

# Middleburg Heights Recreation Department

## Sports Participation Policies

1. Any participant must reside in or attend public or private schools located within the boundaries of the Berea City School District or have a current membership at the Middleburg Hts. Community Center.
2. The Rec. Dept.'s policy on individual and team recognition is that only CHAMPIONSHIP & RUNNER-UP teams may receive awards or trophies in programs sponsored by organizations and these are be presented at a season-ending banquet.
3. Every youth program specifies minimum player participation time requirements. Parents should be aware of the participation rules that exist in each sport and monitor your child's playing time to see that the coaches uphold these rules. If you have proof that this important rule is being violated, please notify the Rec. Dept. However, in order for this participation rule to be in effect, the player MUST adhere to team/league policies.
4. The Rec. Dept. enters teams in various travel programs. These teams must hold open tryouts and must have a preset number of residents on them as determined by the Rec. Dept. No team will be permitted to enter a travel program sponsored by the Rec. Dept. or use recreation facilities without following these guidelines.
5. Thanks to the WEST SUBURBAN OPTIMIST CLUB, any child in our city can participate in any athletic program even if finances are a problem. Contact the Rec. Dept. for details. This information will be kept strictly confidential. One person per family, per sport season please.
6. The Rec. Dept. recognizes the importance of all children being involved in our programs. ALL recreation activities are open to children regardless of ability or disability. Programs such as Adaptive Sports for Kids & Young Athletes offer a full curriculum of year-round sports for children with special needs.
7. The Rec. Dept. reserves the right to change programs, fees, playing dates/times/fields, schedules, rules, policies, etc. at any time it deems necessary to insure the smooth operation of the program.
8. In all of our organized programs, once team rosters are SET, they cannot and will not be changed or altered unless extreme circumstances exist. Anyone signing up late for a program will be placed on a waiting list & only moved to a team to replace a player of equal talent.
9. NOT ALL programs offer Supplemental Accident Insurance. Unless a program specifically states that insurance is offered, you can assume that NONE is in effect.