.

4. Contact Information:

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By signing below I verify that I have read, reviewed, and discussed these policies with my daughter. I agree to all these expectations and commitments with my child.

Print Name/Indicate Relationship:

Parent Signature

Date

Athlete Signature

Date