

Madison Junior School Athletic Organization

Student-Athlete and Parent Codes of Conduct

Interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. The highest potential of sports is achieved when student athletes and their parents are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to the six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

MJSAO Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

I understand that in order to participate in middle school athletics, I must act in accord with the following:

TRUSTWORTHINESS—to be worthy of trust in all that I do.

I will live up to the ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor; I will do what's right; I will compete honorably; I will not lie, cheat or engage in unsportsmanlike conduct. I will fulfill my commitments, be on time to practices and games. I will be loyal to my team and to my school. I will put the team first over my own individual glory.

RESPECT—treat all people with respect all the time.

I will live and play with class; be a good sport, be gracious in victory and defeat, give fallen opponents help, compliment extraordinary performance, show sincere respect for others including coaches, officials and spectators. I will not engage in disrespectful conduct including profanity, obscene gestures or offensive remarks.

RESPONSIBILITY—obligation to be a student first and commit to getting the best education I can.

I will remember that participation in a sport is a privilege, not a right and that I am expected to represent my school, coach, and teammates with honor on and off the field. I have a responsibility to exercise self-control, not to fight or show excessive displays of anger. I will safeguard my health and refrain from any unhealthy habits.

FAIRNESS—live up to the high standards of fair play.

I will be open-minded, always willing to listen and learn.

CARING—demonstrate concern for others.

I will never intentionally hurt any player or engage in reckless behavior that would cause injury to me or others.

CITIZENSHIP—be a good citizen and athletic participant.

I will play by the rules. I will honor the spirit and letter of the rules and avoid temptation to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship.

MJSAO Parent Code of Conduct

I understand that in order for my child to participate in middle school athletics, I must act in accord with the following:

1. Demonstrate professional and appropriate behavior at all practices and games.
2. Employ proper communication with the team coach. I will not approach a coach to discuss my child immediately prior to a game, in the middle of any game or within 2 hours after a game.
3. I will actively support all team activities, fundraising, etc. where possible.
4. I will not speak negatively to my child about any coach, teammate or official.
5. I will encourage my child to follow the MJSAO Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and to play by the rules.
6. I will serve as a role model for good sportsmanship and applaud good plays by both teams.
7. I will not embarrass my child, the team, coach or other parents by yelling at the officials or the coach or at other players during a game.
8. I will never verbally or physically insult/abuse any person after a game or practice.
9. I will support the efforts of the MJSAO and offer assistance whenever possible.