

Montford Majorette Handbook

2019-2020

Montford Majorettes are expected to:

- Support the football team
- Support the boys basketball team
- Represent the school at other functions when requested by the administration/coach
- Participate in school activities, such as those promoting school spirit
- Participate in all majorette line fundraising events
- Meet all financial deadlines
- Follow all majorette rules
- Follow all MMS and LCSB rules and policies
- Display good sportsmanship and a positive attitude
- Maintain exemplary conduct in class and set a positive example for all MMS students

Tryouts:

Tryouts consist of a mandatory interest meeting, tryout clinic, and the actual tryout. The interest meeting must be attended by the interested student and at least 1 parent or guardian.

In order to tryout a student must:

- Attend the interest meeting
- Return the signed and completed permission form
- Return the signed majorette line constitution contract
- Have a current physical on file
- Have a current a Leon County activity form for Montford on file
- Return the signed Majorette Line Expenses Agreement Form
- Have a 2.0 GPA for the previous 9-weeks
- No 1s in citizenship and no more than two 2s.
- Attend all days for the tryout clinic

Attendance:

Because majorettes are a performance based group, attendance is crucial. Every member of the team is a vital part to the performance and when someone is absent, the whole team is affected. The group cannot successfully practice without all of the team members. If a student has to miss, the coach should be contacted via email BEFORE the missed practice/performance. In the event a student is sick, please contact the coach before practice.

How to Contact the Coach:

Parents should email the coach with practice/performance excuses, questions, and concerns. If you need to contact the coach, please email mmsmajorettes@gmail.com . Due to work schedules, please give the coach AT LEAST 24 hours to respond. If it is important the coach may be reached by cellphone. Any contact through texting or social media will not receive a response.

Practices:

- Practices are mandatory.
- The summer practice/minicamp is not mandatory but highly recommended.
 - During the summer practice/minicamp, the majorettes will be learning their routine(s) for football season. If your student does not attend, please understand that it will affect his/her ability to participate.
 - If the summer practice/minicamp is missed, the majorette will not be able to perform until he/she has learned the material missed. The majorette will be responsible to learn the routine on his/her own time.
- Practices will be held every Tuesday from 4:30-6pm, unless otherwise noted by the coach.
 - On the days the football games are at 7:30, there will still be regular practice from 4:30-6.
- All personal appointments need to be scheduled on non-practice days
- If you miss the practice before a Tuesday football game, you may not be allowed to perform at that game.
- If you miss the practice before a basketball game, you may not be allowed to perform at the game.
- Majorettes are to wear athletic clothing during practice. NO JEANS OR SANDALS
- No jewelry may be worn during practice.

Performances:

- Majorettes are required to be at the performance 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- All performances are mandatory; this is why you are on the team.
 - If you are not performing, you are still expected to be at the performance.
- Majorettes perform at all football games and all home boys basketball games.
 - During these games, majorettes are expected to stay for the entire game. If it wasn't for these sports teams, we would have nowhere to perform.
- Majorettes also perform at pep rallies and the Tallahassee Winter Parade.
- All uniform pieces are required for every performance. This includes costume, tights, hairpiece, earrings, shoes, and baton.
 - No other jewelry may be worn during performances.
- If you are not at school the day of the performance for any reason other than a school function, you will not be able to perform.

Quitting the Team:

If you decide to quit the team, please notify the coach as soon as possible via email. Make sure to return all Montford Majorette equipment to either the coach or the front office. If you quit, you do not get a refund. Quitting is final. You may not tryout again.

Coach Based Decisions:

At times, the coach will come across situations that are not covered in the Montford Majorette Handbook. It is necessary that the coach take control of the situation using his/her best judgment. The coach, with the help of the athletic director, will use discretion in each decision, and be consistent. It is essential that the well-being of the team is preserved, and kept at the standard of the quality associated with the Montford Middle School.

Montford Majorettes use a strike system to deal with minor infractions-tardiness, missing uniform items, etc. This strike system will begin at the start of school and will continue through the end of the season. An accumulation of 3 warnings will result in a strike and will need to be signed by a parent/guardian. If a majorette receives 1 strike, she will miss one performance, if a majorette receives 2 strikes, she will be placed on probation, and if a majorette receives 3 strikes, she will be removed from the team.

Warnings are assigned for the following reasons: (but not limited to)

- Any absence from a game or practice
- Missing parts of her uniform (i.e. hairpiece, earrings, shoes, etc.)
- Not practicing or paying attention at practice
- Failure to follow instructions of the coach or captain
- Arriving late to a performance. Majorettes must meet at appointed place 30 minutes prior to games.
- Leaving early from a game/performance
- Wearing jewelry, other than assigned uniform pieces, while practicing or in uniform.
- Use of cell phone during a game or practice
- Any behavior unbecoming of a majorette outside of a game or practice (Coach's discretion)
- Failure to return paperwork by due date
- Allowing another student, other than a Montford Majorette, to use your baton
- Not being prepared for practice and/or performance
- Addition warnings or strikes may also be assigned at the coach's discretion for other minor or major disciplinary problems

Probation:

Probation lasts for a 4 week period. During the probation period, the majorette is still expected to attend all practices, performances, fundraisers, or any other Montford Majorette activity. Although the majorette is still expected to attend, she will not be allowed to perform.

If a majorette receives below a 2.0 GPA on her report card, she will be placed on probation the first time. The second time, she will be dismissed from the team.

If a majorette received one 1 or more than two 2s in citizenship, she will be placed on probation the first time. The second time, she will be dismissed from the team.

Dismissal:

If a majorette is dismissed from the team, she must return all Montford Majorette property within one week of her dismissal. If a majorette is dismissed from the team, she will not be allowed to tryout the following year.

If a majorette is already on probation due to the number of strikes, and then receives below a 2.0 GPA on her report card, one 1 or more than two 2s in citizenship, she will be dismissed from the team.