



Banks County Middle School

712 Thompson Street

Homer, GA 30547

Dr. Mike Boyle Principal

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### **Expectations for Student Athletes**

At Banks County Middle School, we expect all students to focus daily on being “Guilty of Greatness”. Teachers routinely communicate with the coaches of student athletes concerning each student athlete’s progress of meeting daily expectations. Student athletes who do not adhere to the daily expectations may lose the privilege of practicing and/or playing time. Following the daily expectations will insure success for all students. We encourage our parents to reinforce this focus at home.

### **I will be Guilty, Guilty of Greatness**

1) I will have Great Attendance – Student attendance is a key to student success. Students are encouraged to have great attendance during the school year. 2) I will have Great Character- Students should always do what is right. This includes following all school rules, respecting their teachers and classmates, and valuing each other. 3) I will produce Great School Work – Students should take care of business in the classroom. This means being actively engaged at all times. Students should take pride in teacher at all times, completing all assignments, and studying. Students should take pride in their work and give their maximum effort to reach their potential every day.

### **Eligibility**

A student athlete must meet standards of passing 5 classes in the previous and current semester. All athletes must have an updated physical on file at BCMS to participate. Athletes must have “Proof of Insurance” on file at BCMS to participate.

### **Uniforms and Equipment**

Athletes are responsible for their own uniforms and equipment. Athletes are required to pay the amount established by BCMS for all lost or damaged equipment and uniforms by the end of the season.

### **Transportation**

All athletes will ride to and from “away” games on a school bus supervised by a coach. An athlete that wishes to ride home with a parent from “away” games must receive permission from his/her coach. Prior to the game, a signed note must be provided stating whom the athlete is riding home with. The athlete can only ride home with those people that have been listed on his/her “emergency” contact form.

### **Pickup from Practice and Games**

Please recognize the time of your athlete’s practice and game times. Practices and game times are not always on the same time, a schedule will be given to each athlete. The coaching staff will notify athletes, parents, and school of any schedule changes. Practice and game times are listed on the BCMS website ([www.banks.k12.ga.us](http://www.banks.k12.ga.us)). Please be on time to pick up your child after practice and on game days.

### **Game Day**

On game days, the athlete must be present at school. An athlete must be present at least half of the school day to be considered eligible to play in the game that day. If the game is on a Saturday, the athlete must be present at school on Friday. If an athlete is tardy, leaves school early, or is absent the coaching staff needs a signed excuse specifying the reason for the absence.

### **Excused and Unexcused Practices/Games**

Excused practices must be approved by the coach. Excused practices would include the following: illness, death in family, and attending a school function. Athletes with unexcused practices/games may face disciplinary action based upon the coach and school administration discretion.



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**OSS/ISS (per athletic season)**

- 1) Any athlete that receives OSS will not practice or participate in a game for the duration of the OSS.
- 2) Any athlete that receives ISS will not practice or participate in a game for the duration of the ISS.
- 3) Please note that these are the minimal disciplinary measures for athletes receiving OSS or ISS. Administrative discretion or a team's policy may include further disciplinary action.

If you have any questions regarding these rules and policies, please feel free to contact Banks County Middle School's Athletic Director, Mr. Chuck Butler at the following email address [chuck.butler@banks.k12.ga.us](mailto:chuck.butler@banks.k12.ga.us) or by calling BCMS at (706) 677-2277.

**Sportsmanship**

Banks County Middle School has made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators at all BCMS sanctioned athletic events. BCMS also recognizes that our coaches and parents have a responsibility to serve as good role models for our student athletes and expects them to teach and encourage good sportsmanship.

- Parents and spectators are not allowed to confront coaches or to be on the athletic field or court before, during, or after a game or practice.
- Profanity, degrading remarks, and/or intimidating actions directed at competitors, officials, and coaches will not be tolerated.

Failure to abide by Banks County Middle School Sportsmanship Expectations may result in the following actions:

- Immediate removal from the event site.
- Suspension from the event site for a period of time to be determined depending on the severity of the offence.

Parents and spectators who have a question or concern involving an athletic event or program should follow the appropriate contact chain of command: head coach of the team, athletic director/assistant principal, and principal.