

Elementary Volleyball and Elementary Tackle Football Pre-Season Information for Try-outs

To: 3rd-5th Grade Students and Parents
From: Mr. Leone
Re: Elementary Volleyball and Elementary Tackle Football
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2011

This fall, Macon Road will be offering elementary volleyball and elementary tackle football. Students entering the 4th-6th grades will be eligible to play tackle football. Any 4th-6th grade girls are eligible to play elementary volleyball.

The first day of football try-outs is scheduled for Thursday, August 4th. Football will practice from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the East campus. Volleyball try-outs will begin Monday, August 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at both the East campus and Berclair campus (no practice on Wednesday).

If your child is interested in playing football or volleyball next fall, they need to sign up on the sign-up sheet outside the athletic office door (or in the hallway at East campus). They will be contacted over the summer before the first day of try-outs.

For students to be eligible for try-outs the first day, they must turn in the following items (students who do not turn in the following items will not be allowed to try-out until they do so). Note: All forms must be turned in the 1st Day of Try-outs. Do NOT bring forms to the receptionist's desk or the athletic office before this time. Forms can be found on the school's website under the "Athletics" link.

- 1. Sports Physical Examination from a Doctor (Use TAACS forms on website!)**
- 2. Sports Waiver/Information Sheet (information sheet may be picked up at the receptionist's desk – it must be notarized)**
- 3. Fan Behavior Guideline Form**
- 4. Playing Fee Voucher Waiver (found below)**

\$55.00 playing fee for elementary volleyball deducted from your voucher account on Friday, August 12

\$65.00 playing fee for elementary football deducted from your voucher account on Friday, August 12

Uniforms:

Athletes will need to buy necessary equipment such as knee pads and shoes for volleyball on their own. We recommend you buy these items from All-American Sporting Goods on Summer Avenue.

Helmets, shoulder pads, and game uniforms will be provided by the school for all football players. Each football player will be responsible to buy the following items: white practice pants, seven piece pad set, gray compression girdle, **Macon Road gray/silver compression shirt (purchased through the athletic department; other brands (styles) are no longer permitted)**, black cleats, and a black mouth piece. These items (with the exception of the compression shirt) need to be purchased in-store. We recommend you purchase them from All-American Sporting Goods on Summer Avenue. **All items will need to be purchased by Monday, August 15th**

All volleyball players will also have to purchase a practice uniform if they do not already have one. Short sleeve shirts are \$8.00 and the shorts are \$15.00. A long sleeve shirt (\$11.00) and a sweatshirt (\$12.00) may also be purchased as part of the practice uniform. **All football players will be required to purchase the Macon Road compression shirt (\$15.00)**

Practices and Game Season:

The teams will practice after school about 2 to 3 days a week.

The game season for both sports begins around late-August and ends around Mid-October. There will be a few volleyball games (approximately 6) during the week with the majority being played on Saturday mornings (Elementary Volleyball competes in a Developmental League on Saturday mornings). Football games will be played during the week as well. They will play approximately six games this season.

Physicals

Due to a change in TAACS policies we will no longer be offering sports physicals at Macon Road as we have done in the past. Please also note that there will be a physical form that is mandatory for the 2010-11 seasons. **All athletes should have use the TAACS physical forms found on the school's website.**

Transportation:**Football**

The athletic program would like to make it clear that all football practices will be at the East Campus. Macon Road will provide transportation from the Berclair campus to all after school practices and games. Students will need to be picked up at the East or Berclair campus at the end of each practice. Macon Road will provide transportation to all weekday practices and games from both campuses. Transportation back to the pick up location will also be provided when convenient and possible.

Volleyball

The athletic program would like to make it clear that most volleyball practices will be at the Berclair and East campus. However, Macon Road will provide transportation from Berclair and/or East to school practices and games. Students will need to be picked up at the East or Berclair campus at the end of each practice or home game. Transportation back to the pick up location will also be provided when convenient and possible.

Eligibility:

All athletes must be passing all subjects and maintain a C average overall. For example, an athlete can have all A's, but if he has one F he will not be eligible to play. Also, if a student is passing all classes but has 3 C's and 3 D's he will not be eligible to play because he is not maintaining a C average overall. These are the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools' (TACS) eligibility policies. **All grade averages are cumulative from the first day of each semester.**

If a student is off for grades, he will still be required to attend practices and home games unless instructed differently by his coach. Ineligible players are not allowed to attend away games. Some times when an athlete is off for grades, he is required by the coach to sit in the bleachers during practice time and study. If the coach does not deem it necessary for an ineligible athlete to attend the game competition with the team, the athlete will not be allowed to attend the athletic function.

Try-outs and Playing Time:

Please realize that the players exemplifying the best skills, attitude, and work ethic will be chosen for the team. Players chosen for the team will be given as much playing time as possible; however, this is a competitive sport and there is no guarantee to the amount of playing time each athlete will receive.

Athletic Handbook:

Athletes are expected to abide by the policies in the Athletic Section of the Student Handbook.

Once you have committed to the team, you are expected to complete the season. Students who do not attend practice for any length of time for any excuse other than a medical excuse when present at school will be dismissed from the team. Athletes who do not compete in the final games of the season will be considered dismissed from the team.

We look forward to a great volleyball and football season. We appreciate your support and dedication to the MRBS athletic program.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 683-6363 or 682-5420.

MRBS Athletic Parent Voucher Permission Form

I give permission for MRBS to deduct the appropriate playing fee for varsity football, middle school football and volleyball on the first day rosters are posted:

- Elementary Football (\$65) – Deducted August 12th**
- Elementary Volleyball (\$55) – Deducted August 12th**

Athlete's Name _____

_____ Macon Road Compression Shirt (required for football) = \$15.00

Size: Sm. Med. Lg. XL 2XL

Total Due (plus playing fee): _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Please bring this perforated portion to the first day of try-outs. Do NOT bring to the receptionist's desk before.