

Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Student Athlete Parent Code of Conduct



Character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship. The highest potential of sports is reflected in six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a parent/guardian of a student athlete at Okanagan Mission Secondary. I will follow all of the conditions of the **Parent Code of Conduct** listed below.

- * I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the children above any desire to win.
- * I will help my child understand the valuable lessons sports can teach them and in doing so understand that my child should not withdraw from a team once committed to playing, except under serious circumstances.
- * I will remember that school sports focus on personal development, relationships, hard work and team work.
- * I will ensure my child is ready to participate in games and practices at the specified time.
- * I will inform the coach of any ailment or disability that will affect my child's safety.
- * I will be a positive role model for my child by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators on or off the area of play, in every game, practice or other team-related event.
- * I will remain outside the area of play. I will not approach the bench during a game, or practice, unless requested.
- * I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team
- * I will not participate in sideline gossip with fellow spectators.
- * I will never criticize a player for making a mistake -- mistakes are part of learning.
- * I will respect the officials and their authority during a game and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the area of play. If necessary I will respect the 24 hour rule (wait until the following day) to speak with the coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- * I will demand that my child treat all other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.

I agree that by signing the Code of Conduct, I accept its rules as guidelines for my behavior as well as that of my student athlete. I agree that if I fail to abide by the Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, or school administration
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
- Parental season suspension

Sincerely

OKM Athletic Department

OKM Administration

Student Athlete Name _____ Sport _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____