

A. MAC ARTHUR BARR MIDDLE SCHOOL

2011-2012

MODIFIED ATHLETICS



MODIFIED PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Students need to feel that they can succeed in interscholastic play and should also have the opportunity to enjoy a varied athletic program that encourages fitness and a lifetime of healthy choices. All 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to try out in our interscholastic program. It is our goal for all students to have a meaningful and productive experience. We would like our students to learn game rules, fundamentals of team play, responsibility, sportsmanship, and healthy competition. We also want our athletes to improve their skill development. In order for this to happen, commitment and attendance at practice are vital. While maintaining the integrity and competitiveness of each game, coaches will attempt to “play” everyone, providing there is not a safety concern. Ultimately, the modified sports program should build student confidence, citizenship, skill development, and a positive attitude towards sports and his/her peers.

TEAM SELECTION

If the number of athletes trying out for a team creates a situation that is difficult to manage, poses a safety concern, or is problematic because of facility considerations, reducing team size “may” be necessary. Ultimately, the number of proposed teams has been determined by the Nanuet Board of Education based on the availability of financial resources, qualified coaches, and the availability of indoor and outdoor facilities for practices and games in order to provide a safe environment.

When necessary, team selection will be determined by the modified, junior varsity, and/or the varsity coaching staff. Selection will be based on ability and commitment to the team. If a child does not make a team, they may opt to join one of the other sports teams that have unlimited enrollment (no cap) and/or a club/activity that will be offered to our students at the middle school.

SELECTIVE CLASSIFICATION OF ATHLETES

Selective Classification is a process for screening students to determine their readiness to compete in interscholastic competition by evaluating their physical maturity, fitness, and skill. The intent is to provide safe participation at an appropriate level of competition based on readiness rather than age and grade. Athletes may be permitted to “try out” for a freshman, junior varsity, or varsity team under the New York State Education Department guidelines called “Selective Classification”. It is designed for “MATURE” and “EXCEPTIONALLY SKILLED” students.

Once a recommendation for a particular athlete has been made to the athletic director in the time frame for each season, his/her name will be given to the middle school administrator, varsity coach, academic teachers, guidance counselor, and physical education teacher, who will decide if classification is appropriate. The following criteria will be assessed: athletic skill development, social and physical maturity, and academic achievement.

If approved, the director of athletics or his designee will administer the classification exam to the athlete. The athlete must pass all six components of the mandated fitness test. Athletes who fulfill all eligibility criteria may “try out”, but will not necessarily make the team.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TEAMS (comprised of 7th & 8th Graders)

FALL 2011

Boys' & Girls' Cross Country (no cap)
Girls' Field Hockey (22)
Boys' Football (44)
Boys' Soccer (22)
Girls' Soccer (22)
Girls' Tennis (16)
Girls' Volleyball (16)

WINTER 2011-12

Boys' Basketball (16)
Girls' Basketball (16)
Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track (no cap)
Boys' Wrestling (no cap)

SPRING 2012

Boys' Baseball (22)
Boys' Lacrosse (22)
Girls' Lacrosse (22)
Girls' Softball (20)
Boys' Tennis (16)
Boys' & Girls' Track (no cap)

SPECTATOR CODE OF ETHICS

The Nanuet School District recognizes the role that athletics plays in defining ethical behavior and developing personal character in our students. Our athletic contests are held in the spirit of healthy competition and good sportsmanship. Cooperation and respect by all athletes and spectators is expected at all contests.

Athletic contests, both on and off the campus, are an extension of the classroom. Therefore, all school rules are in effect. We ask that all spectators:

1. Demonstrate a high degree of sportsmanship.
2. Show team support by making only positive comments.
3. Show respect for the judgment of coaches, officials, and referees.
4. Remain within designated areas.
5. Monitor the safety of children in bleachers and stands.
6. Respect the law – all public schools are smoke free, substance free environments.
7. Remember that you are a representative of NANUET