

Parent Code of Conduct

Interscholastic sports programs promote the physical, social, and emotional development of student-athletes and Millennium High School annually strives to be recognized within our league and community as a school represented with class and pride. Therefore, parents should encourage student-athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, and should model good sportsmanship by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control. For a child to participate in athletics at Millennium the child's parents must obey this Code of Conduct. Parents must be responsible for their words and actions while attending a Millennium athletic event, home or away, and obey this Code of Conduct.

I acknowledge I have read and agree to adhere to said expectations within the Parent Pledge.

Parent Pledge: As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics is an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by our school, and our conference. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.

Parent Conduct Guidelines

- **Let the coaches do the coaching for all team members**
- **Support the program**
- **Be your child's best fan**
- **Encourage your child to talk with the coaches**
- **Understand and display appropriate game behavior**
- **Help your child keeping his or her priorities straight**
- **Keep sport in its proper perspective**
- **Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.**
- **Eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.**
- **Stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.**
- **Show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.**
- **Establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.**
- **Respect the integrity and judgment of sports' officials.**
- **Eliminate criticism of coaches, this only diminishes your child's respect and has no place in high school athletics.**
- **Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and standards of eligibility.**

- **Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players.**
- **Remember an athletic contest is only a game - not a matter of life or death for a player, coach, school, official, fan, community, state or nation.**

Parents must not engage in or encourage their child or anyone else to engage in:

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
2. Any behavior that would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
3. The use of profanity;
4. Treating any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee with disrespect based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability;
5. Verbal or physical threats or abuse of any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
6. Initiating a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, participant, official, or other attendee;
7. Coaching any player from the sidelines or stands during practice or competition, as this may be distracting to the individual and the team, and may directly conflict with the coach's strategy;
8. Approaching a coach to discuss the coach's strategy or the playing time of a player immediately before, during or after a game. Please wait until the next day to contact a coach.
 - Parents must address any concerns with the coach's approach directly with the coach, in a respectful manner at an appropriate time (never on the same day as a game). Please refer to the Student-Athlete/Parent handbook for topics appropriate to discuss with the coach. Remember, STUDENT-ATHLETES should be having conversation first. If the concerns are then not addressed to the Parents' satisfaction, they may then contact the athletic director to schedule an appointment to discuss any concerns with the coach, student-athlete and athletic director.
9. Parents who violate this Code of Conduct while attending a Millennium High School athletic event, home or away, will be subject to disciplinary action by authorized game or school officials, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:
 - Verbal or written warning, in addition to NFHS Course: Positive Sports Parenting;
 - Suspension or immediate ejection from a sports event, in addition to NFHS Course: Positive Sports Parenting; and/or
 - Season suspension or multiple season suspension.

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