

Mount Pleasant Middle School

Parents Code of Ethics

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree.

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth, not the adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of Mount Pleasant Middle School.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parents such as, but not limited to: booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard regardless of the game's outcome.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or for losing a game.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition as a basis for my child's success.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use while on Cabarrus County Schools and Kannapolis City Schools property.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
18. I understand the field house is off limits unless directed to enter by a coach.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines that I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by school official, athletic director, school administration or representative of Mount Pleasant Middle School.
- Written warning.
- Parental game suspension with written documentation on file with Cabarrus County Schools.
- Parental season suspension.
- Permanent athletic suspension from Cabarrus County Schools property.

Players Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____