



Middle School Athletic Participation Fact Sheet

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, athletic programs at all Springfield Public Schools middle schools will align with MSHSAA standards and requirements.

If your son or daughter plans to participate in middle school sports next year, please take note of the important information below.

Eligibility

Any seventh-grade student who fails more than one class during the fourth quarter of the 2016-2017 school year will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities during the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year. Sixth-grade students transitioning to seventh grade and eighth-grade students transitioning to ninth grade are given a clean slate, however, MSHSAA does not exempt athletes from grade standards when a district officially begins with them.

Athletic Seasons

Fall Sports:

- **Football:** Monday, August 14, 2017 through Thursday, October 19, 2017
- **Volleyball:** Monday, August 14, 2017 through Wednesday, October 11, 2017
- **Cross Country:** Monday, August 14, 2017 through Saturday, October 14, 2017

Winter Sports:

- **Girls Basketball:** Monday, October 16, 2017 through Thursday, December 21, 2017
- **Wrestling:** Monday, October 16, 2017 through Thursday, December 21, 2017
- **Boys Basketball:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 through Thursday, March 8, 2018
- **Archery:** Monday, December 11, 2017 through Saturday, March 24, 2018

Spring Sports:

- **Track & Field:** Monday, March 19, 2018 through Thursday, May 24, 2018

Tryouts

Tryouts for cross country, volleyball and football will be held before the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. Students who are interested in trying out for these fall sports should contact the main office at their middle school before Aug. 1 to find out the times/locations for tryouts. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, and the first day of practice is Monday, August 14, 2017.

Dead Week

There will be no athletic practices, games, open gyms, summer workouts, camps, or events for high school or middle school students during Dead Week, which is Saturday, July 22, 2017 through Sunday, July 30, 2017.