



Marietta Public Schools

Athletic Department Handbook

2021-2022

STUDENT/PARENT ATHLETE INFORMATION

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletics is not a requirement for graduation and participation is strictly voluntary. Athletics, as a discipline, stresses work ethic, team play, sportsmanship, integrity and sacrifice. Should the actions of an athlete fail to exhibit these same characteristics, the privilege of participating in athletics may be forfeited. All coaches must be willing to work, within the guidelines of the athletic department, to help any athlete should he/she lose direction. It is our intention to help our athletes stay on course and succeed. However, when an athlete purposely or continuously violates guidelines, then it is up to the head coach to address the situation.

❖ Athletic Guidelines and Code of Conduct

- It is the desire of the administration and coaching staff of Marietta Public Schools to communicate to its students that participation in athletics is a PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. Participation on athletic teams and in related activities, while being an honor, is an opportunity for young athletes to learn important lessons about the responsibilities that are assumed by individuals in leadership roles. Therefore, all athletes are expected to adhere to the following:
 - Athletes will be tough competitors in the athletic arena, but outside the competitive arena they are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen and ladies at all times, demonstrating respect for their administrators, teachers, and fellow students.
 - Athletes are to display/model behaviors associated with positive leaders both in the school and in the community.
 - Athletes are to exhibit good citizenship at all times.
 - Athletes are to serve as positive representatives for their team, coaches, school, district, and community during competitions and interactions with rivals.
 - Athletes are expected to strive for academic excellence and to adhere to the Marietta Student Handbook as well as the Athletic Code of Conduct and Guidelines.

❖ Athlete Ejection from Contest

- If an athlete is ejected or suspended from a contest by an official or coach, it is the head coach's responsibility to notify the athletic director as soon as possible. Any further action or suspensions will be at the discretion of the building principal and the superintendent of schools.

❖ Use of Illegal Drugs or Alcohol

- The Athletic Code of Conduct will be followed when this rule is violated. Head coaches have the right to remove, suspend, or correct an athlete whose conduct or actions are detrimental or distracting to the team and integrity of Marietta Public Schools Athletics or any other such violations of which the Head coach deems necessary to inform school administration.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN ATHLETICS

1. Sportsmanship: Treat others as you would want to be treated and exhibit the qualities of fairness, courtesy and grace in winning and defeat. This is not about doing those things which reinforce the concept of educational athletics. Cheer for your team, respect the opponents and officials, and make all involved feel like guests in your home.
2. Goals for sportsmanship include:
 - A. Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances.
 - B. Remain in the stands, and do not enter the field of play.
 - C. Properly responding to success and adversity.
 - D. Respecting the rules of the game.
 - E. Respecting the officials who administer the rules.
 - F. Respecting opponents.
 - G. Acknowledging the opponent's efforts to do their best.
 - H. Refraining from disrespectful behavior.

Your actions and reaction to situations can have a significant impact not only on your child but a program. Your responsibility to your child and the school needs to reflect careful consideration of the possible consequences of your action.

3. Parents and officials:
 - A. We do not hire poor officials.
 - B. All people can have a bad day – we all make mistakes.
 - C. Officials do what they do because they love to be involved with sports and kids.
 - D. When something happens that you disagree with, remember:
 - The official has a better view than you.
 - Take a deep breath and sit back before opening your mouth to say something which may embarrass you, your child and the school.
 - E. Officials do not win or lose games; mistakes or a lack thereof, win or lose games.
4. Positive athletic parenting; emphasize the following:
 - A. Play the sport for the enjoyment of the experience.
 - B. Do not make the focus scholarships for college.
 - C. Encourage participation in as many sports as your child wants to play.
 - D. Specialization has led to decreased enjoyment, burnout, and dropout. Issues related to these phenomena include: From an earlier age, parents are making a commitment of finances and time invested, lessons, travel, etc. for the child's development in a sport. This often leads to undue pressure to play well and expectations of earning a scholarship.

5. Guidelines for you and your child:

- A. Be realistic about your child's ability.
- B. Be a positive motivator.
- C. Don't be envious of other athlete's ability or skill.
- D. The coach sees all the athletes at practice every day in competitive drills, etc. They know the abilities at this stage of development, not how good someone was in the past.
- E. Emphasize commitment to the program.
- F. Never sacrifice academics for athletics.
- G. Be a good role model for your child.
- H. Encourage good decision making.
- I. Encourage your child to be a leader. All team members have leadership responsibilities.
- J. Do not degrade the coach or his staff – all of us make mistakes, including coaches.
- K. If an injury occurs and it is severe, a coach will find you and escort you to the field.

24-HOUR RULE

Do NOT approach coaches during or after practice or team competition. To meet with a coach, please schedule an appointment first by contacting the coach. This rule applies to parent-coach interactions. If something is bothering you about your child's status on a team, etc., give yourself "24-hours" before you contact the coach. ***Never contact a coach immediately following a contest.*** The time away from the situation will give you a chance to search for a perspective that may give you a new way to look at the circumstances. Discussions with the coach will be much more meaningful with two calm adults sharing their thoughts about someone they both are trying to help reach adulthood. If necessary, further contact/discussion can be made to the athletic director.

Parents and supporters of district athletic programs must realize that any interference with a game or participants of the game (athletes, coaches and officials) can and will result in disciplinary action taken by the district and the OSSAA. Such actions may be taken against the athlete, our teams, and parent-spectators. Acceptable and appropriate sportsmanship is a fundamental component of our athletic programs and we will help insure that our athletes and parents always exhibit such exemplary conduct.

ADDRESSING A COMPLAINT

Concerns will be of two varieties; first, one raised by your child, the second will be questions you as a parent have. To deal with the first variety, the best course of action is to see if your child can deal with the concern. It is a part of what happens in athletics, encouraging the child to deal with

challenges they face. Your child should discuss the issue with the coach. For the second variety, you should contact the coach with questions you have; don't ask the child to seek answers on your behalf. Your child may not see the situation in the same light as you and you are the one with the question. The coach deals with your child daily and can best relay information to you about questions you raise. Once you have conferred with the coach and the situation has not been resolved, contact the athletic director to arrange a meeting. The chain of command is as follows:

PARENT→COACH→AD→PRINCIPAL→SUPERINTENDENT→BOARD
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SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

Participation in competitive athletics at Marietta Middle School and High School is a privilege and an honor. The rules of the OSSAA are administered and enforced by the district. You must qualify for participation under these rules. Marietta students must comply with the following:

1. Any student who reaches his/her nineteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for athletic competition. Any student who reaches his/her sixteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible if enrolled in the ninth grade or below. Any student who reaches his/her fifteenth birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for the eighth grade or below. Any student who reaches his/her fourteenth birthday before September 1st will not be eligible for the seventh grade or below.
2. Not have competed for more than four seasons in the sport selected.
3. Have been enrolled in high school not more than seven semesters beyond eighth grade.
4. Play only with teams representing the school.
5. Not be a professional.
6. Must have passed five (5) courses taken during the previous semester.
7. Students in grades 9 through 12 who transfer from another middle school/high school must meet the requirements established by the OSSAA.
8. Not accepted from any source, an award for participation in athletic performances in excess of \$15.00 (includes merchandise, membership privileges, services or money in any amount). Accepting an award will make you ineligible even though you return it.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Marietta Schools is a member of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA) and is required to abide by that association's rules and eligibility standards for participation in various activities. Schools may have additional standards if they desire. The district requires that all students must have passed all subjects taken at the end of each quarter and semester to be eligible.

If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled at the end of a week, they will be placed on probation for the next one week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes at the end of their probationary one week period, they will be ineligible to participate during the next one week period. The ineligibility period will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.

A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must be passing all subjects in order to remain eligible. A student regains eligibility with the first class of the new one week period (Monday through Sunday).

A passing “grade” means work of such character that credit would be entered on the records were the semester to close at that time.

ACADEMICS

The Marietta Athletics program will place an emphasis on academics. The purpose of athletics is to provide motivation and accountability.

- Grades are a representation of the athletes comprehension and work ethic in the classroom. In order to participate and achieve higher goals the athlete must maintain a set grade.
- Ambition is the ability to dream big and set goals to better the athlete’s life. College education will become an expectation for the athlete and the classroom is essential to obtaining that goal.
- Attendance must be important to the athlete. Learning cannot take place in their absence, and being present is key to success in life.
- Graduation will be the immediate goal for all athletes. The programs will celebrate the graduation of its athletes, and track those statistics along with the number of athletes who continue their education.

Athletics is a privilege, but the programs will be used as a strong tool to create success in the classroom.

GRADING

The grading of off-season participation does apply toward a student’s GPA. Earning credits in athletics does apply toward the completion of graduation requirements. The student-athlete must successfully complete ALL requirements for the entire semester to receive credit. The off-season program is an integral part of competitive athletics. The student-athlete must meet the requirements set forth by the off-season coach as a part of the process to earn credits.

NCAA REQUIREMENTS

Before an athlete can play a sport or receive an athletic grant-in-aid at a Division I or II school, he/she must meet specific academic criteria as set forth by the NCAA. A student must have at least a 2.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) in 13 core courses. A student must also achieve a minimum

combined ACT score of 68 (sum of the four scores) or a combined SAT score of 820. To be eligible at the Division I school, the student with a minimum GPA will need a higher test score, and the student with a minimum test score will need a higher GPA.

Students must take specific courses in order to meet NCAA eligibility requirements. These include a certain number of college preparatory English, sciences, social sciences and math courses, with at least one year of algebra and one year of geometry. Because the NCAA has such specific requirements, and because these requirements can be confusing, it is very important that athletes meet with guidance counselors in the 8th or 9th grade to obtain information on all of the NCAA requirements. At this time, athletes also need to make sure that their four-year plans include courses that will satisfy NCAA requirements.

Athletes should take ACT and SAT no later than the spring of the junior year in order to have time to retake them if necessary. In order to initiate the eligibility process, athletes also need to complete an NCAA clearinghouse student release form. This form should be submitted after completion of the junior year. Forms and information are available in the high school counselor's office.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

A student must attend school full-time on the day of an activity in order to be eligible to participate. Exceptions can be made for doctor's appointments, funerals, and other emergencies approved by the principal. If students have been assigned to serve in school suspension or out of school suspension, they will be allowed to participate after the suspension is completed.

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

The following expectations will be placed on all student-athletes.

1. Follow all training rules, school rules, and regulations.
2. Exhibit good sportsmanship towards the opponents, officials, teammates, and fans.
3. Work to excel in the classroom.
4. Put team goals ahead of personal goals.
5. Be a role model for all students before, during, and after school.
6. Have **PRIDE** in yourself, your team, your school, and care for your facility.
7. Respect, but never fear the opponent.
8. Work harder than the competition, both in and out of season.
9. Be on time and prepared for practice, meetings, and games.
10. Accept the results, learn from your mistakes, and focus on the goal.
11. Each student-athlete must strive toward the development of good sportsmanship, citizenship and leadership at all times. Student-athletes represent both school and community and enjoy a special status.
12. Once a student becomes a member of any team in grades 7-12, he/she will thereafter be considered a student-athlete. All student-athletes are expected to follow all rules, policies, and regulations.

13. Any student-athlete suspended from school for any reason will be suspended from all athletic practices and contests during that suspension.
14. If a student that is under suspension does not complete the season in which the suspension is to be completed, then the suspension will carry over to the next season/sport.
15. Student-athletes must attend school/class on the day of a scheduled contest in order to participate in the athletic activity unless prior arrangements have been made with the building principal.
16. A student-athlete ejected from an athletic contest shall be suspended from participating in the next scheduled athletic contest, at a minimum.

HAZING

The district's athletic department supports only those activities that are constructive, educational, inspirational, and that contribute to the intellectual and personal development of student-athletes. Marietta School's athletics unequivocally opposes any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.

The district interprets hazing as any act whether physical, mental, emotional, or psychological, that subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to anything that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass, or intimidate him/ her or which may in any fashion compromise his/her inherent dignity as a person. In addition, any requirements by a member that compels another member to participate in any activity that is against middle/high school policy or state/federal law will be defined as hazing.

Actions and activities that are prohibited include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Any type of initiation or other activity where there is an expectation of individuals joining a particular team to participate in behavior designed to humiliate, degrade, or abuse them regardless of the person's willingness to participate.
2. Forcing, requiring, or pressuring an individual to consume alcohol or any other substance.
3. Forcing, requiring, or pressuring an individual to shave any part of their body, including the hair on their head.
4. Any requirement or pressure placed on an individual to participate in any activity that is illegal, perverse, and publicly indecent, contrary to his/her genuine morals and/or beliefs, e.g., public profanity, indecent or lewd conduct or sexual gestures in public.
5. Any activity or action that creates a risk to the health, safety, or property of the middle/high school or any member of its community.

6. Assigning or endorsing “pranks” such as stealing or harassment of another organization.
7. Awakening or disturbing individuals during normal sleeping hours.
8. Expecting or pressuring individuals to participate in an activity in which full membership is not willing to participate.
9. Physical abuse of any kind.
10. Forcing, encouraging, or pressuring someone to wear in public, apparel that is conspicuous and not within the norm of what is considered to be in good taste.
11. Nudity at any time or forced reading of pornographic material.
12. Paddling, beating, or otherwise permitting a member to hit other members.
13. Having substances such as eggs, mud, paint, honey, etc. thrown at, poured on, or otherwise applied to the body of a member.
14. Morally degrading/humiliating games or other activities that makes a member the object of amusement, ridicule, or intimidation.
15. Submitting a member to cruel and unusual psychological conditions.

Consequences for hazing may include, but are not limited to, team/activity suspensions or removal, school suspension (for up to one calendar year), and/or legal prosecution.

PRIMARY SPORT SELECTION

Students who choose to participate in two sports during the same season must get permission from the coaches of each respective sport and their parents. Consequently, permission and recognition of the primary sport must occur simultaneously and each commitment must be consistent with the rules and regulations of the OSSAA.

PARTICIPATION IN OUT OF SEASON SPORTS

1. Marietta Schools expects students participating in school athletics to be committed to the sport in season. As a result, the student is not permitted to compromise the school team concept by participating on an out of season team (i.e., AAU Basketball).
2. The Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association (OSSAA) defines the sport seasons. There are limits on how coaches interact and work with student athletes during the off-season.

CHANGING SPORTS

From the time a team plays its first scheduled contest, a student cannot quit or be dismissed from the team and join another team until such time as the first team's season is over (this includes off-season teams).

Exceptions to this rule may be permitted under the following conditions:

1. If the athlete has a doctor's statement recommending that he/she drop the first sport for medical reasons and permitting participation in the second sport.
2. If both coaches are involved, and the athletic director agrees that a mid-season change would be beneficial to the athlete without being unfair to the individual members of either team.

Before an athlete is cleared to participate in another sport, he/she must return all equipment and pay for lost or damaged equipment.

An athlete must not change classes or stop reporting to a sport until notified that the change has officially been made through the athletic director, counselor, and principal.

QUITTING A TEAM

The Marietta Athletics Department has the goal for its athletes to participate and compete in as many sports as possible. The department intends for its athletes to expand his/her comfort zones and experiment with other sports. In doing so, athletes may discover a passion and love for other sports. Marietta athletics also has a diverse coaching staff that has invaluable life experiences and different perspectives that may create a positive mentorship. The overall purpose is to provide as many opportunities for growth in the most diverse environments we can provide. We understand that not all athletes are the same, nor are the situations that occur to cause a transition from a program. However, if an athlete is willing to step out of his/her comfort zone, we will be understanding if the athlete determines that sport is not for him/her. While every coach will speak on setting individual goals and finishing, the coach will go through the process of an athlete exiting the program. If an athlete has committed an offense that requires removal from a program, the coach will also follow the exit procedures.

That process will determine reasons and justification for exiting the program.

1. Meet with the individual athlete.

2. If applicable, meet with the team's leadership structure.
3. If applicable, meet with the athlete's position coach.
4. Meet with the athlete's parent(s).
5. Meet with the Athletic Director and the athlete's next program's head coach.

Marietta Athletics is aware of the disciplinary support that sports provide for young men and women. We support parents to use sports as a motivation factor. Parents are encouraged to communicate any concerns with their current coach to develop positive corrective responses for situations that can occur or have occurred. Our goal is for parents to develop a working relationship with the coach to prevent the removal of a player from a program. Teamwork is an extremely valuable lesson to learn for life and the young person needs to have responsibility and accountability for their team.

If a medical reason, provided by a doctor, prevents an athlete from continuing competition, the athlete is expected to remain in the program, and be present at all times whenever medically possible. This will provide support for the athlete from his/her teammates and coaches. Also, the athlete can learn to find value when unfortunate situations occur and increase their self worth.

DISMISSAL FROM A TEAM

The cause for dismissal will follow the above procedures. Each situation will be handled through an objective process providing the best opportunity for growth of the athlete. Every program will have similar vision, standards, and expectation of the athletes participating and competing. This will provide a consistent standard of excellence that every athlete can expect from program to program. This will limit confusion or misunderstanding, and create an exhaustion of excuses from the athletes. If a dismissal is determined necessary, and the offense warranted removal from the current program, an evaluation will be done to determine acceptance into another program. If a dismissal is determined necessary and the offense was severe enough for removal from athletics entirely, then the athlete's participation the following year may be reevaluated before next school year.

Marietta Athletics Vaping, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illegal Drugs Policy (new for 19-20)

Marietta Athletics strictly prohibits athletes from the use of vapes, e-cigs, other tobacco products, alcohol, and illegal drugs while a member of the athletic program. Possession of these products and/or paraphernalia on school property, including but not limited to school campuses, athletic facilities, school transportation, the property of other schools, or while participating in any school-related activity is prohibited as well. Social media posts, pictures, and videos displaying a student-athlete violating this policy will enact the consequences as well. Marietta Athletics takes the safety and well-being of our athletes seriously and will do what is necessary to protect it. We hope to have the support of our parents and families in encouraging our athletes to make positive choices.

Procedure will follow these steps:

Meeting between the athlete, current head coach, athletic director, and parents.

1st Offense: The athlete will receive a written warning, and educational materials (Example: NFHS free course on dangers of vaping). A letter will be sent to the athlete's parents, and the athletic director will be notified.

2nd Offense: The athlete will receive a 5 calendar day suspension, and a meeting with the parent's will occur. A behavior contract will be signed by both the athlete and parent.

3rd Offense: The athlete will be placed into the dismissal program.

- As with all disciplinary issues, student-athletes and their families have a right to an appeals process.
- Head coaches do not have to hold a roster spot or give the same playing time when an athlete returns from a suspension.

TRANSPORTATION

Each student-athlete is expected to travel with their team to and from athletic events.

They are to travel by the means provided for or arranged by the district.

In the event it is necessary for a student-athlete to use other transportation, permission must be secured in accordance with the following:

1. It is the parent's responsibility to sign out the student after a contest. Students will only be released to a parent or guardian.
2. If the student is to go with someone else, the coach must have been notified by the parent at a prior time. A phone conversation and a written letter of consent must be provided.
3. The coach will verify the identity of the parent(s), guardian(s), or person(s) approved by the parent. If the coach is not sure, the coach will ask for some sort of picture identification (driver's license, etc.).

DRESS CODE

Marietta athlete's are expected to be a representative of Marietta Schools and uphold the standards of excellence. The appearance of the athlete is an immediate evaluation of the program's class and character. The head coach will demand proper school related attire and uniformity from the athletes.

Therefore, team members will adhere to the following rules regarding dress:

1. Athletes must wear school appropriate attire when traveling to and from an event.
2. Shirts must be worn anytime the athlete is outside of the locker room.
3. Track and Cross-Country runners must wear a shirt or at least a tank top when running.
4. When competing, athletes are expected to be uniformed with minimal exception.
5. Athletes must follow all guidelines for accessories, such as; earrings, wristbands, necklaces, during competition.

STUDENT PRE-SEASON RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Each athlete must be cleared by the athletic director prior to participation at the high school or middle school level. The coach is responsible for verifying all athletes are allowed to participate by checking the Rank One site as well as communication with the athletic director.
 - All required forms must be completed in their entirety and submitted online with the exception of the OSSAA Physical Form which must be submitted as a hard copy.
 - NO OTHER physical examination form can be accepted as per the OSSAA. A new physical exam must be given prior to each school calendar year. Any physical administered prior to May 1, may not be valid after August 1.
- ❖ The required forms are:
 - Physical & Medical History Form (Must be turned in as a hard copy after doctors evaluation)
 - OSSAA Eligibility Form
 - Sports Form
 - Athletics Participant Form (Concussion Awareness, Cardiac Awareness, & Marietta Indian Pledge)
 - Consent to Treat
 - Helmet Waiver (Football Players Only)

ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITIES

1. TRAINING ROOM – No unsupervised athletes are allowed to enter the training room, a coach must be present. Athletes are not allowed to get training room supplies or keep them in their lockers or equipment bags.
2. Athletes are responsible for making sure both the locker room and facility are clean after practices and contests, both home and away.
3. Athletes are not allowed in the Coaches’ Office unless given permission.
4. ***NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE GYM OR WEIGHT ROOM UNLESS A COACH OR STAFF MEMBER IS PRESENT.***
5. Athletes should not bring large sums of money or electronic devices to school, It is an unfortunate fact that theft does occur. Precautions should be taken at all times. Access to facilities during games and practices will be limited and supervised.

EQUITY

True equity is based not on the letter of the law, but instead, on the spirit of the philosophy. The best way to think of equity is that participants, whether male or female, all deserve the same treatment. Our customers are “kids”, and the fact that they are male or female should make no difference in the type of programs we provide them.

All staff members in the activities program are expected to be well acquainted with the expectations of OSSAA, Marietta, and Title IX. The district is committed to adhering to the spirit, as well as the letter of the law in regards to gender equity. To do so is in the best interest of “kids” as well as the “right” thing to do.

In addition to specific equity requirements in athletics, all activity staff members are expected to be knowledgeable of and sensitive to all forms of discrimination, bias and harassment that may occur on the basis of sex, race, nationality, or other factors.

The district affirms that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Students or employees with questions or complaints concerning the provisions of Title IX may contact the principal or superintendent.

ADDENDUM

By signing and accepting this document, the student-athlete and parent are advised that participation in interscholastic practice and competition is dangerous! Furthermore, it is understood that no amount of protective equipment will eliminate potential injury. Even under the safest and most secure conditions, some athletic activity can result in serious – even fatal – injury. In football, no helmet can prevent serious head or neck injuries that a player might receive while participating in practice or games. A football player should not use his/her helmet to butt, ram, or spear an opposing player. These actions violate football rules and can result in severe head or neck injuries, including paralysis or death to the athlete, as well as possible injury to the opponent. Moreover, physical contact in football (and other athletics) may result in concussion – brain injury that no helmet can prevent. Symptoms of a concussion include: loss of consciousness or memory; dizziness, headaches, nausea and confusion. If a student- athlete exhibits such symptoms, he or she should immediately stop playing and report these conditions to the coach, and his/her parents. The student-athlete must not return to a game or practice until all symptoms are eliminated, and the individual has received medical clearance. Ignoring this warning may lead to another and more serious or fatal injury. ***REMEMBER: Anyone electing to compete in the district's athletic programs does so with the clear understanding of the risk of injury.*** Additional questions about such risk should be directed to the coach or athletic director prior to participation in practice or competition.

PLEDGE:

It is important to recognize that students/athletes learn from example. Parents must always be mindful that their students/athletes will look to them as models of behavior. Therefore, we want Marietta Public Schools to be the best possible environment for coaches, sponsors, referees, parents, opponents, fans and students. We choose to do everything in our power to show respect and to take responsibility for the actions of ourselves and others. We understand that some of our actions could be causing embarrassment to our school, to ourselves and, most importantly, to our sons and daughters. We choose to have faith in our coaches and staff.

We will conduct ourselves in a professional way that shows pride for our school and for our student-athletes. If the need arises to address a concern, we will ask for a meeting with the coach, following the 24 hour waiting period policy. If the concern is not resolved, we understand that there is a policy set in place by Marietta Public Schools that we may follow to seek further resolution.

Marietta Public Schools asks that you read, understand, and agree to the above stated pledge.

*Marietta Public Schools enforces the OSSAA guidelines and recommendations for crowd accommodation and maintaining good sportsmanship policy.

STUDENT-ATHLETE/PARENT(S) HANDBOOK

STUDENT-ATHLETE

I, (student's name) _____, have read and/or have been directed to the handbook link on the athletic website, and/or have participated in the athletic handbook orientation. I understand its content and agree to follow it during my participation in athletics for the academic year.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE (Month/Day/Year)

PARENT(S)

We, the parent(s) of _____, have read and/or have been directed to the handbook link on the athletic website, and/or have participated in the athletic handbook orientation and understand the contents of the Little Axe Schools Athletic Handbook.

Parent(s) Signature

Date

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO THE HEAD COACH OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

SOCIAL MEDIA

- ❖ Remind/GroupMe - It is strongly recommended coaches use a social media application such as Remind/GroupMe to communicate with student athletes, parents, and/or coaches in a safe and effective manner.
- ❖ Coaches are not allowed to carry on conversations with students via text message or social media in a one to one setting.

STAFF-STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS

School Board Policy

It is the intent of the Marietta Board of Education to make students, parents, and guardians aware of allowable communication between students and staff.

School personnel shall refrain from communicating with students outside of the school setting. An exception will apply if the school administration receives written consent from a student’s parents or guardian, which will outline the school related items that may be discussed and the preferred method of Staff-Student Communications.

If school personnel engage in communications with students outside the school setting and the communication conflicts with the written permission granted by the parent/guardian of the student, the employee shall be subject to disciplinary action by the school district. Such disciplinary action could include termination of employment with the school district.

I, _____, authorize Marietta Public School to communicate with my child, _____, outside school for issues related to _____.

I approve communication through the following methods (check any that may apply):

_____ Home telephone # _____

_____ Student Cell Phone # _____

_____ Non-School email # _____

_____ Social Media Site or App such as Remind - List all sites/apps _____

_____ I do not authorize Marietta Public School or its staff to communicate with my child outside of school. Please contact me to relay all information to my child.

Parent Signature

Date