



Maryville Christian School  
Athletic Participation Agreement

Dear Student-Athlete,

Maryville Christian School athletics exist to strengthen your faith, leadership, and character. While the goal of competition is to win, your higher purpose is to bring glory to God by displaying discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance both on and off the field of play.

The following document establishes guidelines by which all MCS student-athletes are expected to abide at all times:

All student athletes should:

1. Be committed to Christ. “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him & He shall direct your path.” Ps. 37:5
2. Be committed to the Team. “Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:12-13.
3. Be unselfish by treating teammates and others as being more important than yourself. “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” Col. 2:3
4. Promote team unity. “Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” Phil. 2:2
5. Give your maximum effort. “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men.” Col. 3:23
6. Be disciplined, self-controlled, and on time. “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.” 1 Cor. 9:25
7. Submit to authority (coaches, officials and others). “Everyone must submit himself to governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.” Rom. 13:1
8. Show care for the equipment and facilities of our own school as well as that of the opponent.
9. Use language that is honoring to God. Any MCS athlete who uses questionable language, shows disrespect to authorities, or loses self-control will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the administration and coach. To encourage Christ-like sportsmanship, athletes are forbidden to verbally harass opposing players. Disregard for this may result in suspension from that game and games to follow.
10. Wear appropriate attire at home and away games as well as at practices. Coaches and administrators will determine the type of clothing each team player is to wear to games.
11. Always meet with the opposing team at the conclusion of a game to congratulate them for a game well played, regardless of the outcome of the game. In BOTH winning and losing, be gracious and humble.

## ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The conduct of participants in athletics at Maryville Christian School, in or out of school, year round, shall be as such:

- The good of the team is first and foremost.
- No players will ever employ illegal tactics to gain an undeserved advantage. All players will devote themselves to be a good sportsman.
- All athletes will obey the specific training and practice rules of their team as given to them by the coaching staff.
- Athletes should not engage in conduct harmful to their bodies. (I Cor 3:16-17) - This includes but is not limited to drinking alcohol, taking any type of controlled substance, and using tobacco products.
- Athletes shall not use profanity. Any public outburst of profanity will not be tolerated. Using profanity and being disobedient are harmful to athletes and their teams.
- Athletes should be good role models for younger students at Maryville Christian School
- Officials deserve courteous respect. All must realize that officials do not lose a game. They are there for the purpose of insuring both teams have a fair contest.
- Athletes must be coachable. They should appreciate that coaches, teachers and school administrators have the best interest of all athletes in mind as they equip, schedule and conduct the athletic program.
- Athletes must not be a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in our school.
- Any athlete who is in violation of school rules such as truancy, suspension, classroom disruption, or any other punishable acts will be disciplined by the already established school rules. If an athlete is suspended from school he/she will not be allowed to participate in that day's practice or contest, or the next scheduled contest (if no contest is scheduled for that day)
- Athletes are responsible for good behavior on the internet just as they are in a school building or on the athletic field of competition. If an athlete's use of the internet creates a disruption to the school, the athletic department and/or the team, even if it is a first offense, the athlete will be held responsible and will face consequences as determined by the coaching staff/administration including but not limited to:
  - Suspension from the team for one contest
  - Suspension from the team for 25% of the team's season
  - Dismissal from the team
- Attendance at social events (parties, dances etc.) is up to the athlete and parents. However, athletes are expected to leave social events immediately where there is illegal use of chemical substances, alcohol, or tobacco. Failure to do so implies guilt and violations will be subject to athletic suspensions or removal from the team.
- Athletes who commit felonies, misdemeanors, or acts of delinquency will be subject to disciplinary action and could result in removal from the team.

- Athletes are subject to specific team rules set forth by the coach of each sport. These rules and the penalties for breaking them will be given to the athlete by the coach at the first team meeting or practice of that sport.

### Academic Requirements for Participation

A player's participation in extracurricular contests and performances will be determined by the following academic guidelines. Each student:

- Must maintain a C- average
- Must be passing every course (no F's)
- Must be taking a minimum of five credits

Eligibility will be checked every Friday. It is up to the group sponsor/administration to determine whether or not a student can participate in practices/rehearsals while academically ineligible.

\*If a student fails a semester course, they will be ineligible for the next semester.

### School Attendance

- Students must be in attendance at least four class periods in order to participate in a practice or contest scheduled for that day.
- Athletes are expected to be present at the start of school the day following competitions.
- If a student is absent and is granted a non-illness related excused absence (funeral, dental appointment, etc), that student may participate in the practice/game with the permission of the administration.
- Any unexcused absence from school, regardless of whether it is only a partial day, will cause the student to be unable to participate in the practice/game.

### Attendance at Practice/Games

- Athletes are expected to be committed to the school and team. Team members should attend all practices and games. The coach is responsible for setting the practice schedule. Some practices/games may take place during school breaks. Only the coach can excuse the athlete from a practice/game. It is possible that emergency situations may arise that cause the athlete to miss a game or practice.
  - Excused absences include:
    - Illness
    - Death in the family
    - Family wedding
    - College visits
    - Necessary tutoring with an MCS staff member (must have a note)
    - Ineligibility
  - Unexcused absences include:
    - Family vacations
    - Other after school extra-curricular activities

- Discipline-related detention or suspension

*\*It is the responsibility of the athlete to notify the coach several days in advance if they know they are going to miss a practice/game. Notifying the coach does not mean that the athlete is automatically excused from the practice/game. The coach of the team will use his/her discretion to determine if an absence is excused or unexcused. Consequences resulting from an unexcused absence will be determined by the coach of that team.*

### Uniforms and Equipment

Each athlete is responsible for proper care of the uniform and equipment they are issued by the school. Uniforms should be kept clean and have a neat appearance for each game. At the end of the season, the athlete should return the uniform clean and neatly folded to the coach in the same condition it was issued.

The athlete will be charged for any damage to the uniform beyond normal wear.

### Dress and Appearance of Student Athletes

Athletes are to be appropriately dressed for practice. Practice attire must be clean, neat, and modest. Male athletes should wear a shirt or practice jersey at all times. Female athletes should wear appropriate practice/game clothing to ensure undergarments are not visible.

### Requirements for Participation

- All athletes must have the following before they can participate in athletic practices/games:
  - Sports physical (signed by physician and parent)
  - Concussion awareness form (signed by parent)
  - Emergency medical release form (signed by parent)
  - Athletic code of conduct (signed by parent and athlete)
  - Athletic fees paid
  - At least one parent in attendance at the mandatory informational meeting for any sport that your student chooses to participate in. Meetings will be held each fall, winter, and spring.

## Enforcement of the Athletic Code of Conduct

The Principal, Athletic Director and/or coaches shall enforce all rules and regulations described in the Code of Conduct for athletes. The student-athlete will be subject to disciplinary measures should he/she violate the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct policy is in addition to the student handbook.

If the violation of the code of conduct occurs in the last part of a sport and the remaining season cannot fulfill the terms of the violation in that sport, the suspension will carry over into the athlete's next season until the suspension is fulfilled. This includes their next sport or the same sport in the next school year.

By implementing the Athletic Code of Conduct, Maryville Christian School is not asking athletes to make sacrifices, as that would imply giving up good things, but rather we are challenging athletes to abide by standards that help them become successful young men and women in sports and in life. Always remember that participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right.



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By signing the Athletic Participation Agreement, both parents and athletes fully acknowledge and understand the expectations set forth in the Athletic Code of Conduct

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Student Name Printed

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Name Printed

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