

STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

I, _____, as a member of a Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) athletic team(s), will respectfully follow rules and standards of appropriate conduct and behavior as stated by the Student-Athlete Handbook. I understand that any misconduct can result in immediate suspension or dismissal from the team(s).

1. I will remain **loyal** to MSD. I agree to keep a **positive attitude** of encouragement toward my teammates at all times. I will always give **100% effort** during practices, games and community events.
2. I understand if I quit or am dismissed from the team during the season, I will lose my privilege of joining any sport in the following season. There will be a two-week grace period for this to occur. The Athletic Director may approve an exception if the coach and other administrators are in accordance.
3. I will treat all people with **respect** all of the time.
4. I understand that I am a student **first** and am committed to getting the best education I can. I will do my best in the classroom and academic events.
5. I will inform my coach of any academic issues requiring extra assistance or tutoring that include but are not limited to: low grades, term papers or upcoming tests, detention, missing assignments, etc.
6. I will safeguard my health. I will not use any illegal or unhealthy substances, including alcohol, tobacco, diet supplements, or drugs.
7. I will follow my respective coaches' dress code for practice, games, or athletic events. Regardless of gender, hair color will be a natural tint if colored or dyed. Any unusual or non-traditional haircuts or hairstyles are prohibited (i.e., Mohawks, reverse Mohawks, spiked hair, etc.).
8. I will be **on time** to practices, meetings, games, and any MSD related events. I understand that should I be tardy or miss a team function, I must first inform and get permission from my head coach. If there is an immediate family emergency or transportation issue, I will notify my head coach also. I understand that being late to any team events without notice or reason will not be tolerated, and may result in consequences.
9. I will inform my coach immediately of any illness or injury that occurs throughout the entire academic year regardless if it is during personal leisure or an athletic function. I understand this may affect my playing time as a result of illness or injury.
10. I will take good care of my practice and game uniforms or equipment. I understand I will have to pay to replace such items if I am responsible for damaging or losing them under my care.

In signing this agreement, I _____, acknowledge that I have read and understand the above agreements with my parent/legal guardian and agree to abide by the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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.