

***Athletic Code of Conduct
Madison Junior High***

Being an athlete requires more than just joining a team; it creates many demands which require sacrifice. Being an athlete is not a right but a privilege and if the individual is willing to “pay the price”, athletics will repay the athlete with many rewards. If someone decides he wants to be an athlete, there is much more.

Preamble: Participation in athletics means more than competition between two individuals or teams representing different schools. It is much more than winning and losing. Participation in athletics teaches fair play and sportsmanship, understanding and appreciation for team work. With these goals in mind, this guide has been formed for Madison athletes. This guide will help young athletes have a code for their conduct, which is always closely observed by so many both on and off the field.

Madison Athletes:

1. will keep citizenship and academic grades at their highest.
2. must accept the responsibility for taking proper care of all school equipment and uniforms. These items must be treated carefully and returned at the end of the season. Students must replace any lost or damaged equipment issued to them.
3. will be concerned about their conduct on and off the field, in school and in the community.
4. must realize that profanity, a sign of weakness rather than strength, will not be tolerated.
5. do not believe in quitting. They never quit during a game, even when victory seems hopeless. Athletes never quit a team once they have joined. Quitting can become easy and can become a habit. An athlete who quits a team is not eligible to participate in another sport that same season.
6. must realize that although winning is one of their goals, they must also learn to enjoy victory but maintain modesty. Athletes should also learn that losing is part of the game, and they should be gracious in defeat.
7. must always courteously congratulate their opponents on a well-played game after a contest.
8. must develop PRIDE in their teams, teammates, coach and most importantly, in themselves.
9. must encourage and support their teammates at all times. They should never criticize a teammate nor blame someone for a bad lay or a loss. A winning team works together!
10. will not dispute an official's call, no matter how bad it may seem. It must be assumed that coaches are trying their best, just as it is assumed athletes are trying their best. Coaches will represent individual athletes and the team in any dispute with game officials.
11. must remember that horseplay and fooling around in classroom and halls do not show behavior approved by the Madison Athletic Program.
12. must realize they have a great influence on fellow students. They will use this influence to set good examples and work hard toward the betterment of Madison.

Speaking with respect to all students, faculty, and staff is one good way to set an example.

13. directly represent the school, community and coaching staff when they are on field trips; therefore, they should conduct themselves in such a way as to be a credit to all parties concerned. Discipline by a bus driver may mean additional action by the athletic department.
14. should stay in top shape both physically and mental to avoid injuries.
15. should keep the locker room in proper order
16. should be at practice on time, and dress and remain in the locker room until their coach has arrived. No practice should start without the coach present. No athlete should be in the school building later than ½ hour after a game or practice.
17. excused from Physical education class are not eligible to practice or play in a game that day after school.
18. should be concerned about more than just the sport in which they participate. They should never be critical of another Madison athlete or athletic team.
19. in violation of the Madison athletic code will be corrected by the coach and athletic director.

Be proud to be a Athlete!
Be proud to be a warhawk!
We will be proud of you!

Parent Signature

Athlete Signature