**Cartersville Middle School - Track and Field Program**

Dear Track & Field Parents,

We are excited to embark on this athletic journey with your child and are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable rest of the season. This letter serves as an introduction to our program - as new head coaches - outlines our new schedule, sets our expectations, and details our disciplinary plan.

Schedule

Our track and field season will run from January to April. Below is a new general schedule based on our current changes, however the schedule is subject to change:

Meets:

* 03/22: MPC Invitational – Kennesaw GA
* 03/25: Adairsville Meet #1 – Adairsville GA
* 04/04: Bartow County MS Championships HOME – Cartersville GA
* 04/17 Canes Home Meet #4 HOME – Cartersville GA
* 04/22: BGSMAA Region – Calhoun GA
* 04/25 MS State Championships – Lilburn GA

Coach’s Expectations:

As a member of the CMS Track and Field team, we expect the following from our student-athletes:

1. Commitment: Regular attendance at practices and meets is crucial. If your child cannot attend, please inform Coach Poteet through email ([rpoteet@cartersvilleschools.org](mailto:rpoteet@cartersvilleschools.org)). Only documented reasons for absence are accepted.

2. Teamwork: Athletes are expected to support one another and foster a positive team spirit. Speaking negatively on teammates will not be tolerated.

3. Respect: All athletes should show respect to coaches, teammates, officials, and competitors at all times.

4. Effort: Each athlete should strive to give their best effort in practices and competitions.

**- All of the above will be considered when making meet entries.**

Disciplinary Plan

To maintain a positive environment, we have a disciplinary plan in place for situations where expectations are not met according to Coach’s discretion.

1. Verbal Warning: The coach will have a one-on-one conversation with the athlete regarding the behavior.

2. Probation: Continued issues may lead to a probationary period where the athlete's status on the team will be re-evaluated, parents will be notified. **The athlete will be given a probation task of 100x100m that must be completed before being able to compete again. This can be broken up into segments but must be completed within 2 weeks.**

3. Removal from Team: In severe cases or repeated violations, the athlete may be removed from the team using Coach’s judgement.

**We believe that this plan will help foster responsibility and accountability among our athletes. Clear expectations and disciplinary action have been set and will be followed.**

We appreciate your support in making this transitional season a rewarding experience for our student-athletes. Thank you for your commitment to our program. We look forward to a fantastic rest of the season!

Coach Poteet & Coach Mitchell

I have read understand and agree with the expectations listed above. My child will adhere to the team rules and guidelines outlined in the team agreement.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Athlete/Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_