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Maple Heights Athletic Department

Conduct of Student Athletes

The student who wishes to become a candidate for an athletic squad, including cheerleading squads, must be willing to accept the guidelines, rules and regulations which govern the activity in which he/she wishes to participate. The student, likewise, may expect that said guidelines, rules and regulations shall be clearly outlined at the beginning of each season by the coach so that no misunderstandings may later occur. Such guidelines shall include rules in effect such as attendance at practice sessions, requirements for earning awards, training rules, and statements concerning contests and practice sessions which may occur during school vacation or holiday periods

Training Rules

Expectations of Coaches

1. The coach of a sport is expected to present to each squad member a written statement of guidelines, training rules, regulations, and receive a written acknowledgement from the student that he/she understands them and the penalties that may be imposed for breaking the rules.
2. Although coaches will set training rules that are unique and pertinent to their sport, the rules and the penalties for breaking them shall be consistent and in common with all of the rules set by coaches directing interscholastic athletic programs.

General Training Rules

1. The student athlete may not use at any time during the athletic year any tobacco product.
2. The student athlete shall not possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drug, or amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind. Use of a drug as authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician shall not be considered a violation of this rule.
3. The student athlete shall not intentionally cause or attempt to cause substantial damage to valuable school property or steal or attempt to steal school property including, but not limited to, athletic equipment, uniforms and supplies.
4. A student athlete shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to valuable private property, or steal or attempt to steal private property.

5. No student athlete shall use any form of abusive or profane language or gestures toward a coach, teacher, administrator, authorized participant, official or spectator.
6. All student athletes shall comply with specific training rules and regulations for their sport distributed to them by the coach or director at the beginning of the season.

Penalties

Failure to abide by the aforementioned responsibilities and requirements shall result in disciplinary action by the Athletic Department. Each case shall be considered on an individual basis according to the circumstances.

Areas Where Rules and Regulations Apply

Student participants must recognize that while participating in an athletic activity they are representing their school and community. Athletic rules and regulations, therefore, apply while students are engaged during the athletic activity year.

Withdrawal of Privilege to Participate in Athletic Activity

1. When the school believes that the student's conduct requires that he/she be denied the privilege of participating in the sport, the student should be given written notice of the intent to deny him/her participation and a statement of the reasons.
2. The student shall have the opportunity to appear before the Athletic Director. The student will be given an opportunity to explain his action or present mitigating circumstances.
3. After considering all of the information presented, the Athletic Director shall decide whether the student should be denied the privilege of continued participation. The Athletic Director may recommend a denial or participation for a limited period of time or deny participation for the remainder of the season.
4. The student and his or her parents may appeal the decision of the Athletic Director to the principal. The student may be represented by his parent, or other representatives of his choosing at the hearing.
5. The principal shall schedule the hearing and determine the procedures to be followed. After reviewing all information the principal may affirm the Athletic Director's action, may reinstate the student or otherwise reverse, or vacate or modify the action of the Athletic Director. The principal's decision shall be in writing and transmitted to all involved parties.

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