

# MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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## MARLETTE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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# MARLETTE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

## FIGHT SONG

**Nickname:** Red Raiders  
**Colors:** Red and White  
**League:** Greater Thumb Conference  
Eastern Division

Stand up and cheer  
Stand up and cheer  
Stand up and cheer for Marlette High  
Shout out her name  
Shout out her fame  
Shout out her name up to the sky  
Stand up and cheer  
Stand up and cheer  
Stand up and cheer for Marlette High  
For we will fight for, fight for, fight for  
Fight for VICTORY for Marlette High

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Marlette Community Schools Athletic Department is to develop each student's athletic ability to excel physically, mentally, and socially as an individual and as part of a team.

## SPORTS OFFERED

The following Varsity sports and support groups shall be offered at Marlette Jr./Sr. High School. Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams may be offered provided the minimum participation numbers are met:

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cross Country	Wrestling	Softball
Soccer - Boys	Basketball - Boys	Baseball
Football	Basketball - Girls	Track & Field
Volleyball	Cheer	Soccer - Girls
Cheer		

## INTRODUCTION TO MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Marlette Community Schools believes that each student benefits by being offered and participating in extracurricular activities. We also believe that each student's experience should be connected to learning. These learning experiences should develop character and cooperation, focus on the student's experience and growth, and bring about a sense of quality in all scholastic, artistic, and interscholastic endeavors.

## PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Participation in athletics, both as a player and a spectator, is an important aspect of the total educational experience. Participation is a **PRIVILEGE** that carries with it the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the individual, the team, the school, and the community. All program participants will represent Marlette Community Schools in an honorable, competitive manner and it is our hope that these experiences will mold our Student-Athletes into positive role models for others to follow.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

Marlette Student-Athletes are school leaders and representatives of their community at all times, on and off the field of play. They are to show respect for themselves and for others including teammates, coaches, teachers, officials, opponents, and spectators. Marlette Student-Athletes will know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest and respect the outcome.

## STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The rules, regulations, and expectations found in this handbook are in effect every day of the calendar year, regardless if the Student-Athlete is in season or if school is in session.

It is expected that the Student-Athlete **AND** their parent/guardian will read and understand this handbook and commit themselves to the philosophy and culture of the Marlette Community Schools Athletic Department.

1. **The Student-Athlete shall abide by all rules and regulations set forth in the Marlette Community Schools Student/Parent Handbook and by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.** A violation of any of these rules and regulations will be considered a violation of this Athletic Code and Policy

2. **On the field:** The Student-Athlete's behavior must always be beyond reproach: always showing **respect** for opponents, officials, and spectators

3. **In the classroom:** Student-Athletes shall put forth their best effort in the classroom as well as on the field. Classroom behavior and performance are important responsibilities for all students, including athletes

4. **In the community:** The way Student-Athletes look and act is of great importance. Student-Athletes should take pride in their appearance and be **leaders** who inspire others to respect and follow them

5. The Student-Athlete must also demonstrate respect and take **pride** in the equipment and facilities by helping to properly maintain and care for school property

All Marlette Student-Athletes shall put forth their best effort, **physically and intellectually**. In this endeavor to win, however, the Student-Athlete must realize that it is honorable to lose and must learn from and accept defeat. The Student-Athlete must always adhere to the rules of the game; fair play should always supersede their desire to win. The Student-Athlete must realize that they represent not only themselves but also the coaches, teachers, parents, community, and the school.

## MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CODE

A Student-Athlete is **defined** as anyone who:

1. Is, or has been, a member of any interscholastic athletic team or club
2. Is, or has been, a member of any support group of interscholastic athletics, such as cheerleaders, team managers, student athletic trainers, etc.

Any Student-Athlete who wishes to participate in athletics **must** have a MHSAA physical examination card on file **before** they can participate. This includes tryouts, practices, contests, etc.

Any Student-Athlete who wishes to participate in athletics **must** have a signed Marlette Community Schools Athletic Contract on file **before** they can participate. This includes tryouts, practices, contests, etc.

### Athletic Department Contacts

Athletic Director - Chris Clark - 989-635-4904

Baseball	Dave Hayden	Soccer – Girls	Jon Dimock
Basketball – Boys	Chris Storm	Softball	Sarah Kady
Basketball – Girls	Cathy Storm	Track & Field – Boys	Chris Storm
Cheer	Jill Bell	Track & Field - Girls	Cathy Storm
Cross Country	Chris Titus	Volleyball	Brandi Bishop
Football	Denny Lester	Wrestling	Cal Hayward
Soccer - Boys	Dave Hayden		

### Academic Eligibility

Student-Athletes shall meet the following academic standards in order to participate:

1. Grades will be checked every Monday throughout the school year, beginning with the second Monday of the school year, and periodically during the school week
2. Student-Athletes are required to maintain at least a passing grade (D- or better) in **ALL BUT ONE** of their classes to be considered academically eligible
3. If a Student-Athlete is failing two or more classes at a grade check, they are academically ineligible until the next grade check
  - A. **A Student-Athlete who is academically ineligible may participate in practice and team events, may travel with the team, but may not leave school early or compete in contests**
4. If a Student-Athlete becomes academically ineligible, they may be required to attend tutoring two days a week until eligible
  - A. If the Student-Athlete fails to attend the required tutoring, they may be dismissed from the team(s)
5. Student-Athletes shall be subject to all MHSAA requirements not covered in this subsection

### Attendance

On the day of an athletic contest or practice, while school is in session, the Student-Athlete must attend school for at least one half of the day and have an excused absence for any missed class time to participate in the contest or practice.

1. The Student-Athlete must be present **three full class periods** to be considered in attendance for one half of the day
2. Prior approval from the Athletic Director is required if a Student-Athlete is going to be absent for more than one half of the day due to extenuating circumstances. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis
3. If a Student-Athlete is not required to be physically present at school, they do not need to attend in order to participate
  - A. E.g., days when the Sanilac Career Center is not in session, or after seniors have been dismissed for the year, etc.

### Dual Sport Participation

Student-Athletes in grades 9-12 may participate in two sports in the same season. Coaches cannot tell a Student-Athlete they may not dual sport. Although scheduling conflicts may arise, coaches shall take no action to purposefully make it more difficult to practice, compete, or earn playing time as a dual sport participant.

In order to be a dual sport participant, the Student-Athlete must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a **Dual Sport Contract** and submit it to the Athletic Director before they participate in both sports
2. The Student-Athlete and their parent/guardian must meet with both coaches before they may participate in both sports
3. Declare a primary sport before the season begins. This includes tryouts, practices, contests, etc.
  - A. The Student-Athlete must commit to the primary sport in the event of scheduling conflicts. If the scheduling conflict regards one sport having a contest and the other having practice, the contest will take precedence
  - B. Only in extraordinary circumstances, conflicts of same day events may be resolved by the coaches and Student-Athlete. If the conflict cannot be resolved, the Student-Athlete may request the Athletic Director make the final determination

### Participation Fee

A Student-Athlete cannot participate in contests until their participation fee has been **paid in full** according to the following schedule:

1. High School  
    \$30 per season
2. Junior High  
    \$20 per season

**No Student-Athlete may join a sport or change sports within a season, after the first competition has occurred, without approval from the Athletic Director.**

Student-Athletes must return all equipment that is issued. If the equipment is not returned or is damaged through misuse, the Student-Athlete may be required to pay for its replacement. **The Student-Athlete will not participate in subsequent seasons until previously issued equipment is returned or the required replacement cost is paid in full.**

### **Quitting a Sport**

Any Student-Athlete who quits a sport without informing their coach is not allowed to join another sport within the same season.

1. Dual sport participants who quit a sport after the first contest has occurred, without informing the Head Coach of that sport will be ineligible to compete in either sport.

If a Student-Athlete who previously quit a sport now wishes to return to that sport in the same season, they must have a joint meeting with the Athletic Director and Head Coach prior to returning to team activities. If allowed to return, the Student-Athlete will serve a one contest suspension during the next contest.

Any Student-Athlete, including a dual sport participant, who is removed from a team due to disciplinary issues is not allowed to participate in any other sport within the same season.

### **Varsity Letter**

Student-Athletes who participate in a sport shall receive their varsity letter upon completion, in good standing, of the varsity season.

1. Completion of the season includes being eligible and present during at least 50% of the contests and also includes the time period from the final contest up to and including the sports awards program
  - a. Sports that do not have a Junior Varsity team may have additional requirements to receive a varsity letter
2. A Student-Athlete who is serving a suspension, is academically ineligible at the end of a season, or was eligible or present for less than 50% of the contests may be considered in good standing and eligible to receive a varsity letter by appealing their status to the Head Coach

### **Conflict Resolution**

Student-Athletes and their parent/guardian should use the **24 hour rule**. Please do not approach the coach during or directly before/after the contest. When an issue arises that is appropriate for discussion, the coach will welcome the chance to discuss it.

### **Appropriate Issues**

The following topics are considered appropriate issues to discuss with coaches:

1. Expectations during practices and contests
2. Strategies for the Student-Athlete to improve

3. Availability of academic support
4. The treatment of the Student-Athlete, mentally and physically
5. Concerns about the Student-Athlete's health, wellness, and/or behavior
6. Ways to **earn** playing time, but only with the Student-Athlete present at the meeting

### **Inappropriate Issues**

The following topics are considered inappropriate issues to discuss with coaches:

1. Team strategy
2. Play calling
3. Other Student-Athletes
4. Demand for increased playing time

### **Training Violations**

Detailed information related to a possible training violation must be presented to the Athletic Director and/or Jr./Sr. High School Principal, in writing. Once presented to the Athletic Director, the information will be used to investigate the credibility of the alleged violation. Unless presented with indisputable physical evidence, any information presented anonymously will be shared with the Student-Athlete and their parent/guardian for informational purposes only.

If the information is deemed credible and warrants further investigation, the Athletic Director will inform the Student-Athlete of the charge or violation. The Student-Athlete will be given the option to contact their parent/guardian before offering information or evidence in their defense. If it is found that the Student-Athlete has committed a training violation, notification will be made to the parent/guardian describing the violation and the action to be taken by the Athletic Director.

Any final action and/or decision rendered by the Athletic Director may be appealed to the Superintendent, as per Step 4 of the Complaint and Appeals Process found within this handbook. **Only the alleged violation may be appealed. Penalties for committing violations cannot be appealed.**

Training violations are cumulative. Violations that occur during the Student-Athlete's Junior High career (grades 7-8) will not count toward the number of offenses once they begin their High School career (grades 9-12). All training violations are cumulative during the Student-Athlete's High School career.

### **Training Violation A**

Convicted of a misdemeanor. Conduct unbecoming a Marlette Student-Athlete. This includes but is not limited to stealing, sexual harassment/misconduct, seriously/dangerously inappropriate behavior.

### **Training Violation B**

Substance abuse in any form, such as, but not limited to, the use and/or possession of tobacco/nicotine products, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, alcohol, controlled substances, performance enhancing drugs, drug paraphernalia, volatile chemicals, etc.

## Penalties for Training Violations A and B

### 1. First Offense:

- A. The Student-Athlete will not participate in 10% of the next **consecutive** scheduled contests
- B. Percentage totals shall be converted to the number of whole contests missed based on the number of regular season contests scheduled in the current season
  - i. Fractional contests shall be rounded to the nearest whole number with X.5 being rounded up
  - ii. The number of whole or partial contests missed shall carry into the post-season. After the team has played its last contest of the regular and post-season, any remaining **percentage total** shall carry over into subsequent seasons
- C. At the coach's discretion, the suspended Student-Athlete may continue to participate in practice and team events, may travel with the team, but may not leave school early or compete in contests

### 2. Second Offense:

- A. The Student-Athlete will not participate in contests for the remainder of the current season **and** the first 25% of the next athletic season. In order to be reinstated, the Student-Athlete must complete a prescribed counseling program by an approved, licensed therapist
- B. At the coach's discretion, the suspended Student-Athlete may continue to participate in practice and team events, but may not travel with the team or compete in contests

### 3. Third Offense:

- A. Immediate suspension from all athletic participation for one calendar year. In order to be reinstated, the Student-Athlete must complete a prescribed counseling program by an approved, licensed therapist
- B. **Expulsion from Marlette Community Schools will be considered and treated as a third offense**

### 4. Fourth Offense:

- A. Immediate and permanent suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student's high school career

## Training Violation C

Selling/distribution of drugs, marijuana, performance enhancing drugs, volatile chemicals, etc.

## Training Violation D

Convicted of a felony

## Penalty for Training Violations C and D

An immediate and permanent suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student's high school career.

## Complaint and Appeals Process

Complaints must be made within 10 business days of the incident. **However, the following chain of communication must be followed:**

Step 1: Start with the Source

- A. The Student-Athlete will speak directly to their coach. This meeting should be done away from other Student-Athletes and should be conducted face-to-face. Student-Athletes who do not feel comfortable speaking to the coach individually may request a parent/guardian to be present. **However, the meeting should be conducted by the Student-Athlete**

Step 2: Move to the Program Head

- A. This step is only necessary if the issue pertains to a subordinate or assistant (i.e. assistant coach, JV coach, freshman coach, etc...). If the issue is not resolved by speaking to the source, the Student-Athlete should notify the head of the program and they shall attempt to facilitate a solution. If the "source" is also the head of the program, move to step 3.

Step 3: Contact the Athletic Director

- A. If an agreeable solution is not reached, the Athletic Director will conduct a meeting between the parties in an attempt to find a resolution

Step 4: Appeal to the Superintendent

- A. After meeting with the Athletic Director, individuals who still believe their disputes have not been resolved adequately can submit a written narrative of their complaint to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may decide to conduct a meeting in an attempt to resolve the dispute or may decide to render a decision based on the information provided

Step 5: Request School Board Mediation

- A. This final step is appropriate only in extremely rare and unusual circumstances. The School Board has discretion on whether or not to hear an appeal



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## ATHLETIC CONTRACT

I, the undersigned Student-Athlete, have read and understand the rules, regulations, and expectations as outlined in the Marlette Community Schools Athletic Handbook. I further understand that I must comply with these rules, regulations, and expectations in order to participate in athletics at Marlette Community Schools.

I also understand the rules, regulations, and expectations as outlined in the Marlette Community Schools Athletic Handbook are in effect every day of the calendar year, regardless of whether I am participating during a season or if school is in session.

I further understand the rules, regulations, and expectations as outlined in the Marlette Community Schools Athletic Handbook are in effect for my entire Jr./Sr. High School career, from the signing date of my first Athletic Contract until my graduation from school and completion of my final season.

### Parent/Guardian:

**I acknowledge that by signing the MHSAA physical card, permission has been given for medical treatment to be administered on an emergency basis to my Student-Athlete.**

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Printed Name of Student-Athlete

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Signature of Student-Athlete

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

Please sign and return this form to the Marlette Community Schools Athletic Director



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## DUAL SPORT CONTRACT

I, the undersigned Student-Athlete, intend to participate as a dual sport participant and agree to the following terms:

1. I and my parent/guardian must meet with both coaches before I may participate in both sports
2. Declare a primary sport before the season begins. This includes tryouts, practices, contests, etc.
3. I must commit to the primary sport in the event of scheduling conflicts. If the scheduling conflict regards one sport having a contest and the other having practice, the contest will take precedence.
4. Only in extraordinary circumstances, conflicts of same day events may be resolved by the coaches and Student-Athlete. If the conflict cannot be resolved, I may request the Athletic Director make the final determination.
5. I will give my best effort to both sports. I will attend practices, contests, and team events. I will commit to the philosophy of both coaches and will make every effort to be a good teammate.
6. I understand that if I quit a sport after the first contest has occurred, without informing my coach, I will be ineligible to play any sport for the remainder of the season.

Primary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Student-Athlete

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Signature of Student-Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Athletic Director

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Date