

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent or 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 or 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 desire to win.
2. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
3. I will demand a drug-free, alcohol-free and tobacco-free athletic environment for my child. I will refrain from the use of such substances at all athletic events.
4. I will do my very best to make sports fun for my child.
5. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or 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 coaching, fundraising and being respectful.
7. I will be helpful: providing transportation to practices and games for others (if possible) and I will ensure that my child is always picked-up and dropped-off in a timely manner.
8. I will respond to any correspondence (e-mail, text, phone call) related to my child's sport event/game/practice in professional manner, with respect and positive attitude. If I disagree on an issue, I will communicate directly with my child's coach(es) FIRST before engaging in any discussion with anyone (this includes via e-mail, text, phone call, etc.). If I still disagree with my child's coach(es), I will 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 & guidelines.
10. I understand that I will have to pay for my child's practice and game uniforms to replace them if my child is responsible for damaging or losing them.
11. I will adhere to the **MSD Playing Time Guidelines** on our athletics website.
12. I will always remember ***The Game Is For Our Children!***

Parent Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Child (ren) Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ 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.