

BITTERROOT HOMESCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Player Registration Packet

The Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association (BHAA) operates as a member of the Montana Christian Athletic Association (MCAA). All matters must be in accordance with MCAA guidelines, with competition rules as outlined by the Montana High School Association (MHSA) – off-season rules of the MHSA do not apply to MCAA teams (soccer MHSA Rules shall be used inside the framework of an eight-man game and non-varsity teams may be co-ed).

Please feel free to **reach out to your BHAA representative** with questions or for resolution of matters pertaining to your player’s sport.

Volleyball Representative			
Boys’ Basketball Representative			
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Included (to be signed/initialed where indicated and returned to Team Representative)

- BHAA Player Registration Form - page 2 ****parent sign****
- Commitment to Your Team - Page 3
- Player Agreement - page 3 ****parent and player sign and initial****
- Eligibility (MCAA Eligibility Guidelines & Code of Conduct) - page 4
- Parent Agreement - page 5 ****parents sign and initial****
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- Expectations (BHAA Coach, Player & Parent Expectations) - page 7
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Separate Handouts

- Current Season Anticipated Expenses
- Current Season Game Schedule
- MHSA Concussion Fact Sheets
- MHSA Confidential Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form*

*Sports Physicals available at your medical provider of choice OR Marcus Daly Rehabilitation Center for \$25 per student – please specify “Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association” as your school & all fees will be *DONATED* back to our athletic program!

Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association Player Registration

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Height: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Names: _____

Father's Email: _____ Father's Phone: (____) _____

Mother's Email: _____ Mother's Phone: (____) _____

Player's Email: _____ Player's Phone: (____) _____

Medical Information:

Please describe any medical condition your coach needs to be aware of:

Insurance Carrier: _____ Group ID #: _____

Name of Policyholder: _____ Individual ID #: _____

Telephone Number for Insurance: (____) _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: (____) _____

In the event that this player should require emergency medical treatment while participating in the Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic program under the immediate supervision of its designees, I authorize professional medical services that may be deemed necessary.

Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases included but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.

Parent's Name Signature Date

Parent's Name Signature Date

FINANCIAL:

Payment of \$100 due at registration: Received on _____, check # _____

Refund Policy: *full refund of the \$100 registration fee will be given if an athlete drops out before the first 5 practices, after 10 practices a 50% refund will be given, and after the first game no refund will be given.*

Raffle Tickets and Monies (\$200) due by October/December 1. Received on _____

Commitment to Your Team

Athletes are expected to commit themselves to the program and continued self- development. *The realization that practice sessions are important is a premise that is vital to a successful sports program and player.* **Athletes and parents should be prepared for a weekly commitment for games and practices.** It is vital that each member understands and accepts their role on the team, as the number of roster positions is relative to the student's acceptance of their individual roles in pursuit of team goals. **Athletes are expected to attend every practice and contest, unless excused by their coach. Timely communication between the coach, parent, and/or athlete is essential.**

For all team members, meaningful contest participation will exist over the course of a season, providing the athlete meets program expectations. A specified amount of playing time, however, is never guaranteed. All registered players who pay fees are guaranteed full access to practices and coaching. As a competitive program, the amount of game time and varsity/junior varsity placement is at the sole discretion of the coach. All athletes must work to earn their play time. Athletes are expected to compete for a position, and earn their position in the starting line-up. The expectation is the same for the starting player as it is for the limited role player. **Every athlete involved on the team has a role in preparing the team for a demanding competitive schedule.**

Player Agreement

As a player I agree to abide by the expectations set forth in the MCAA Code of Conduct, as well as the disciplinary guidelines and team rules of this organization. I understand that my actions may have consequences, and failure to abide by BHAA and team rules may result in suspension or expulsion from the team. I understand that I will be held accountable by parents, coaches, and fellow athletes.

I have read and agree to comply with the player expectations.

Player's Name

Signature

Date

Both player & parent initial each statement in acknowledgement:

_____ I understand the commitment to make every scheduled practice and game, including participation in the state tournament.

_____ If any unforeseen circumstance arises (illness or family emergency) where I am unable to participate in an upcoming contest, I will let the coaches know immediately (1-2 week's advance notice is preferable).

_____ I will communicate with the coaches ALL dates in advance where I have a current scheduling conflict and will reserve all future dates on the calendar for full participation with the team.

Dates with a current scheduling conflict: _____

MCAA By-Laws – Article V: Abbreviated Rules to Be Used for MCAA Sports

5.A. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

5.A.1. Age and Graduation

5.A.1.a.No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has turned 19 on or before August 31st of that school year.

5.A.1.b.No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has received a GED.

5.A.1.c.No student is eligible to participate in the MCAA who has gone through a graduation ceremony.

5.A.2 Student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at the High School Varsity level for four (4) years.

5.A.2.a.An extension of a fifth (5th) year of participation will be granted to those students who are in the eighth (8th) grade and participation at the High School Varsity Level. The Board of Directors must be informed in writing of such participation.

5.A.2.b.Seventh (7th) grade student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at the High School level only when the total athlete participation is below the following numbers: Soccer—12; Volleyball—9; Basketball—10, without losing a year of eligibility. The Board must be informed in writing of such participation.

5.A.2.c.Seventh (7th) grade student athletes are allowed to participate in the MCAA at a Sub-Varsity High School level without losing a year of eligibility. The Board must be informed in writing of such participation.

5.A.3. Any student who is not in full-time attendance at an MCAA member school/ association, must have Board approval. A written request for a Board ruling must be made prior to participation.

5.B. MCAA ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

5.B.1. Players must play for the respective team in their geographic area at which they must be in full-time attendance. No student may establish athletic eligibility concurrently at two schools. Dual enrollment is not recognized for the purpose of eligibility in MCAA activities.

5.B.2. Girls play girls' sports and boys play boys' sports.

5.B.3. A student enrolled in an MCAA member school in which no high school program is available to him/her may, upon Board approval, be granted eligibility to participate within the program of an alternate MCAA organization in the student's geographic area.

A student with no program available to him/her, who is not enrolled in a member school but who wishes to participate within the MCAA, must submit a formal written statement to the Board requesting the privilege to participate as an eligible athlete within a specific member organization.

A student enrolled in a school which is a member of a high school athletic association other than the MCAA will not be granted permission to participate in an MCAA program.

MONTANA CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to the game. We are anticipating a great contest and hope that you will enjoy the competition.

While you are here it is our hope you will join us in reinforcing positive lessons for the athletes. We believe athletics teaches valuable life lessons like:

- *Self-control
- *Team work
- *Goal setting
- *The value of fitness

In that spirit we ask you to cooperate in the lessons we are seeking to teach. Please:

- *Display self-control by not being critical of the officials, coaches, or players.
- *Let the coaches coach—please don't shout instructions from the stands.
- *Let your enthusiasm and excitement be channeled into encouragement and appreciation for all of the athletes' efforts. If it is not positive and uplifting—please don't say it or act it out.

Let the officials officiate—Let the coaches coach—Let the athletes compete—Let sportsmanship reign on the court and in the stands!

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person—Colossians 4:6

Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association Parent Agreement

By having my child join this athletic team, I the undersigned parent, recognize that by allowing my child to play I will be actively involved in the following ways:

- I certify that my player meets the eligibility requirements set forth by the MCAA and BHAA for this sport. I am currently home educating my child (or qualify under MCAA By-Laws) and he/she is passing. If my child does not maintain a satisfactory level, I will notify the coach or athletic director.
- I will encourage my child to abide by the team rules, program guidelines, and social media etiquette. I agree to encourage and promote the standard of expected behavior for my player and allow his/her participation in team Bible-based character building activities
- I will maintain self-control during all games, respecting the officials, coaches, players, parents, and fans of either team.
- I will assure that I, my family, and guests respect proper gym etiquette: (Refrain from wearing street shoes on gym floors. Do not leave garbage in the stands after games. Do not confront coaches before or after a scheduled game. Do not leave children unattended at any time during the game.)
- I recognize that BHAA is a competitive athletic program and playing time is at the sole discretion of the coach, and I will support the coach in his/her decision regardless of whether I agree with him/her.
- At the high school level, it is encouraged and preferred that the athlete approach his/her coach with any concerns directly. If there are issues with the coach(es), I will encourage my athlete to approach the coach directly with their concern. If there are further issues with coach(es), other parent or player as it relates directly to the functioning of the team, I will first approach the coach or parent directly with my concerns, according to Matthew 18:15-17 (after a suitable cooling-off period and at a suitable time, specifically - NOT at the beginning or middle of a practice or a game. Do NOT interrupt a practice or a game.) If I am unable to reach a satisfactory resolution to my concerns, I will submit a written, signed document to the Athletic Director at the published email, and the Athletic Director will present more serious matters to the board for review. If it is a concern of a personal nature, conflict will be resolved by approaching the other person directly, prayerfully and with a heart bent to reconciliation. If you are unable to reach a resolution, you should proceed as outlined in Matthew 18: 15-17 (i.e. directly, with 2 or 3 witnesses, then their church/pastor).
- If I need to discuss something with my child's coach, I am free to contact him/her at their given number or email. If for some reason my child will not be attending a practice or game, I will let the coach know as soon as I know of the situation.
- I will not transport players if (1) I use alcohol, (2) I use any medications or drugs that could impair my driving ability, or (3) I do not have a valid driver's license and current auto insurance.
- I understand that parents will be taking pictures that may include my child. I give my permission to post these pictures on homeschool community and BHAA websites and Facebook pages for advertising, promotion and sharing purposes.
- Travel responsibility to and from practices and games is that of the parents.

- If a player has been removed from a game or practice for suspected concussion, he/she needs a medical release to return to practices/games from a doctor.
- It is required that my student obtains a sports physical prior to participating.
- Every player is expected to participate in fundraising activities.
- I agree to accept financial responsibility for any willful or malicious damage resulting from my player's action.
- I understand I will be asked to sign up for parent responsibilities.
- I understand that if my family fails to abide by this agreement, the board has the authority to bring disciplinary action or ask my family to leave the program.

I have read and understood and agree with the above Parents' Agreement.

Parent's Name	Signature	Date
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Liability Waiver

In consideration of the acceptance of my player's entry into the BHAA program, I hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and personal representatives, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against sponsors, organizers, and volunteers of said athletic organization or their representatives. I waive and release any and all damages or injuries incurred due to my player's participation in said athletic organization. I understand that sports have certain inherent dangers and I accept and understand those risks.

Although the BHAA may carry medical or liability insurance, I understand that having medical insurance to cover my player while participating in the athletic program is my personal responsibility.

I have read the above Liability Waiver and assumption of risk agreement, fully understood its terms, and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Parent's Name	Signature	Date
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Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association Coach, Player & Parent Expectations

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

BHAA expects its Coaches to:

1. Be responsible for their own behavior and also the behavior of their team members, their parents, and fans.
2. Lead by example in being respectful of other players, coaches, fans, and officials at all times.
3. Provide a sports environment for their team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language at all BHAA events.
4. Place the emotional and physical well-being of their players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
5. Never publicly demean a player, official, opposing coach, or parent.
6. Ensure that their players are supervised by a coach or another designated adult and never allow their players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
7. Never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game.
8. Take reasonable steps to see that all equipment used by their players is safe and conforms to standards.
9. Take the initiative in resolving any known or suspected conflict relating to a player or family.
10. Accept positive and negative feedback graciously as from the Lord.
11. Communicate expectations – including these BHAA expectations – clearly to players and parents.

BHAA expects its Players to:

1. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players, officials, and coaches with the utmost respect, whether or not they agree with a call
2. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Stay composed and exercise “self-control.”
4. Respect the privilege of using playing facilities by cleaning up benches, locker rooms, stands, and grounds after a practice or game.
5. Refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
6. Avoid profanity or demeaning speech on all occasions, on and off court, even in the “heat of competition.”
7. Be an encourager.
8. Understand that the TEAM comes before the welfare of an individual player.
9. Be willing to serve in any role to build TEAM success.
10. Show up for practice on time, with proper equipment, and ready to play.
11. Make reasonable efforts in advance to be excused from any scheduled classes or activities that conflict with practices, games, or team functions.
12. Communicate to the coach ahead of time when they will miss a practice or game.
13. Dress in a manner that could not be considered offensive or morally suggestive at all BHAA events.
14. Tell the coach of their concerns or problems instead of talking to others about them.
15. Seek to resolve personal conflicts with teammates. Speak to them first and seek reconciliation.
16. Maintain the dignity and privacy of my teammates.

BHAA expects Parents to:

1. Trust the coach to coach the team.
2. Volunteer to help with team needs whenever possible.
3. Let the officials and umpires call the game, remembering that they too are only human and that rarely is the outcome of a game determined by a “bad call.”
4. Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship at games by using only positive cheers and never laughing at errors or jeering an opponent.
5. Advocate a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language, including profanity, and refrain from their use during any BHAA event.
6. Assist their athletes to show up to practice and games on time, with proper equipment, and ready to play.
7. Direct their athletes to communicate to the coach in advance of any anticipated missed practices or games.
8. Speak to the coach privately (and not to others) about any issues concerning any aspect of their family or athlete’s participation on a BHAA team.
9. Speak to the Athletic Director about any issue not adequately resolved with a coach.
10. Be familiar with the MCAA rules of eligibility and to notify the coach of any reason their athlete might not qualify to play with BHAA.
11. Fill out the post-season evaluations with truth and love.

The BHAA Statement of Faith

The BHAA is a Christian organization, and as such will govern itself and operate its teams according to its Statement of Faith. We believe in and unqualifiedly affirm:

- The inspiration of the Bible, equally in all parts and without error in its origin.
- The one God, eternally existent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created man by a direct immediate act.
- The pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace through faith and the resurrection of all; to life or damnation.
- The spiritual relationship of all believers by the Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of righteous works, separated from the world, witnessing His saving grace through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Volunteer Positions Needed

(circle areas where you can help)

Fundraising	Line Judges (volleyball home games, 2 parents)
Asst. Coach	Score Book (all games)
Equipment	Scoreboard (home games for volleyball and basketball)
Sponsor	Set-Up & Tear Down (home games)
Concessions	Team Communication (from coach to parents)
Board Representative - Soccer, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball	

Bitterroot Homeschool Athletic Association Fundraising Guidelines

PRIMARY FUNDRAISER (raffle tickets)

Participation in the primary fundraising activity is encouraged to promote individual growth, as well as to foster a team-building experience. Full participation in the team's primary fundraiser for the year is strongly encouraged. Fundraising plays a vital role in the development of the athlete. Not only does fundraising lay a foundation for the future growth and success of the program, but achievement outside of one's comfort zone and communicating with the public serve to build a cohesive team spirit and personal confidence.

Alternate fundraising activities (car washes, etc.) must be submitted in writing and approved by the BHAA board prior to said activity, and are the sole responsibility of the individual choosing to organize such activity. Such additional activities MAY, with written board approval, replace the player's participation in the primary fundraiser but will not replace their responsibility of minimum fundraising goals. If the individual's minimum goal is not met (i.e. 10 raffle tickets), the player is responsible to make up the difference in funds. All fundraising funds (whether from the raffle tickets sales or alternate activity) are due at the same time. (i.e. October 1 for fall sports and December 1 for winter sports).

Parent and Player Initial:

_____ I will commit to full participation in the team's fundraiser, reaching minimum individual goals.

_____ I understand that if I do not reach minimum fundraising goals that I will be responsible to make up the difference out of my own finances.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are not a substitute for the primary fundraiser. Team budgets are set based upon anticipated fundraising activities. Requests for sponsorship fulfill additional needs of the team, as specified by the donor per the sponsorship form. Advertising by sponsors will appear in all sports' programs.

CONCESSIONS

Concession sales are voluntary and based solely upon parent interest. The individual parent is responsible to purchase concession items, provide change to customers, track income and expenses, and to organize other parents to help (filling roles to manage the athletic contest takes precedence).

Parents interested in providing concessions should submit to the BHAA board a written proposal of concession items they will provide and a plan for managing sales & communication to home and competing teams, as well as for facility clean-up and garbage removal (clean-up includes kitchen and all areas where food is eaten). Concession sales are expressly for the benefit of the team/organization. The church does not approve any for-profit activity. All profits should be turned in to BHAA representative in a timely manner.

Concession sales requiring the use of a kitchen must contact Lone Rock Bible Church and complete a facility use form in advance. Athletic activities are specifically not permitted to use the kitchen unless approved in advance by the deacons. It is the responsibility of the concessionaire to confirm with the church whether the activity has been approved. Approval should not be assumed.



Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Guardian Concussion Statement

Because of the passage of the Dylan Steigers' Protection of Youth Athletes Act, schools are required to distribute information sheets for the purpose of informing and educating student-athletes and their parents of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury to student athletes, including the risks of continuing to play after concussion or head injury. Montana law requires that each year, before beginning practice for an organized activity, a student-athlete and the student-athlete's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must be given an information sheet, and both parties must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information to an official designated by the school or school district prior to the student-athletes participation during the designated school year. The law further states that a student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from play at the time of injury and may not return to play until the student-athlete has received a written clearance from a licensed health care provider.

Student-Athlete Name: _____

This form must be completed for each student-athlete, even if there are multiple student-athletes in each household.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

We have read the *Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Guardian Concussion Information Sheet*.

If true, please check box

After reading the information sheet, I am aware of the following information:

Student-Athlete Initials		Parent/Legal Guardian Initials
	A concussion is a brain injury, which should be reported to my parents, my coach(es), or a medical professional if one is available.	
	A concussion can affect the ability to perform everyday activities such as the ability to think, balance, and classroom performance.	
	A concussion cannot be "seen." Some symptoms might be present right away. Other symptoms can show up hours or days after an injury.	
	I will tell my parents, my coach, and/or a medical professional about my injuries and illnesses.	N/A
	If I think a teammate has a concussion, I should tell my coach(es), parents, or licensed health care professional about the concussion.	N/A
	I will not return to play in a game or practice if a hit to my head or body causes any concussion-related symptoms.	N/A
	I will/my child will need written permission from a licensed health care professional to return to play or practice after a concussion.	
	After a concussion, the brain needs time to heal. I understand that I am/my child is much more likely to have another concussion or more serious brain injury if return to play or practice occurs before concussion symptoms go away.	
	Sometimes, repeat concussions can cause serious and long-lasting problems.	
	I have read the concussion symptoms on the Concussion fact sheet.	

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date