

MANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

FOR ATHLETES

Athletics is part of the overall educational program at Manton Consolidated Schools. We believe that participation in athletics provides our students with a wide variety of rewarding experiences and the opportunity to develop many worthwhile traits. Participation in athletics develops a student's self-respect, self-discipline, character, leadership and decision-making skills as well as many other personal-social skills. Participation in athletics also develops a knowledge base and appreciation of physical fitness, which will promote continued physical activity as a lifetime goal. Participation provides student-athletes with experiences which enable them to learn to work and cooperate with one another to accomplish a common goal, to create a respect for competition and to develop a sense of good sportsmanship. We believe it is an honor and a privilege to represent Manton Consolidated Schools, our Alumni, fellow students, staff and citizens of Manton as a student athlete.

ATHLETIC POLICIES

The following athletic policies will apply to all athletes. Violation of these policies will result in disciplinary action by the Athletic Director/Principal. Such action may include suspension or dismissal from participating in Manton Consolidated Schools Athletic Program.

1. Each eligible and qualified student will be provided the opportunity to participate in inter-scholastic athletics. The Athletic Director and Coach will determine appropriate team size.
2. Each athlete must have a current physical on file, dated after April 15th for the following school year.
3. Each athlete must have a signed Code of Conduct on file for each season.
4. Team members must be in school all day, in all scheduled classes, in order to take part in contests or practices on that day. Exception to this may be granted only by the Athletic Director or Principal (or another administrator in their absence).
4. A student will be prohibited from participating in athletics for a violation of school rules that results in a suspension from school for the duration of the suspension.
5. The following guidelines will be used when student athletes receive discipline referrals.
 - A. First Detention/Transition Room Assignment – The athlete will be given a verbal warning by the Athletic Director/Principal.
 - B. Second Detention/Transition Room Assignment - The athlete and his/her parent/ guardian will meet with the Athletic Director/Principal and the athlete will be given a second verbal warning. A phone conference may occur if all agree.
 - C. Third Detention/Transition Room Assignment - The athlete will practice but not participate in the next contest played in his/her sport from date of the detention assignment.
 - D. Any Further Detention/Transition Room Assignment - The athlete will practice but will not participate in the next contest (one contest per each further detention).
6. Any athlete ejected or disqualified from a contest because of behavior or misconduct will be suspended for the next contest per MHSAA policy. The coach can determine further suspension if they deem appropriate.
7. All athletes must travel and return from “away” contests with the team except with the approval of the Coach, the Athletic Director/Principal and parent or guardian.
8. Athletes are financially responsible for the care and condition of the equipment and uniforms issued to them. Reasonable wear and tear accepted.
9. Athletes must return all equipment and uniforms at the end of the season. Until equipment or uniforms have been returned or paid for, the athlete will not receive a uniform or equipment for his/her next season of participation and grades/diplomas may be held as well.
10. A student athlete must report all injuries to his/her coach. A student who has been with-

held from practice or competition by a doctor may not participate until permission to resume activity is received in writing from a doctor.

11. The coach of each team will evaluate the ability of each athlete and the condition of the athlete to determine the amount of contest playing time of each athlete.

The above policy starts and ends with each individual sporting season (Fall, Winter and Spring).

SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICPATE MHSAA

Policies regarding a student's ability to participate in Athletics can be found at Michigan High School Athletic Association or contact the Athletic Director/Principal.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Eligibility- Will be determined as follows:

Eligibility will be monitored when practice begins for each season. An athlete declared ineligible will remain ineligible until off the eligibility list starting at 8:00 a.m. the following Mon- day.

A. The middle school office will run eligibility checks through Power School on Friday. Any student-athlete that has one or more failing classes will be contacted by their coach and/ or Athletic Director. Verbal Warning. An athlete declared ineligible on Friday will be given a one week probation during which they may continue to practice and play in contests.

B. An athlete declared ineligible for a second week will not participate in any contest until off the eligibility list starting at 8:00 a.m. the following Monday. (At least 7 days). He/she may continue to practice with the team.

C. An athlete declared ineligible for a third time during a season will not be able to practice or participate in games until the following Monday at 8:00 a.m. A student may attend and watch practice, but must put forth effort to bring the F grade up. If a student stays for practice, they are to remain with the team and at practice.

D. An athlete declared ineligible for a fourth time during any given season, will be dropped from the team.

E. Coaches may enforce stricter standards/sanctions as they see fit.

AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of a successfully completed season:

7 Grade	Certificate of Participation
8 Grade	Certificate of Participation.

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- 8th Grade: Certificate of Participation.

DUE PROCESS

All students involved in any disciplinary action are allowed to appeal the facts of the situation and the hearing that led to the disciplinary action.

An appeal must be made within the hierarchy of the athletic department and Manton Consolidated Schools. This would be:

Head Coach
Athletic Director
Principal
Superintendent

Board of Education

An appeal must be made to the supervisory person immediately removed from the individual making the decision unfavorable to the athlete (i.e., a coach's decision would first be appealed to the Athletic Director, etc.

Please Sign next page and return to your coach

I have read the above "Code of Conduct" handbook and agree to abide by the rules and policies of the Manton Athletics Code of Conduct

Signature of student-athlete:

(Printed Name):

Date:

Signature of parent or guardian:

(Printed Name):

Date:

Please check yes or no below if you would like your athlete to have pictures taken of them while competing, practicing, or any other team related activity that may be used for sharing and a variety of media outlets, including social media.

Yes _____

No _____