

Student/Parent Code of Conduct Contract

Student-Athlete's Code of Conduct

- 1. Student-Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the common courtesies of decency, morality, honesty, and respect for the rights and properties of others. Student-Athletes should be tolerant, supportive and respectful of their fellow team members and coaches. The following behavior will not be tolerated: a. Hazing, taunting, or verbally abusing another student-athlete, coach, referee, or any person participating in any school related event b. Making derogatory comments about a person's race, sex, religion, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation c. Repeated use of obscene gestures, profanity, or unduly provocative language.
- 2. Student-Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times and will abide by all federal, state and local laws, education code.
- 3. Athletes are to support teammates at all times while on the team bench, whether you are playing in a particular contest or not. Poor bench behavior includes not expressing verbal/vocal support for your teammates, conducting side conversations taking other's attention off the contest, disrupting the match with inappropriate discussion with the coach or coaches, or questioning your playing time or status during the contest.
- 4. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated at any Masconomet function/event. This includes, but is not limited to, behaviors such as the use of foul language, angry outbursts, and rude gestures towards other athletes, parents, coaches, officials or opponents.

Parent's Code of Conduct

The importance of parents behaving as role models cannot be overstated. Parents who support the rules of conduct provide a model for other parents and student-athletes alike. All parents should refrain from making negative comments towards officials, coaches, and student-athletes from both home and visiting teams.

Conflict Resolution

If there is an issue that needs to be resolved, the following steps should be taken:

Grievance/Escalation Procedure This procedure is designed to help student-athletes and parents resolve concerns or problems that may occur during the course of the season. It ensures open, honest communication between all parties involved.

- 1. "24-hour rule" which simply states that coaches will not discuss a game or sensitive topics with an athlete/parent until at least 24 hours after the fact. This rule allows all parties to reflect and "cool off" if necessary.
- 2. The student-athlete must first request an in-person meeting with the coach(es) to discuss the issue at hand. It is recommended that more than one coach be present if possible.
- 3. If the issue is unresolved, the parent(s) may ask for a meeting with the coach(es) and student-athlete to discuss the issue. The meeting should take place at a location considered adequate for a private discussion NOT at a game and/or practice.
- 4. If the issue remains unresolved, the parent must ask for a meeting with the athletic director, athlete, and coaches at a scheduled time that is agreed to by all parties. If the issue is unresolved, the decision of the athletic director at this point is final.