



## PARENT/GUARDIAN

### CODE OF CONDUCT

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN DEVELOPING THEIR CHILD'S CHARACTER BY MODELING/REINFORCING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN A COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT. THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM BELIEVES THAT PARENTS' POSITIVE ACTIONS, BOTH VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL, SERVE AS EFFECTIVE LEARNING TOOLS FOR THEIR CHILD.

IN ORDER FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS TO BE A POSITIVE, WHOLESOME, AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED, THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHEN IN ATTENDANCE:

- 1) YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION ON A TEAM IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. KEEP ATHLETIC COMPETITION IN PERSPECTIVE. IT IS A PART, NOT THE MAIN FOCUS, OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. YOUR CHILD IS EXPECTED TO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY, WHICH INCLUDES GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, SUPPORTING HIS/HER TEAMMATES, AND WINNING/LOSING WITH HONOR. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO BEHAVE IN A SIMILAR FASHION.
- 2) BE POSITIVE: ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DO HIS/HER BEST WHEN COMPETING. CHEER FOR GOOD PLAY. REFRAIN FROM NEGATIVE COMMENTS/GESTURES.
- 3) OFFICIALS: TREAT OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT. THEIR JOB IS TO DO THEIR BEST TO ENFORCE THE RULES. DO NOT COMPLAIN OR ARGUE ABOUT CALLS/NON-CALLS DURING OR AFTER AN ATHLETIC EVENT.
- 4) FANS/COACHES: TREAT OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE WITH DIGNITY AND CLASS. YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH A COACH'S STRATEGY, BUT DURING/AFTER THE GAME IS NOT THE TIME TO DISCUSS IT. SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO VOICE YOUR CONCERNS WITH THE COACH OR PRINCIPAL.
- 5) BE A ROLE MODEL: YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING YOU. SET A HIGH STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR SO YOUR CHILD CAN BE PROUD OF YOU. YOUR BEHAVIOR CAN AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE. REPRESENT YOUR CHILD AND YOUR SCHOOL WITH INTEGRITY, DIGNITY, AND CLASS.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM. YOU ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU MAY BE DISCIPLINED IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF ITS PROVISIONS. **DISCIPLINE MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, NOT BEING ALLOWED TO ATTEND YOUR CHILD'S ATHLETIC CONTESTS.**

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Child's Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian's Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date