

CARVER MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of athletics is to provide learning experiences, which contribute to physical, mental, social, and emotional growth. Athletics should encourage both the development of positive self-esteem and an atmosphere among coaches and teams where mutual respect, honor and integrity are valued. The basic educational principle of "a sound mind in a healthy body" can best be fulfilled in a well-organized, competently directed program of athletics.

Participation in athletics should contribute to the development of the following qualities:

- ◆ Health and Happiness
- ◆ Development of Physical Skills
- ◆ Emotional Maturity
- ◆ Social Competence
- ◆ Moral Values
- ◆ A Sense of Cooperation
- ◆ A Spirit of Competition
- ◆ Self Discipline
- ◆ A Realization of the Value of Group Goals

The interscholastic athletic program is a voluntary program designed to meet the needs and interests of the student/athlete who has sufficient ability. The student/athlete must be prepared to make a major commitment to the maximum development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes under the supervision of a thoroughly trained and effective coaching staff committed to the educational goals of the school district.

Interscholastic athletics has served as an effective complement to the entire educational program. The young person who participates in athletics will be involved in new experiences, many of which cannot be taught in the classroom:

- ◆ learn to win without bragging and lose without complaining
- ◆ learn to accept frustrations and disappointments, as well as success
- ◆ spend long hours in practice with no guarantee that they will participate in a game
- ◆ accept strict discipline
- ◆ work with fellow teammates to achieve a common goal

ATHLETICS

****Requirements may be altered due to policies as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic****

Student participation in the athletic program is a privilege which can be a valuable and rewarding experience. Carver Middle High School provides two levels of competition (Varsity and Sub-Varsity) in most sports for students in grades 8-12 (7th grade participation is reviewed each season per sport) except in Football where participation is for grades for 9-12. The following athletic teams may be available to students:

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football	Girls' Basketball	Girls' Track & Field
Girls' Soccer	Boys' Basketball	Boys' Track & Field
Field Hockey	Wrestling	Baseball
Boys' Cross Country	Gymnastics	Softball
Girls' Cross Country	Girls' Winter Track	Girls' Tennis
Gold	Boys' Winter Track	Boys' Tennis
Volleyball	Ice Hockey	ESports
Cheerleading		
ESports		

The fall teams begin practicing the last week in August and the season ends in early November except for football and tournament play. The winter teams begin practice the Monday after Thanksgiving and the season ends in mid February except for tournament play. The spring teams begin practice on the third Monday in March and end in early June except for tournament play. In order to tryout for any of the above listed sports programs, each student must:

1. Have a current physical exam form on file with the nurse's office. *ATHLETES WITHOUT PHYSICALS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRYOUT.*
2. Must be registered on FamilyID before tryouts. All permission forms must be electronically signed on FamilyID in order to complete registration.
3. Payment must be made by the first day of tryouts.
 - \$150 per sport, \$300 for Ice Hockey and a Family Cap of \$750 per school year.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES

Student athletes must maintain a C- (70) overall academic average and cannot fail more than one course. Students' eligibility is affected when report cards are issued at the end of each grading period. For fall sports, eligibility is determined by a student's final grades from the preceding year. If a student athlete has previously pursued and failed a course with a grade above 50, he/she may retake that course in summer school and have it count as an additional term grade for the failed course in determining fall eligibility.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND CHEMICAL HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETES - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Members of the coaching staff at Carver Middle High School do not condone smoking or violations of the chemical health rule by athletes or any other students at any time. Prior to participating in Athletics at Carver Middle High School, students/parents/guardians must be provided with and review education materials regarding opiate use and misuse.

CHEMICAL HEALTH RULE

From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest), a student shall not use, consume, possess, buy or sell, or give away any alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, marijuana, steroids or controlled substances. This policy includes products such as "NA or near beer". It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again. (Refer to MIAA handbook rule 62.1)

MINIMUM PENALTY

FIRST VIOLATION PENALTY

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive extracurricular events, or two weeks in which the student is a participant, whichever encompasses the greater length in time. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a second or subsequent violation has occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next 12 consecutive weeks, whichever encompasses the greater length of time in which the student is a participant. This minimum may be reduced by six weeks or six events based upon certification of a doctor or counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Loss of eligibility from all extracurricular activities for one year from date of offense. In addition, students who are found in possession of a controlled substance on school property or at school-related events, including athletic games or practices, will be subject to expulsion from school as provided in the MA Education Reform Act of 1993.

Considerations:

1. Honesty (admission of violation);
2. Severity of offense;
3. Nature of offense;
4. First or repeated offense;
5. Student entering approved treatment program;
6. Other associated circumstances.

Random drug testing may be used at the discretion of administration. Failure to take a drug test may result in loss of season participation. The Interscholastic Athletic season begins when a student voluntarily signs up for a High School Athletic team. The Chemical Health Policy will be in effect at this time.

Penalties shall be cumulative each academic year, but a penalty period will extend into the next academic year, (e.g., if the penalty period is not completed during the season of violation, the penalty shall carry over to the student's next season of actual participation, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year.)

ATHLETIC USER FEE

A \$150.00 athletic participation fee will be collected from each student athlete who is listed on the final team rosters. The fee is non-refundable. Student athletes who leave a team voluntarily or who are dropped from the team by the coach, Athletic Director or Principal for disciplinary or scholastic deficiencies are not eligible for a refund. All payments may be made either on-line(Unibank), cash or check, payable to the CARVER SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPT. Checks should include name, address and phone number of parent/guardian(s). It should also include the student athlete's name. **Ice Hockey has a registration fee of \$300.** There is a Family Cap of \$750 per calendar school year.

The fees are to be given to the Athletic Director so payment can be noted on the athletic registration form which is kept on file in the Athletic Director's office. (Payment of the participation fee by a student athlete does not insure any specific amount of playing time on any specific team.)

INTERSCHOLASTIC PARTICIPATION

Subject to restrictions on team size, the athletic program will be open to all students who are physically able to participate and who are eligible under local and state regulations. An unlimited participation policy will be used whenever possible. There are factors, however, which necessitate the size of the team be limited in order to maintain a high level of safety, coaching, playing time and practice time. Coach's judgments with respect to selection of participants are made after observing prospective players in practice and/or game-type situations.

1. Student athletes must remember that participation in the athletic program is a privilege that can be revoked if team rules or other school rules are broken. Student athletes may be suspended from school, the team, or both, if team rules or other school rules are broken, and athletes may be asked to turn in their uniform and forfeit their eligibility for the rest of the season.
2. All student athletes must be in school the day of a game or practice in order to participate unless excused by the administration. A student may not play if absent from school. If a student is dismissed from school due to an illness they may not participate in activities that day. If a student is absent on a Friday, they must obtain permission from the Principal or Athletic Director in order to play on the weekend. A student tardy for more than half the day is considered absent and may not play or participate that day.
3. All student athletes must ride the bus provided for transportation to and from the athletic contests unless excused by the Athletic Director. A note from a parent/guardian requesting permission to transport their student either to or from an event is required, and parent/guardian may only transport their own child. Students are not allowed to transport themselves and not allowed to transport other students to and from sporting events.

4. Athletes who are not academically eligible at the beginning of the season, who do not complete the sports season or who violate the MIAA/Carver High School Chemical Health Policy during the season of play, will not be eligible for an All-Star nomination for that season. Athletes who do not complete the sport season because of poor citizenship, behavior, or lack of attendance at games or practices, as determined by the head coach/administration, will not be eligible for the end of the season recognition and awards.
5. The earning of two varsity letters for the same sport for two years would qualify the student athlete to purchase a school athletic letter jacket from the high school jacket distributor. The earning of three varsity letters from different sports also qualifies the student athlete to be able to purchase a school letter jacket from the high school jacket distributor.
6. A senior athlete who has not met all of the above requirements, but, who in the opinion of the coach and Athletic Director, has made a major contribution to the team, may be awarded a letter and qualify to purchase a letter jacket.
7. Cheerleaders and managers of all level teams must follow the same standards listed above to qualify for award recognition, and all duties must be performed to the satisfaction of the coach/athletic director.
8. Specific point standards, playing time, and other criteria used to determine varsity letter winners shall be determined by the coach and athletic director. Most teams use 50% of games played as a standard for team sports and a specific number of points earned in individual sports.
9. Any varsity participant who has not qualified for a varsity letter will be awarded a certificate of recognition along with members of the sub-varsity team.

EQUIPMENT

All student athletes who participate on a Carver High School athletic team will be held accountable for all equipment and uniforms damaged, lost or stolen. All student athletes will be required to pay an amount equal to the cost of replacing that single piece of equipment, uniform, etc., to the Carver High School Athletic Department.

INSURANCE – ATHLETES

The Carver School system provides secondary insurance for all its athletes. Parent/guardian(s) must submit injury claims to their own insurance companies first and the school athletic insurance will only pay what the personal insurance company will not pay. It is the responsibility of the student athlete to report injuries to the coach. Student athletes are responsible for working closely with the coach and the Athletic Trainer to ensure that an accident report is submitted in a timely fashion to cover school and insurance company requirements.

RISK OF INJURY

Our school athletic program is composed of 24 sports for boys and girls. Many of the events occur at the same time. All of the members of the Carver High School teams have been informed that participation, as well as carelessness in the gym, out on the track, or in the fields, may result in serious injury or even death. Parents are asked to reinforce our intent to make sure our athletes always keep safety in mind when participating both indoors and outdoors on one of the CHS athletic teams.

SELECTION OF TEAM CAPTAINS

Team captains are typically nominated by the coaching staff each season. After a formal interview process is completed by the Director of Athletics and the principal/assistant principal, captains are appointed for their sports. Team captains will meet periodically throughout the school year to develop leadership skills and work cooperatively with other school programs. A captain who violates the rules and regulations of the Carver High School Handbook may be removed from the role of captain after having an opportunity to be heard by the Director of Athletics and/or the principal/assistant principal.

- All student/athletes on teams must have maintained a minimum academic average established by the MIAA and School Committee during the sports season.
- Athletes who do not complete the sports season because of academic failures, poor behavior or lack of attendance at games and practices as determined by the head coach and Athletic Director, will not be eligible for end of the season recognition and awards.
- An athlete who has earned 2 letters for the same sport (i.e. softball 1998, softball 1999) or 1 letter from 3 different sports (i.e. football, wrestling, baseball) will qualify the student/athlete to purchase a school athletic jacket.
- A senior athlete who has not met all of the above requirements but, who in the opinion of the Coach and Athletic Director, has made a major contribution to the team, may be awarded a letter and qualify to purchase a school athletic jacket.
- Any Varsity participant who has not qualified for a Varsity Letter will be awarded a certificate of recognition along with members of the Junior Varsity team.
- The Coach in conjunction with the Athletic Director will handle cases not covered in the list of requirements on an individual basis.

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Carver High School Team Manager Guidelines

All team managers must be nominated by the head coach of a particular team and have on file in the athletic office a current code of conduct for the athletic team in which they have been selected team manager. The form must be signed by both a parent/guardian and student manager. It is the responsibility of the head coach of said team to supervise and provide adequate instruction to all team managers. The managers responsibilities should be clearly defined at the start of the season providing team duties at his/her discretion; some of the duties will include/but not be exclusive to:

- Communication with Athletic Department
- Check mailbox in Athletic Office daily
- Equipment Manager
- Setup and breakdown of game/practice areas
- Team Stats
- Assist coaches in daily operations

Team managers will ride to and from all away contests on the team bus. In coed situations managers will sit in front of the bus with coaches. Team managers will be held to the same academic/behavioral standards as our student athletes and be eligible for a varsity letter based on the discretion of the head coach and Athletic Director. Failure to follow any of these guidelines will result in termination of team manager responsibilities.

By signing this I have accepted responsibility as team manager of the _____ team and I understand all aforementioned guidelines.

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Coach: _____

<p style="text-align:center">CARVER HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR ALL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS</p>
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The Carver Athletic programs trademark has always been based on team values and good sportsmanship. As we remain competitive in nature we project these qualities to our opponents, our students and the community. This program should encourage both the development of positive self-esteem and an atmosphere among teams where mutual respect, honor and integrity are valued.

The interscholastic athletic program is a voluntary program designed to meet the needs and interest of the student athlete who has sufficient ability. Some of the qualities an athlete should possess are: dedication to the sport in which he/she participates, a willingness to make sacrifices for the team, a desire to improve himself/herself on or off the field. All student athletes must adhere to all rules of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

For a student to be involved in athletics he/she must have a physical examination and be academically eligible.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our goal is that all students who participate in athletics or extracurricular activities at Carver High/Middle School pass all courses each term. To be eligible a student must maintain a 70% (C-) average, without failing more than one course, in the previous term (refer to Student Handbook).

Eligibility for athletics and activities requiring tryouts is determined solely by the report card issued prior to the tryout period. For fall sports and activities, the final grades from the preceding school year determine eligibility. For winter sports and activities, the first quarter report determines eligibility. For spring sports and activities, the second quarter report determines eligibility.

When report cards are issued during a season, students who fail more than one course become ineligible to participate on the date report cards are issued (refer to Student Handbook).

ACCIDENT REPORTS AND INSURANCE GUIDELINES

The following procedures will be followed in case of injury. All injuries are to be reported to the coach. The coach and player will fill out an accident report, which will be sent to the athletic trainer. The athletic trainer and nurse will follow through by checking the student and sending home insurance forms if necessary. It is the athlete and parent's responsibility to be certain they received, properly filled out, and mailed the insurance forms to the insurance company. Later the parent will mail unpaid bills to the insurance company. Failure to follow this procedure could result in loss of insurance coverage.

RULES OF PARTICIPATION

Student Athletes must remember that participation in the Carver Athletic program is a privilege that can be revoked at any time.

MEDICAL EXCUSE:

Student/Athletes not excused physically from daily participation in Comprehensive Health and physical education by a doctor or parent, may not practice or play in any athletic contest that day.

ABSENCES:

If a player is absent from school on a day of a game or practice, he/she will not be allowed to play or practice that day, unless excused by the Principal or Athletic Director. If a player is absent on a Friday, he/she must obtain permission from the Principal or Athletic Director in order to play on the weekend. A student tardy or dismissed for more than half the day is considered absent and may not play or participate that day.

SUSPENSIONS:

Any athlete suspended from school will not be allowed play, practice or attend any team meeting during the time of the suspension. He/ she may be reinstated on the day of return to school.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PRACTICES AND GAMES:

A player or parent should make every effort to notify the coach of any practice or game that he/she may miss. Any athlete with three or more unexcused absences may be dismissed from a team.

BUS TRIPS:

On all away trips, all team members making the trip must go and return on the team bus unless granted permission by the Athletic Director/Principal. Permission may be granted by the Athletic Director if the student returns with his own parent or guardian. All requests must be in writing and submitted to the Athletic Office at least one day prior to the travel date.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Criticizing or disrespecting officials, coaches, teammates, or opponents will not be tolerated.

INSUBORDINATION:

Any athlete who when under a coaches supervision uses profanity, is disrespectful, or displays anger that draws attention away from the game will not be tolerated.

EQUIPMENT:

All student athletes who participate on a Carver Athletic team will be held accountable for all equipment and uniforms. Failure to pay for any lost or damaged equipment will prevent the student from taking part in any other sport or from receiving any athletic award, and from receiving their diploma.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MEMBERS OF THE COACHING STAFF AT CARVER HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL DO NOT CONDONE SMOKING OR VIOLATIONS OF THE CHEMICAL HEALTH RULE BY ATHLETES OR ANY OTHER STUDENT AT ANY TIME.

CHEMICAL HEALTH RULE:

From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest), a student shall not use, consume, possess, buy or sell, or give away any alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, marijuana, vaping, steroids or controlled substances. This policy includes products such as "NA or near beer". It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again. **(Refer to MIAA handbook rule 62.1)**

MINIMUM PENALTY

FIRST VIOLATION PENALTY:

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next interscholastic contests totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating the 25% of the season.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS:

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation has occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling 60% of interscholastic contests in that sport. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating the 60% of the season.

If after the second or subsequent violations the student of his/her own volition becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program of treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum of 40% of events. The director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certification. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating the 40% of the season.

CARVER HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETICS

Statement to be signed by the Student Athlete

I have read the rules pertaining to the Carver High/Middle School Code of Conduct and have furnished a copy to my parents or guardian. These rules were explained to me by a coach or administrator for the sport of _____.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Year of Graduation _____

Statement to be signed by Parent of Guardian

I acknowledged the receipt of a copy of the Carver Athletic Code of Conduct. I give my son/daughter permission to take part in the sport of _____.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

MIAA Physical Examination Rule – No student may try out for any sport without proof of a physical exam current to within thirteen months of participation. A physical exam is required to maintain eligibility.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In an attempt to better manage concussions sustained by our student athletes, Carver Middle High School is using a software tool called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam which is currently being utilized by many professional, collegiate, and high school sports programs throughout the country, to properly diagnose and manage concussions. ImPACT was developed by a team of physicians and neuro-psychologists at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. When an athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition, ImPACT will be used to determine the severity of the head injury and to properly manage recovery.

The ImPACT test is a non-invasive computerized exam which is set up in a video game format. The test takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and it tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration. It however is not an IQ test, essentially the ImPACT test is a preseason physical of the brain. Athletes take a baseline exam at the start of the season before beginning any contact sport practice or competition. If a concussion is suspected, the athlete will be required to retake the test. Both the baseline test and the post injury test data will be evaluated by your local doctor, Dr. Jane Kent, a neuro-psychologist at South Shore Hospital, and/or a neuro-psychologist at the UPMC Sports Concussion Program. Through this process these health care professionals will determine when return to play is appropriate and safe for the injured athlete. If an injury of this nature occurs to your child, you will be promptly notified. **Our Athletic Trainer, Phil Madore**, will facilitate all of the Impact testing for our student athletes.

The Carver High School administration and athletic department are continually striving to keep your child's health and safety at the forefront of the student athlete experience. We are excited to use the ImPACT program as it will provide us with the best available means of managing concussions and preventing potential brain damage that can occur with multiple concussions. Athletes in the following sports will participate in the program this year: boys and girls soccer, field hockey, football, wrestling, hockey, and boys and girls basketball. All candidates for ImPACT testing must complete permission slips and have appropriate signatures before any testing is performed. If you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me at 508-866-6193 or visit the ImPACT website at www.impacttest.com.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Bowie
Director of Athletics

CARVER MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL ImPACT Program Permission Slip

Statement to be signed by the Student Athlete

I have read the attached letter pertaining to the Impact Concussion Management program and testing procedures. I understand the information provided by the Carver High School Athletic Department and its purpose for developing such a program. I agree to take part in any baseline/post injury testing to obtain accurate information which will be used in making appropriate decisions based on injury assessment.

The above information was explained to me by a coach or administrator for the sport of _____

Student signature _____

Date _____

Year of Graduation _____

Statement to be signed by Parent of Guardian

I acknowledged the receipt of a copy of the letter pertaining to the Impact Concussion Management program. I understand that the Carver Athletic Department will begin using this program during the 2021-2022 school year to properly manage head injuries. I understand the test procedures and the purpose of the baseline/post injury testing. I am aware that the information gathered through such testing is confidential in nature and will be used for the sole purpose of injury management under the direction of a Physician and Nuero-psychologist.

Based on the information provided, I give my son/daughter permission to take part in the baseline/post injury ImPACT Testing for the sport of _____.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Carver High School/ Middle School Athletic Department Coach and Parent Communication

Parent/ Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

- Coach's Philosophy
- Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all of the players on the squad
- Locations and times of practices and contests
- Team requirements, i.e., User fees, Physical Forms, Code of Conduct (any other appropriate paperwork), Special equipment needed, off-season conditioning.
- Procedure should your child be injured during participation
- Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation

Communication Coaches Should Expect From Parents

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific concern in regards to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the Athletic Programs here at Carver, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Your Coaches

- The treatment of your child, mentally and physically
- Ways to help your child succeed
- Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept that your child is not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are Professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you may have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those in the following section, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches

- Playing Time
- Team Strategy
- Play Calling
- Other Student-Athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between a coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

Coach/Parent Conference Procedures That Parents Should Follow

- Call to set up an appointment
- If the coach cannot be reached, please call Athletic Director, Phyllis Bowie, at 508-866-6136. She will set up a meeting for you.
- Please **do not** attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature **do not** promote resolutions.

What Can A Parent Do If The Meeting With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution?

- Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
- At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Closing Comments

Since the research indicates a student involved in extracurricular activities had a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those traits and skills that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided makes both your child's and your experience with the Carver Athletic program more enjoyable.

Please use Arbiter Sports, FamilyID, MIAA, NFHS, Twitter([@CarverCrusaders](#)) and our Carver Athletic website(www.carver.org) for additional information.