

Butte Central Junior High

Athletic Handbook



2026-2027

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The following information is intended to be a guideline for our school procedures and policies governing school athletics/activities. Each parent and student participant should be familiar with this handbook so that he/she understands the rules and regulations that all participants must follow.

If you are unsure of a policy or it appears to be unclear, speak to the Athletic/Activities Director or Principal for clarification.

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION

Participation in athletics and activities provides students with an opportunity to learn self-discipline, leadership, character, a positive attitude, and integrity. It also encourages the spirit of competition, Christian ethics and sportsmanship.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Students, who wish to participate in extracurricular opportunities made available by Butte Central Catholic Junior High (BCCJHS) and funded through the generous donations of the Butte Central Boosters, must be willing to accept the responsibilities as well as the benefits, which are associated with activities. The main goals of activity programs at Butte Central Catholic Junior High are to meet the needs of the students. All policies and procedures are designed to foster these goals:

- Develop physical skills, talents, and emotional maturity.
- Develop social awareness and moral values.
- Develop self-discipline and a spirit of competition.
- Develop an appreciation of and respect for rules, and exercise good judgment and responsibility in following them.

All parties concerned, school personnel, parents, students and patrons, should realize that academic endeavors have priority over athletics and activities.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

All Butte Central Catholic Junior High School students participating in school-sponsored activities are expected to maintain passing grades throughout the entire grading period. To ensure consistent academic grading assessment for student participation, bimonthly grade checks will be conducted by the school administration.

- If at any biweekly grade check, a student fails to earn passing academic scores and/or the student's cumulative academic score is below 2.0, the student and his/her parents will be formally notified of the academic deficiencies.
- If at the next weekly grade check, the student fails to earn passing academic scores and/or the student's cumulative academic score is below 2.0, the student will be declared ineligible to participate in school-sponsored activities until the next biweekly academic grade check. Note: The student may be required to practice with his/her team but may not compete in any games.

- School administration may consider overall academic performance of the student in determining eligibility using the following criteria:
 - a. The student has no missing assignments
 - b. The student has consistent school attendance and no unexcused absences
 - c. The student demonstrates positive behavior in the classroom
 - d. The student has proactively worked with teachers to improve their academic performance in classes

Regardless of academic eligibility standing, a BCCJHS student will never be denied participation in liturgies, retreats, or any religious / spiritual development event sponsored by the school.

ACTIVITY REGULATIONS

To participate in extracurricular activities at BCCJH, students must comply with the following regulations:

- On the day of the event, student participants **must be in school at the beginning of the day (all seven periods). All school prayer begins at 7:50 AM and ends at 7:55 AM. The school day begins at 8:00 AM. Students must be in class at this time. If a student arrives after 8:00 AM, the student is ineligible to practice or participate in an event scheduled for the day. If remote learning is utilized during the school year, the student must participate in all periods on that day until the time of dismissal to remain eligible.**
- If the activity falls on a non-school day, the student participant **must be in school all seven periods on the nearest school day prior to the event. On any shortened day that does not have a lunch period, students must be in school the full day. If remote learning is utilized during the school year, the student must participate in all periods to remain eligible. A student remains eligible if a legitimate doctor's note is received for any absence during the day.** Exceptions may be discussed with the Activities Director in collaboration with the Principal. Absences as the result of extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control will be considered.
- Physical exams are required for each participant before engaging in athletic practice or play. A physical completed AFTER May 1st is valid for the following school year.
- All physical examination forms must be submitted to the Activities Director **PRIOR** to the first day of practice for the activity.
- Student participants and parents/guardians must submit a signed activity consent/release form and proof of insurance to the Activities Director **PRIOR** to activity participations.
- Student participants and parents/guardians must initial, sign & submit the "Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Guardian Concussion Statement" form to the Activities Director **PRIOR** to activity participation.
- All student-athletes must take an Impact Concussion Test to establish a baseline score. This must be completed for the student athlete's first practice. A permission form must be signed by the parent/guardian before the test can be administered. All incoming 6th graders & new/transfer 7th and 8th graders must take this test. Returning 7th & 8th

graders do not need to retake this test as long as they completed the test the previous year.

- Student participants placed on in-school-suspension (ISS) for any reason, will be eligible to practice during the suspension, but ineligible for competition in the next regularly scheduled contest or performance.
- Student participants must return the signature portion of the Activities Handbook with student parent/guardian signatures that indicate all parties understand the rules and agree to comply with them.

ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION

Students who participate in out-of-town, extra-curricular activities must travel on school provided transportation. Students may not travel to or from an activity with any driver other than the school sponsor, coach/advisor, or their own parent/guardian. If necessary, parents/guardians may request permission for their student participant to go to or return from an activity with them. Permission slips must be signed in the presence of the coach/advisor. The following guidelines will help insure the safety and comfort of all individuals traveling on the bus:

- Remain seated and face the front.
- Refrain from excessive noise. Headphones must be used when listening to music.
- All hard objects will be stored on the floor or in the baggage compartment.
- Food and drink must be kept to a minimum and each student is expected to pick up after himself/herself. Sandwiches, fresh fruit, canned or bottled juices with a lid, pop, water, candy bars and chips can be consumed on the bus. Food items not allowed include sunflower seeds, any other type of shell nuts, popcorn, and drinks in paper cups, milk shakes, malts, or ice cream.

All garbage must be disposed of prior to leaving the bus at the team's destination and upon returning home.

- Destruction to any part of the bus will not be tolerated. Immediate suspension for the remainder of the season will be the consequence for any student/athlete guilty of destroying bus property. The student will be responsible for any and all necessary repair costs.
- At all times, treat the bus driver with courtesy and respect.

BUILDING USE

Use of the building (Junior High/High School/MAC) by an organization or individual must be cleared through the Activities Director and must be properly sponsored and supervised.

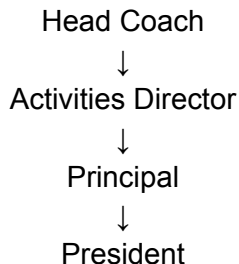
LITURGY/MASS

"Maroon Sports as a Ministry" is a program that allows for student-athletes and coaches to be present in our spiritual community. Teams, along with their coaches, will be required to attend specific Mass times throughout their respective seasons. These dates will be communicated to students, parents/guardians, and coaches prior to the required Mass time(s).

PROBLEMS/CONCERNS

Coaches are not to be approached with negative comments or concerns for at least 24 hours after the completion of a game, contest or competition.

COMMUNICATION LADDER



TITLE IX

This is a policy to provide equal athletic benefits to all student athletes without regard for gender.

1. Assemblies
2. Transportation
3. Uniform Replacement

TRAINING RULES

The purpose for training rules is to insure the safety of all student participants and to maintain the integrity of the extracurricular programs offered at Butte Central Catholic Junior High. All participants are expected to make personal sacrifices for the good of the group. Self-discipline, accountability and responsibility on the part of each participant are expectations that are held for all. Additionally, it is important for student participants to become positive leaders in and out of school, as well as during school activities. Successful people succeed in their task by hard work, perseverance, honesty and dedication. Participation in extracurricular activities is a student choice and carries with it responsibilities. Where violations occur and penalties are enacted, consequences will apply to all student activities covered by these rules. Specific expectations and guidelines for ALL student activity participants can be found in the Chemical and Tobacco Policy as stated in the Student Handbook.

DRUGS/ALCOHOL POLICY

A student-athlete who is honest regarding a violation of BCCJHS alcohol/drug policy will be suspended from competition for a period of two (2) weeks starting at the point of awareness concerning the violation. The student-athlete may not dress out in uniform but will be allowed to be on the bench/sideline. The student-athlete will be expected to attend and participate in all scheduled practices. Student-Athletes that are on suspension from competition will not be dismissed early from class to attend competitions. The Principal has discretion to change the penalty for extraordinary circumstances. All final decisions on discipline will be made administratively by the Principal in collaboration with the Activities Director. A student-athlete who is dishonest regarding a violation of BCCJHS alcohol/drug policy will be suspended for the entirety of the activity for that school year.

Violation of the alcohol/drug policy will be cumulative throughout a student's junior high school career.

Penalties for the violation of the drug/alcohol policy are defined in the Student Handbook.

Discipline Policy

A student-athlete who has a school related disciplinary act, may result in the following:

1. Suspension from team practice, and/or game
2. Expulsion from team activity

At the discretion of the principal, athletic director, and coach, the act will be reviewed and determined what course of action will be taken.

MANAGEMENT OF SPORTS RELATED CONCUSSIONS

BCCJHS recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational activities. The school acknowledges the risk of catastrophic injuries or death is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed. Therefore, all competitive sport athletic activities in BCCJHS will be identified by the administration.

Consistent with guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Federation of High School (NFHS) and the Montana High School Association (MHSA), BCCHS will utilize procedures developed by the MHSA and other pertinent information to inform and educate coaches, athletic trainers, officials, youth athletes, and their parents and/or guardians of the nature and risk of concussions or head injury.

Resources are available on the Montana High School Association Sports Medicine page at www.mhsa.org; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services page at www.hhs.gov; and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention page at www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports.index.html. BCC schools policy on sports related concussions can be found on our website at www.buttecentral.org.

PAY-TO-PLAY FEE

All students participating in any Butte Central Catholic Junior High sponsored extracurricular activities are required to pay a **\$75 pay-to-play fee** for each activity they choose to participate in. Pay-to-play fees must be paid before the athlete is able to participate.

SPORTSMANSHIP

“Sportsmanship is not a set of rules, but a spirit that should guide our behavior each day of our lives according to the simple idea that we will treat others as we would like to be treated.”

Expectations for student-athletes regarding sportsmanship are as follows:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility and privilege of representing BCCJHS and the community of Butte.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated.
- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following the game.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of officials. Never argue or make non-verbal gestures that indicate disagreement. This type of immature activity may incite undesirable behavior in the stands and by teammates.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform and equipment will be handed out before the first game/practice. Each student athlete is responsible for washing their jerseys after each game. Uniforms and equipment return dates will be shared with the student athletes at school and practice. Football uniforms and equipment return will take place at the Maroon Activities Center and all other activities will return their uniforms directly to the athletic director.

Uniform Cleaning - All uniforms must be returned in a clean condition. Any uniform not returned in a clean/sanitary condition will be subject to a \$25 cleaning fee.

Non-Returned Uniforms - If you do not return the uniforms on the specified days, then you are subject to a fine of the amount of the uniform/equipment, as you will agree to in this contract upon signing. If the amount is not paid before the next activity begins, the student athlete will not be allowed to participate.

TEAM PARTICIPATION

Students will play on the team for their own grade, unless there are an insufficient number of players to field a team. A student may be moved to a different team if the student's age is greater or less than a year than the average age of the team. Any decision to move the student rests with the principal.

HARASSMENT

Harassment among student participants that results in any type of demeaning hazing or humiliation will not be tolerated in any school program. All coaching staff/advisors are to monitor their areas of responsibility to assure the students treat each other with respect, courtesy, and charity to assure that harassment does not occur. Violators of this policy will be dealt with firmly and promptly. Consequences will be determined after consultation with the Activities Director in collaboration with the principal.

HAZING

Any student athlete who is found to have participated in any hazing behavior will face strict punishment that ranges from suspension to removal from the activity or which they participate in depending on the severity of violation. This policy will be strictly enforced. Hazing is defined as:

“Any act committed against someone joining or becoming a member or maintaining membership in any organization that is humiliating, intimidating or demeaning, or endangers the health and safety of the person. Hazing includes active or passive participation in such acts and occurs regardless of the willingness to participate in the activities. Hazing creates an environment/climate in which dignity and respect are absent.”

OUT OF SCHOOL MISCONDUCT

Students traveling for extra-curricular activities must conduct themselves in a responsible and Christian manner. Failure to do so creates a major liability for the school and its employees. The BCCJHS community is very supportive of student activities and deserves our very best representation. Students will be held responsible for any misconduct and the penalties applied according to the School Discipline Code.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Any information regarding practices times/place, game times/place, rescheduling/cancellations will be communicated through the mobile application, *Team Reach*. This app provides instant updates to anyone who has registered to their student's specific sport(s). This is a more convenient way of communication and will reduce the number of emails you receive regarding athletic updates and changes.

If you choose to NOT download this app or not check for updates on a regular basis, Butte Central coaches, athletic director(s), and administrators are not responsible for activities your student may neglect.

Use the following team codes to access your student's Team Reach group:

- Football - bcfball2026
- Volleyball - bcvball2026
- Boys Basketball - bcboysbball2026
- Girls Basketball - BCgbball2026
- Track & Field - BCTrack2026

****BCCJHS reserves the right to revise this handbook whenever such revisions are necessary.****

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BUTTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Parents and Students:

Please sign, date, and return to the Junior High School office.

I have received the Butte Central Junior High School Student Activities Handbook published for the 2026-2027 school year. I have read the policies contained in this handbook, and I agree to abide by the regulations therein.

Additionally, each student athlete must pay a \$75 pay-to-play fee for each activity for which they participate in. This fee must be paid within two (2) weeks after the first date of allowable practice.

It is also understood that each student athlete may be asked to participate in fundraising efforts as a condition of their participation in Butte Central Activities.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

This form must be signed & returned by Monday, August 31st, 2026.