



Old Vail Middle School – Athletics
13299 E Colossal Cave Rd - Vail, AZ 85641 - (520) 879-2400

COMPLETED PACKET DUE DATE: Friday, July 23rd

Quarter 1 Season Starts: First day of practice is **Monday, July 26th immediately after school until 4:15. (Activity bus will be available)**

Mandatory Parent Meeting and Uniform Pick Up: Thursday, July 29th

Dear Student Athlete:

Are you ready to have fun, meet some new friends, and push yourself hard? Good!!! Old Vail Middle School has a history of developing great teams based on sportsmanship and determination. We invite you to become part of that history by joining today.

CHECKLIST:

- Current sports physical completed along with a copy to turn in with athletic form. If you need to get a physical form it can be found at the OVMS Athletics Web page or in the front office.
- Completed Emergency Information (last page in packet).
- Read thoroughly the Requirements for Participation, Code of Conduct, Uniform Procedures, and the acknowledgement/agreement signed by both the student-athlete and parent/guardian (on back of last page).
- Athletic Fees** are \$75.00 per sport per season. There is a \$225.00 cap per student for the year and a family cap of \$400.00 if siblings are playing multiple sports. (The Board has approved the Fees.) Please make checks payable to Old Vail Middle School and put student name and sport in the memo. You may also pay with a tax credit.
- Complete the ONLINE Emergency Form found on Schoology.
- Turn in completed packets, which includes code of conduct, a copy of your current sports physical, and the athletic fees to the library. (Incomplete packets will not be accepted).
- Athletic Equipment: appropriate shoes, protective equipment, clothes, water bottle, etc. for chosen sport. (Coaches will discuss in more details at the first meeting. Baseball and softball will be required to purchase a hat/visor)

Please carefully read through the uniform and code of conduct in order to fully understand the expectations of a student athlete.

ATHLETIC UNIFORM

The uniform you will receive is the PROPERTY OF OLD VAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL. You are BORROWING this uniform during the designated sports season and are expected to treat it with care. Some pieces of the uniform you will need to purchase (socks, hats, bloomers, head gear, appropriate footwear, etc.) either on your own or from the school for a minimal cost. You are required to bring your uniform and equipment to school on game days. If you do not have your uniform you will not be given a loner, resulting in no game play for that day.

At the beginning of *some* of the sports seasons you may be given the opportunity to purchase a pride t-shirt or sweatshirt through your coach which can be worn during the school day and on game days to show your athletic pride. The cost of the shirts averages between \$10.00 and \$25.00.

Uniform Guidelines:

1. It is to be worn for GAMES ONLY!!
2. It is NOT to be worn for any practices or during the school day.
3. Uniforms must be washed separately in COLD water to prevent color bleeding/transfer. Use a mild (non-phosphorus) detergent. Do not use bleach. Do not wash with denim or towels! Uniforms need to be hung to dry. Do not put them in the dryer to avoid letters and numbers melting together.
4. If you DO NOT return your uniform or it is damaged beyond repair, you will be billed for the replacement value of the uniform, \$50.00-\$150.00 (it depends on the sport). In addition, you will lose the privilege of participating in another sport at Old Vail until it has been returned or you've paid for a replacement.

STUDENT-ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES & REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

The privilege of participation in the OVMS athletic program is extended to all students provided they are willing to accept the responsibilities required of a student-athlete. The responsibilities & requirements for participation are as follows:

1. SOCIAL BEHAVIOR: A student-athlete will (A) display outstanding sportsmanship, both on and off the court/field, (B) demonstrate respect for those in authority (coaches and officials) as well as opponents, (C) use socially acceptable language at all times, (D) display a real spirit of cooperation.

***Failure to adhere to the social behaviors will result in a parent-athlete-coach conference to determine further action.**

2. ELIGIBILITY: In order to represent OVMS in any interscholastic competition, a student must meet all requirements.

(A) Academically each student-athlete must maintain a minimum "C" - 2.0 GPA and at no time earn an "F" on an eligibility notice.

(B) More than two (2) referrals during each sport season will result in the student being released from the team.

(C) A suspension during a sport season will result in the student being released from the team.

The Athletic Director will conduct a weekly eligibility check.

➤ **The 1st ineligibility notice will result in NO game play or practice for one week.**

- **The 2nd ineligibility notice in a row will result in the student-athlete being released from the team in order to concentrate on school work.**
- **If you receive multiple ineligibility notices that are not consecutive it will result in a parent-athlete-coach conference to determine further action.**

(D) A student-athlete must be in attendance no later than 11:30 am on a game day to participate and by 12:30 p.m. for a student-athlete to practice.

(E) Prior to competing, the student-athlete must turn in a physical examination signed by a physician.

(F) If a student-athlete **quits or is released** from the team after the first game of the season, athletic fees will not be refunded.

(G) If a student-athlete quits a team after the first game of the season, the student-athlete will be ineligible to participate in the next sports season.

Exception: medical or academic reasons (not pertaining to eligibility checks)

3. ATTENDANCE: The best performance an individual is capable of producing comes only when the individual is willing to sacrifice his/her time and effort towards a conditioned training program. The student-athlete is therefore **required to attend all practices**. If a student-athlete is unable to attend practice, **written notice** from the parent must be given to the coach and athletic directors prior to practice. Failure to give written notice will be considered an unexcused absence; two unexcused absences will result in the student-athlete being released from the team. **Exception: absent from school that day.**

4. UNIFORMS: Uniforms are provided at no cost to student-athletes. It is each individual's responsibility to care for the uniform. Cost for replacement to damaged or lost uniforms will be the responsibility of the student-athlete.

5. PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES: Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend all games and practices (children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) As coaches and administrators, we ask that you assist us in setting an example of true sportsmanship, team spirit and respect for the opposing team members (coaches, athletes, fans) as well as the officials.

6. TRANSPORTATION: We also ask that all transportation arrangements be made prior to each season. All practices end at 4:15 p.m., allowing student-athletes to ride the activity bus. Some coaches may extend practice to 5:00pm, but it is not required to be there. Unfortunately, we cannot make the same arrangements for game days. To help you make arrangements, a schedule will be sent home prior to the first game with approximate pick-up times listed. If coaches or administrators are forced to wait with a student-athlete for more than 15 minutes on two separate occasions, the student-athlete will be released from the team.

OVMS Athletics, Pursuing Victory with Honor Mission Statement

The Old Vail Middle School Athletic Program is committed to excellence in academics and athletics. We are dedicated to Pursuing Victory with Honor, to adhering to the rules of competition and sportsmanship, and to display the ACT Statement on and off the playing field.

As teacher-coaches and student-athletes we understand that participation in the athletic program is a privilege. We gladly accept our responsibility to be role models, to exercise self-discipline, and to be hardworking, prepared, persevering, empathetic, courageous, fair, self-sacrificing team players. We will give our best effort in all that we do for ourselves and for our team. We will lose with grace, win with honor, and strive to bring pride and respect to our school, our sport, our teammates, our adversaries and ourselves.

Codes of Conduct:

Player's Code

1. Play by the rules and Pursue Victory with Honor.
2. Remember, the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills, and feel good.
3. Don't play just to please your parents or coach.
4. Win and lose graciously.
5. Treat all other athletes as you would like to be treated.
6. Cheer good plays by either team.
7. Play the game with your best effort.
8. Don't be a show-off or a me-first player. Work as hard for your team as you do for yourself.
9. Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials.
10. Don't argue with officials or complain about calls.
11. Control your temper. Never retaliate when you feel wronged.

Parent/Guardian's Code

1. Remember, young people play for their own enjoyment, not yours.
2. Don't force an unwilling athlete onto the field or court.
3. Applaud good plays by opposing players as well as your own.
4. Set a good example. Young people learn best by imitation.
5. Teach your child to always play by the rules.
6. Show your child that hard work and an all-out effort can matter more than victory.
7. Help your child improve skills and sportsmanship in every game. Your child will then be a winner, even in defeat.
8. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sports.
10. Recognize the value of volunteer coaches, referees and officials and give them clear signs of respect.

We look forward to having you on our team for another great season!

Thanks,

Jessica Kane & Heather Walker

Athletic Directors

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“Victory is in the quality of the competition and not the final score.” - Mike Marshall



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Code of Conduct & Uniform Contract

We, the Parent/Guardian, realize that participation in organized interscholastic athletics involves the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. We acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observation of the rules, injuries are still a possibility.

We, the Parent/Guardian, give our consent for school officials to use their best judgment in securing aid and ambulance service in case parents cannot be reached.

We, the Parent/Guardian, acknowledge that we have read and understand the warning of possible injury.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please Print Name: _____

GRADE: _____ ADVISORY/HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

We, the Parent/Guardian and Student-Athlete, have read and understand the Athletic Uniform Policy

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I, the student-athlete, have read and understand the Requirements for Participation, the Players Code, and Mission Statement.

Student-Athlete Signature: _____ Parent Initials: _____

We, the Parent/Guardian, have read and understand the student-athlete Responsibilities & Requirements for Participation, the Parent/Guardian Code, and Mission Statement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Is your packet ready to be turned in?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed the ONLINE Emergency Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Code of Conduct & Uniform Contract Signed
<input type="checkbox"/> AIA Physical Form Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Have payment