

**PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT**

**As a parent/legal guardian of a Maryland School for the Deaf student-athlete, I therefore pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in athletics.**

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice and any other athletic event. Additionally, I will adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal gain.
2. I will provide emotional support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
3. I will demand a drug-free, alcohol-free, supplement-free, and tobacco-free athletic environment for my child. I will refrain from the use of such substances at all MSD-related athletic events.
4. I will do my very best to make sports fun and educational for my child.
5. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, and ability. I will promise to set a good example for my child by extending the same respect to all players, coaches, fans, and officials.
6. I will promise to help my child enjoy the athletic experience within my personal constraints by assisting with volunteer responsibilities or other.
7. I will be helpful by providing transportation to practices and games for others (if possible). I will ensure that my child is always picked-up and dropped-off in a timely manner.
8. I will respond to any correspondence (email, text, phone call) related to my child's sport event/game/practice in a respectful manner and a positive attitude. If I disagree on any issue, I will communicate directly with my child's coach FIRST before engaging in any discussion with anyone else (this includes via email, text, phone call, etc.). If I still disagree with my child's coach, I will then request an appointment to speak directly to the Athletic Director (**High School**) or Assistant Athletic Director (**Elementary/Middle School**).
9. I will be asked to leave the gym or field if I am not cooperating or following the rules and guidelines.
10. I understand that I will have to pay to replace any equipment or my child's practice and game uniforms should my child be responsible for damaging or losing them.
11. I will adhere to the **MSD's Playing Time Guidelines** on our athletics website.
12. I will always remember **The Game is for Our Children!**

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Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Student-Athlete Name (PRINT)

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Grade

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ALL DETAILS AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BEFORE THE STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE OR COMPETE IN ATHLETICS.**