

Athletic Program Overview

Welcome to the Cocopah Sports Program!

It is both an honor and a privilege to participate in team sports at Cocopah Middle School and the coaching staff, athletic director, school principals and the community work hard to make sure that your sports experience is fun and successful. Our sports teams are part of the larger school community and we believe in and value collaboration, commitment, and dedication as represented by our school motto, **COCOPAH PRIDE: POSITIVE-RESPECTFUL-INSPIRED, DETERMINED- & EXCELLENT**. So, it is the expectation that student athletes show PRIDE in academics, athletics, and behavior.

The Cocopah athletic program is available for both boys and girls in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. The sports that are offered at CMS are: Baseball, Volleyball, Softball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer, Flag Football, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Cross-Country, Spirit Line, and Track & Field.

The following items are required to be completed on Register My Athlete, before a student is allowed to participate in a sport. Additional forms available on Cocopah Athletic web page.

Forms on Register My Athlete required to participate in Athletic programs. Registermyathlete.com

- **Electronic Documents and Questions:** AIA MTBI/Concussion Annual Statement and Acknowledgement, Parent/Spectator Code Of Conduct, Student/Parent Questions and Concerns Procedure, Athletic Code Of Conduct
- **Guardian and Athlete E-Signatures**
- A current **Annual Physical Examination (AIA forms *include Form and Form B)** signed by a doctor, indicating the student is cleared without restrictions. It must be dated March 1, 2018 or later for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. A physical is valid for a period of **one academic year**.
- **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID TO THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.** Reduced and Free lunch cannot be paid online and must provide Nutritional Services information to the Administration Building. The Administration Building will mark your fee complete after they receive payment. Online receipts must be brought to Mrs. Gleason, Room A119 to clear an athlete for participation and practice.
- One completed **Alternate Transportation Consent forms (completed per sport, Tier 2 only & handed-out by coach).**

Athletic Participation Fees

- A \$60 Tier 1 participation fee for each sport. If paying online a receipt must be printed and given to Mrs. Gleason, Room A119. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Cocopah. Also in the memo section include the athlete's name and student id. After the Saturday festival, there is a \$30 Tier 2 participation fee for those athletes invited to participate in the competitive portion of our program. If the Tier 2 fee is not paid, athletes will not be issued a uniform.
- Cross Country and Track have a participation fee of \$75.
- **Please note the \$30, \$60, & \$75 fees may be applied to your Tax-Credit payment and is NON-REFUNDABLE. In order to be counted towards Tax-Credit, a Tax-Credit form must be completed and returned with your payment.**

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Tier 1: ALL INCLUDED TIER

- Three weeks of skill building, training, and inter-squad games for each sport.
- Practices will be after school, Contact coach for specific practice times.
- All Included Super Saturday festival, with teams from all SUSD middle schools competing at a centralized site.
- 15 students from Tier 1 will be invited to participate in the Tier 2 competitive season comprising one Junior Varsity and one Varsity level team.
- To be eligible for the Competitive Tier 2 of each season, students must be an active participant during the Tier 1 season and Saturday Festival unless excused prior to by coach and Athletic Director. The athlete must be in attendance at school a minimum of 50% of the school day to participate or practice that day unless excused by the administration.

The All-Included Tier 1 is designed to be open to all interested participants with varying skill levels. There will be no cuts in this tier and all students are encouraged to learn the sport, improve their skills/knowledge of the sport and play the sport. Each participant will receive a t-shirt to be worn for the festival.

Tier 2: COMPETITIVE SEASON

- Begins following the Tier 1 and Super Saturday with students invited from Tier 1.
- Designed to refine the skills learned and build a team.
- Eight games will occur over a period of five weeks between teams selected from Tier 1 at each SUSD middle school.
- There is an additional \$30 fee for participation in Tier 2 which must be paid prior to the first competition. Please note the \$30 fee may be applied to your Tax-Credit payment and is NON-REFUNDABLE. In order to be counted towards Tax-Credit, a Tax-Credit form must be completed and returned with your payment.
- Student will travel as a team via SUSD buses to away games.
- Uniforms will be issued by the coach prior to the first competition in Tier 2 and must be returned to the coach at the end of the season. Students will be responsible for lost, damaged, or unreturned uniforms and equipment. FEES FOR LOST UNIFORMS ARE \$50.00 AND UP!
- Academic Eligibility (No Pass – No Play). Student with an “F” or “I” will not be eligible to play in the competitive games of Tier 2 until a passing grade is verified in writing for the class in question.
- Athletes must be in attendance in school a minimum of 50 percent of the school day to participate or practice that day unless excused by school administration
- If you have any questions, please contact Mary Pasco, Cocopah Athletic Director at mpasco@susd.org.

Thank you for your commitment to our school,

Mary Pasco, Athletic Director