

Paint Branch Athletics FAQ

Question: Does my child need to tryout or does everyone make the team?

Answer: It depends on the team. Some teams do not have cuts, but, many of the teams do. It is best to check with the head coach.

Question: When does practice start?

Answer: Fall mid-August (August 10th 2022), winter usually Nov 15th, spring usually March 1st. If that day is a Sunday, then it will be the day before.

Question: Does my child need to be there every day?

Answer: YES! This is competitive high school sports. Our coaches have the same expectations on the field as the teachers in the classroom.

Question: What are the academic requirements?

Answer: Students must maintain a 2.0 with no more than one E to participate in MCPS Athletics. True 9th graders are eligible for all of their 9th grade year.

Question: My child woke up sick and came to school late, can they still play/practice?

Answer: No. Your child must be in all their scheduled classes each day. If they miss/skip class they cannot practice or play.

Question: What if we have a doctors' appointment or family emergency?

Answer: They need to turn in a note the day before the absence. It is called a pre-approved absence. This will allow them to participate on the day they miss class. Email the Athletic Director 24hrs ahead. Emergencies are on a case by case basis.

Question: What forms do I need? How do I register?

Answer: All athletic registration is completed online via the MyMCPS **parent** portal. There are no forms to hand in. **DO NOT** turn in any forms to the coach or the school. Physicals should be uploaded to the portal. Physicals may also be turned into the Athletic Specialist prior to tryouts.

Question: How long is the physical good for?

Answer: Sports physicals are good for 365 days.

Question: How do we get the Impact concussion test?

Answer: The school will schedule testing through our training staff. Do not do it with a physician. It must be done with MCPS. Impact testing is done only once in their high school career.

Question: What does it cost to attend a game?

Answer: Tickets can only be purchased via GoFan. We no longer accept any cash. GoFan app is available via the apple app store or google play. PBHS Athletics is a NO CASH facility. Concessions will still take cash.

Question: What is a season/year pass?

Answer: An athletic pass can be purchased digitally via GoFan. If you frequent sports events at Paint Branch, it can be a money saver. They are only good for Paint Branch Home Regular Season Games. No playoffs or away games. Passes can be purchased via GoFan.

Question: How can I help and get involved?

Answer: You can volunteer to work at the home games, you can join the booster club, you can ask the coach.

Question: How do I get in contact with the coach?

Answer: Every coach has their email address on the athletic website. You can email them at any time.

Question: What if school is canceled? What if a game is rescheduled?

Answer: If school is canceled there will be no practices/contests. If we have to reschedule the information will be posted on the athletic website, social media (twitter @pbhs_sports), school announcements and coach group communication. We will post this information as soon as we know it.

Question: Where can I find out more information?

Answer: Go to the athletic website: paintbranchathletics.org or email the Athletic Specialist.

Most of your questions can be answered by visiting the site. Try emailing the head coach. Each team has their own way of doing things.