

## **Middle Creek High School Media Policy**

It is the policy of Middle Creek Athletics that no one may be out of the bleachers/seating area of a MCHS athletic event for the purpose of taking photographs without the following credentials:

- Individuals with NCHSAA media passes displayed
- Individuals with SWAC media pass
- Individuals from school publications/broadcast crews- newspaper, yearbook, sportsblock, etc.,
- Individuals representing a Triangle area media outlet or the opposing teams media outlet
- Other individuals who are authorized by the A.D. or School Administration to take photographs or video for the school or athletic department.

**THESE PERMISSIONS ARE FOR HOME MCHS EVENTS ONLY - NO MCHS ISSUED MEDIA PASS MAY BE USED AT ANY OTHER FACILITY. A SWAC MEDIA PASS MAY BE USED AT OTHER SWAC SCHOOLS, HOLDER MUST FOLLOW HOST SCHOOLS RULES AND DIRECTIONS.**

Middle Creek Athletic Media credentials are issued to media deemed legitimate outlets at the sole discretion of Middle Creek High School Athletic Staff and Administration and are limited to working media requiring access to credentialed areas of the facility. MCHS Administration and Athletic Director reserves the right to remove any media member from restricted areas at any time. Failure to follow instructions of Middle Creek gameday personnel could result in confiscation of credentials, removal from the facility, and loss of future credential privileges.

Acceptance and use of NCHSAA and/or Middle Creek Athletic Media Credentials constitutes agreement to the terms of both the NCHSAA and Middle Creek High School Athletic Media Policies. Failure to adhere to NCHSAA and/or Middle Creek High School Media policies could result in revocation of credentials, removal from the facility, and loss of future credential privileges.

Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs at NCHSAA events so long as the representative is recommended by the participating school's principal or other appropriate administrator and receives proper photography credentials prior to game day.

### **Spectators:**

Individual spectators may be allowed to take still photographs at events, for personal use only.

Any still photography, filming, videotaping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space available, from a designated area. No one will be allowed in the playing/restricted area without proper credentials.

**Photographers in Bench Area:** The presences of any type of photographer in the bench area for all sports is strictly prohibited and no media personnel shall communicate in any way with persons in the team area or coaching box or officials.

Media representatives who receive credentials to a MCHS event must be with an approved NCHSAA media organization. Credential requests for freelance reporters, freelance photographers, correspondents or stringers must be submitted on their behalf by the media organizations for which they are working. The media organization must have a vested interest in the event.

MCHS Administration reserves the right to amend these policies as needed.

**Due to CoVid-19 policies and procedures, our restrictions will be tighter until further notice.**

Also, any local media outlets should reference the NCHSAA CoVid-19 Media guidelines, BUT understand that WCPSS and/or MCHS may have tighter restrictions.

[https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/NCHSAA\\_MediaGuidanceandCOVIDProtocol.pdf](https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/NCHSAA_MediaGuidanceandCOVIDProtocol.pdf)

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