

MEDINA ISD
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The following set of rules and guidelines are for all student-athletes competing in any and all athletic events as a representative of Medina Independent School District.

The student-athletes will be held at a higher standard than the general district standards and policies. Student-athletes should conduct themselves in such a manner that brings credit to themselves, their teammates, their family, their community, and to Medina ISD.

Athletes should never engage in any activity or action that can be construed as inappropriate for a Medina ISD athletic team member. Dismissal from an athlete's current team or from all other Medina ISD athletic teams could result from serious infractions of these policies as well as the district **Student Code of Conduct** requirements.

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Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco and Vape Products

1. Athletes that receive citations for infractions of the law involving alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or vape products will be considered in violation of this policy. The athlete will be subject to consequences of both the MISD Student Code of Conduct and this Athletic Code of Conduct.
2. If a violation for **drugs or alcohol** is committed, the athlete will face the following consequences in addition to those described in the Medina ISD Student Code of Conduct policy:
 - **1st Offense:** The athlete will run 30 miles, and be suspended from all games for 30 calendar days. The athlete will complete these miles with supervision of a coach.
 - * The athlete will still be required to attend all practices. This demonstrates the athlete's commitment to the athletic program, and assures safety for the athlete in violation. Failure to attend practice at this point could result in removal from the athletic program for the remainder of the school year.
 - **2nd Offense:** Removal from the athletic program for 1 calendar year.
 - **3rd Offense: Removal from the athletic program for remainder of his/her high school career.**
3. If a violation for **tobacco or vape products** is committed, the athlete will face the following consequences in addition to those described in the Medina ISD Student Code of Conduct policy:
 - The athlete will run 10 miles before participating in a game.

4. Notes:

The infraction will only be valid if either;

- a. A citation has been given by a law officer, or
- b. An Administrator, Coach, or Staff Member of Medina ISD personally witnesses it.

Attendance

1. All student athletes must be on time and attend all practices unless it has been cleared with a coach prior to the tardiness or absence. Failure to call or make prior arrangements with a coach will result in an **unexcused absence**.
2. School contests come first and have priority over outside sporting events not associated with Medina ISD. Missing a game or a practice in order to participate in an out-of-school contest or practice is considered an **unexcused absence**.
3. Excused absences may include, but not limited to:
 - Illness from school (if called prior to practice)
 - Doctor's or dentist's appointment – although it's preferred for these appointments to be at a time other than practice time. Coach must be called/notified prior to the appointment.
 - Family emergencies.
 - School functions (Ag Trip, One Act Play performance)

Failure to be at practice because of an **excused absence** will result in running 1 mile or the equivalent of 1 mile. (The coach's discretion will be used)

Failure to be at practice because of an **unexcused absence** will result in running of 2 miles and possible suspension from playing time. (The coach's discretion will be used)

Being late to practice will also result in running or work and will be determined by the coach.

All running must be finished before competing in the next game.

Consistent violations for the previously made entioned attendance policies could result in dismissal from the sport the athlete is in.

Riding the Bus

1. All student-athletes must be on time to catch all buses to any team athletic contest or practice, or they will be prohibited from competing unless extenuating circumstances exist or arrangements were approved by the AD prior to departure to a contest. All student-athletes should ride the bus to games.
2. All athletes are encouraged to ride home with the team; Head coaches may allow athletes to ride home with their parent(s) or guardian(s) if they so choose. Athletes will not be allowed to ride home with anyone under the age of 18. Arrangements for athletes to ride home with their parents/guardians should be approved by the head coach prior to the team's departure to the game.

Injuries

If an athlete is injured or ill, he/she will let the coach know so the necessary steps can be taken for treatment. If the injury or illness prevents an athlete from participating, he/she is expected to accompany the team throughout practices/games, unless doing so could negatively affect the illness or injury.

Appearance

Athletes are held to the highest standard. Head coaches may require specific game day dress attire. The athlete will be subject to consequences of both the MISD Student Code of Conduct and this Athletic Code of Conduct. These policies will remain in effect for the entire school year, regardless of whether or not the student is in a sport.

Uniforms

1. Everyone will wear their issued uniforms in the same manner. All athletes will wear their uniforms properly with shirts tucked in (this includes after contests as well as during contests).
2. Players will be responsible for returning all issued equipment and uniforms. Failure to do so will result in a replacement fee for the cost of all missing items.
3. A student athlete may only wear athletic issued clothing and gear for Medina ISD athletic events.

Behavior and Discipline

Athletes are held to higher standards.

It is understandable however, that sometimes an athlete may make a mistake on or off the field. Any athlete who does break the following policy will be subject punishment to allow the athlete the opportunity to take responsibility for his/her actions. This should demonstrate his/her commitment to excellence, and the desire to remain a member in good standing within the athletic program.

1. Medina ISD athletes are expected to represent the school, the community, the team, and themselves in a positive manner at all times.
2. All students will address all coaches, teachers, officials, and other adults with “yes sir” and “no sir” or “yes ma’am” and “no ma’am.”
3. Stealing from the school, teammates, or from other schools is unacceptable and will be punished according to Athletic Director’s discretion.
4. Student-athletes will be required to maintain the cleanliness and neatness of all equipment, lockers, locker room areas as well as other athletic areas.

Quitting

All athletes will be given an opportunity to try a sport for 2 weeks and stop participating with no consequences.

Any athlete choosing to quit after the 2 week grace period, will have a 24-hour “cooling off” period to sleep on his/her decision.

If an athlete chooses to quit, he or she will not be allowed to compete in another sport until either:

- 1) The team that the athlete quit on has finished their season.
- 2) He/She is released by the head coach of that sport.

Repeated quitters are subject to removal from the team or the entire athletic program. All head coaches have the right to exclude individuals from their sport who have quit the program in the past.

Lettering Requirements

For an athlete to letter in his/her team sport they must participate at least half of the District games, and remain academically eligible for the entire season.

For an athlete to letter in his/her individual sport they must participate in the District Meet/Tournament, and remain academically eligible for the entire season.

The school will purchase one jacket in the spring following your first letter. Athletes that receive their letter after the spring order will receive their jacket the following August.

Patches of individual/team accolades shall be purchased by the athlete themselves.

By signing this page you are affirming that you have read and understand the athletic code of conduct for Medina athletics.

Printed Student Name: _____

Signed Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____