



The Middle School athletics program is intended for Middle School students. However, consistent with Penn Charter's philosophy to engage students in the most rigorous educational program in academics, arts and athletics, exceptional athletes may request permission to play on an Upper School team. Permission is granted rarely, and the following conditions must be met:

- If the sport is offered in the Middle School, the student must have the ability to be a starter on the Upper School varsity team.
- If the sport is not offered in the Middle School, the student must have the ability to participate on the appropriate Upper School team.

For approval to be granted, the Director of Middle School, the Director of Athletics & Athletic Planning, and the Upper School coach must agree that it is best for the student's overall development, will not have an adverse effect on the social, emotional, academic, or physical well-being of the student, and is appropriate given the composition of the team.

Any Middle School student participating on an Upper School athletic team is automatically placed on an academic and disciplinary watch list and may have his/her participation suspended at any time if it is deemed appropriate by the Director of Athletics & Athletic Planning or the Director of Middle School.

The Director of Middle School will take into account the following when determining whether the student is eligible for Upper School participation:

1. Academic performance of the student
2. Social maturity of the student
3. Emotional maturity of the student

The Director of Athletics & Athletic Planning will take into account the following:

1. Composition of the Upper School team
2. Athletic ability of the student
3. The student's overall athletic development

The parent and student must be aware of Inter-Ac and PIAA policies which are ever-changing. If a student participates on the varsity level in Middle School, they may lose a year of eligibility in that sport if they transfer to a PIAA or Inter-Ac school.

Request for Middle School Athlete to Participate on the Upper School Level

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete the entire form and submit to Director of the Middle School, William Penn Charter School, 3000 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144. **This form must be submitted at least one week prior to the beginning of Upper School practice.**

I, _____, the custodial parent/guardian of

(Name of student) a grade ____ student,

request permission on my child's behalf to try out for

(Name of team)

during the _____ school year. I understand that, if approved, my child will be given a try-out period of not more than one week and, if the student does not become a member of the team, he/she will participate on the Middle School level. It is also understood that if he/she becomes a member of the Upper School team, he/she will NOT be allowed to participate on the Middle School level in that sport. **No Middle School student will be allowed to participate on a junior varsity or ninth grade team when a Middle School team is available.** I also understand that it is solely the parent's or guardian's responsibility to inform the child of all the ramifications (including rules and regulations) of this action including the type of commitment necessary to participate at this level.

(Parent Signature and Date)

DISPOSITION OF REQUEST:

APPROVAL: (please sign and date) DISAPPROVAL: (please sign and date)

Director of the Middle School Director of the Middle School

Director of Athletics & Athletic Planning Director of Athletics & Athletic Planning