

## Coaches' Rights and Responsibilities

- ✓ To provide a safe and fun experience for all students.
- ✓ To be treated with dignity and respect.
- ✓ To understand that all students are gifted, but not in equal ways.
- ✓ To demonstrate respect and appropriate sportsmanship at all time.
- ✓ To be open to valid criticism and be willing to keep the channels of communication open.
- ✓ To foster a positive coach - athlete - parent relationship.
- ✓ To increase self-esteem and reduce performance-destroying anxiety and fear of failure.
- ✓ To understand that it is OK to make mistakes. Use failure as a positive learning experience.
- ✓ To abide by the school's rules and policies regarding a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free environment.
- ✓ To return Hawthorn-issued uniforms and equipment in a timely manner and in as-issued condition.



## Athletic Conference Membership

Hawthorn Middle Schools are members of the Suburban Middle School Conference (S.M.S.C.).

### Member schools include:

#### Barrington Middle School

Prairie Campus  
Station Campus

#### Fox River Grove Middle School

#### Grayslake Middle School

#### Hawthorn Middle School

North Campus  
South Campus

#### Lake Zurich Middle School

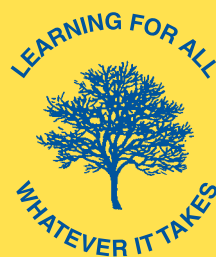
North Campus  
South Campus

#### Matthews Middle School

#### Wauconda Middle School

The mission of the Suburban Middle School Conference is to provide maximum opportunities for participation in a variety of co-curricular activities.

The focus within the conference is for maximum student participation, skill development, improvement of self-confidence, and instilling the importance of respect and true sportsmanship.



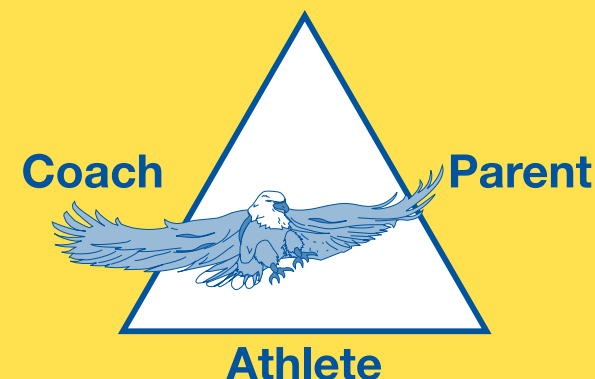
### Hawthorn Middle Schools

#### Athletic Directors

South: (847) 816-8317

North: (847) 990-4400

## Hawthorn Middle Schools Parent & Student Athletic / Activity Guidelines



This brochure was developed in conjunction with the National Alliance for Youth Sports, the Center for Sports Parenting, the Suburban Middle School Conference, and the Hawthorn Middle Schools Athletic Department.

It is intended to provide information that will help to ensure fun and enjoyable experiences for both parents and students.

Please keep the brochure handy and refer to it throughout the school year.

If you have questions at any time, please contact your coach or call the Athletic Director.

## Hawthorn Middle Schools Interscholastic Season Schedules

### Fall Season

**August, September, October**

Cross Country

Grades 6 – 8

Girls' Basketball

Grades 6 – 8

Boys' Soccer

Grades 6 – 8

### Early Winter Season

**November, December, January**

Boys' Basketball

Grades 6 – 8

Cheerleading

Grades 6 – 8

Pom Poms

Grades 6 – 8

### Late Winter Season

**January, February, March**

Wrestling (November – March)

Grades 6 – 8

Girls' Volleyball

Grades 6 – 8

Boys' Volleyball

Grades 6 – 8

Scholastic Bowl (March and April)

Grades 6 – 8

### Spring Season

**April, May**

Track and Field

Grades 6 – 8

Girls' Softball

Grades 6 – 8

Girls' Soccer

Grades 6 – 8

## Parents' Rights and Responsibilities

- ✓ To have a safe and fun experience for your child.
- ✓ Monitor your child's participation. If valid concerns arise, bring them up appropriately through proper channels.
- ✓ To be a good spectator and demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship at all times.
- ✓ To be an advocate for your child and supply appropriate support as needed.
- ✓ To understand that all children are gifted, but not in equal ways.
- ✓ To provide unconditional love and support, not based on performance.
- ✓ Will not allow your child to participate in practice and/or games not sanctioned by Hawthorn Middle Schools.
- ✓ Commit to and support the Hawthorn Middle School Code of Conduct.
- ✓ To abide by the school's rules and policies regarding a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free environment.



## Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities

- ✓ To have a safe and fun experience.
- ✓ To be treated with dignity and respect.
- ✓ To demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship at all times.
- ✓ To have an equal opportunity to strive for success.
- ✓ To understand that all peers are gifted, but not in equal ways.
- ✓ To acquire the experience of appropriate participation as a member of the team.
- ✓ Will not participate in practice and/or games not sanctioned by Hawthorn Middle Schools.
- ✓ To follow and abide by the rules and guidelines that have been established by the coach.
- ✓ To understand that it is OK to make mistakes. Use failure as a positive learning experience.
- ✓ To commit to, support, and abide by the Hawthorn Middle School Code of Conduct.
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