

# MIDLAND TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION

The Athletic Departments and the Administration at Midland Trail High School feel that participation in athletics is a privilege and requires certain criteria to be met before a student is permitted to participate. The following rules and regulations are a minimum and will determine the eligibility of the student to participate in a particular sport. Individual coaches have the ability to strengthen each rule to their discretion:

1. Any athlete caught in the possession of/ or using an alcoholic beverage outside of school will be disciplined according to school policy as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense- 1 contest suspension
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- dismissal from team
2. Any athlete who is buying, selling, using, or in possession of illegal drugs on or off school grounds will be dismissed from the team immediately.
3. Any athlete that has after-school detention/in-school suspension, out of school suspension, or a bus suspension for a level 2, 3 or 4 according to the student code of conduct for WV schools, policy 4373, will not be allowed to practice on the date of the consequence and will be disciplined as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense- coaches' discretion
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- ½ contest suspension
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- dismissal from team
4. Athletes must attend school faithfully. 5 unexcused absences from school will result in dismissal from the team. An athlete must be in attendance for the full day of school to be eligible to practice or play a game. A doctor's excuse or family emergency will be considered an excused absence.
5. Athletes must physically attend all scheduled practices prior to tryouts to be eligible to try out for any team.

6. An athlete must maintain a C average (GPA of at least 2.0)
7. Athletes must show respect to coaches, players, teachers, and all other members of the public.
8. Athletes must attend all practices unless **prior** communication has been made to the coach (which the coach has complete discretion to excuse the absence from practice) or show doctor's excuse or family emergency to be excused from practice.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense- disciplined by coach
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- coaches' discretion with possible contest suspension
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- dismissal from team
9. Uniforms and all practice equipment issued by the school are the responsibility of the athlete. The value of lost equipment will be the responsibility of the athlete or his/her family.
10. Dress on game day will be coaches' discretion.
11. Students who depict themselves drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, using a vape device, using profanity, or using illegal drugs on any social media site (ex: Instagram, Snap Chat, Twitter, etc.) will be disciplined as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense: coaches' discretion
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: contest suspension
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: dismissal
12. Parents or guardians must sign athletes out with the coach if they wish to take their child home with them after an away contest. Athletes are not permitted to leave with anyone other than the parent or guardian.



13. An athlete caught or proven guilty of vandalism of any school property will be disciplined as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense- the athlete will return or pay for damaged or stolen goods, plus a one (1) game suspension
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- the athlete will be dismissed from the team
14. Any athlete who quits or is removed from a team for any reason, forfeits all rights to any awards, team photos, all conference or all state selections, etc.
15. Sportsmanship is a major concern. Any parent and/or spectator asked to leave an athletic contest due to poor sportsmanship will abide by the following:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense- will not be allowed to attend the next home game
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- may not attend remainder of games for that specific sport.

Student athletes will be disciplined according to WVSSAC standards.

16. Students are encouraged to attend school and practice sessions regularly. However, such participation does not guarantee the students a starting position in his/her particular sport. On the other hand, a student, regardless of how talented, should not expect to earn a starting position in the sport if the student fails to attend school and practices regularly. All participants are required to ride the team bus to away games.

3.7.2. Any student who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by the principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any student who strikes an opponent, coach, or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year, depending on the seriousness of the act.

***The purpose of this athletic policy is to make students and parents more aware of school standards and procedures. We know that you, as parents, want your child to represent Midland Trail High and you in the best possible way.***

We cannot possibly write a policy that covers all infractions; therefore, the coach of the athlete involved will deal with any violation or infraction not covered in this policy.

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SIGNATURE PAGE**

I have read and understand the MTHS Athletic Departments Code of Conduct for Sports Participation contained within this packet and realize the importance of my child's compliance with these rules. I will help my child abide by all the guidelines and rules to help her be a successful athlete and student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the MTHS Athletic Departments Code of Conduct for Sports Participation information contained within this packet. I promise to carry out my responsibilities. I understand that I must always do my best to represent MTHS.

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Athlete Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_