



Albany Huskies Athletics and Activities

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of this code is to develop parental support and positive role models in all Albany Huskies athletics and activities. The purpose of all Albany Huskies athletics and activities is to help your child grow and to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of each student. Parents/Guardians are an integral part of this process.

EXPECTATIONS: As an Albany Huskie parent/guardian I agree to:

- *be familiar with the Albany Huskies MSHSL Athletics & Activities Handbook found on the school website
- *display PURPLE PRIDE by always being a positive role model for my student, school and community and demonstrating GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP through positive attitudes and behaviors
- *show respect for all participants, officials/judges and advisors/coaches and follow the Albany Athletics and Activities and MSHSL Sportsmanship and Behavior Policies
- *assist in providing for student safety and welfare at all times
- *expect my student to attend school and perform academically
- *discourage the use of and inform my student about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- *not put my child in the bad position of having to split or choose their loyalty between you and their coach by voicing negative opinions and concerns in front of them. This is not a positive action for your child, other athletes, the team or program.
- *adhere to the following Albany High School Athletics and Activities chain of command and protocol when addressing concerns. These steps should be followed in order to resolve concerns at the lowest level possible, each step should be completed before moving on to the next. Students, parents and coaches/advisors are all strongly encouraged and expected to maintain open lines of communication.
 1. Student with Coach/Advisor
 2. Parent/Student with Coach/Advisor
 3. Parent/Student with Coach/Advisor and AD
 4. Parent/Student, Coach/Advisor, AD and High School Principal
 5. All Parties and Superintendent
 6. All Parties and School Board
- None of the above steps should be attempted before, during or immediately following any practice, game or activity - times that can be emotional for both parents and coaches. If you desire a meeting, an appointment should be set with all necessary parties involved.
- The complaint/issue should be put in writing to help clarify the concern and ensure that all understand it.
- Playing time, team selection, team strategy, play calling and other sport specific decisions will be determined by the coaching staff/advisors and will be decided at their discretion.
- Calls to coaches, advisors or school officials should be directed to school phone numbers or email addresses.
- Data privacy rules will be followed at all times, other students will not be discussed.
- The student should be involved in this process to make sure communications are clear and not misstated or misunderstood between any of the involved parties.
- Respectful communication is expected at all times between all parties involved. If at any time the meeting becomes confrontational it will be ended and rescheduled.

*Team / Athlete / Coaching areas (field/court, sidelines, bench, etc) are off limits to non-team members during practices and games unless prior arrangements have been made with the AD or Coaching Staff. Interactions should only occur when needed for an emergency, injury or extenuating / unique circumstance or situation.

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE MINIMAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR COMPETITION

- * Respect the American flag and the National Anthem.
- * Spectators must wear clothing that covers the entire torso. Those who do not comply or who wear clothing that is vulgar, obscene or that in some other way inappropriate, as determined by school/tournament personnel, will be removed from the arena/stadium if they do not cooperate with this behavior expectation.
- * The use of appropriate language is expected at all times. Profanity, negative chants, booing, trash talk, name calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable and must be immediately addressed by school and/or tournament administrators.
- * Respect the game/contest. Under no condition shall anyone other than the members of the official squad enter the playing surface. No one may interfere with the contest in any way.
- * Hand held signs, which do not obstruct the view of others, will be permitted provided they are in good taste. Signs, message boards, "white" boards or other similar items contest/tournament officials deem to be in poor taste will be removed.
- * Signs on sticks, balloons, or any other type of artificial, celebratory items are not permitted.
- * Artificial noise makers (i.e. megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks, and other similar items) are not allowed.
- * Laser lights are strictly prohibited.

GRANITE RIDGE CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP CREED/RULES

Sportsmanship is expected in all activities. It is the responsibility of coaches/advisors, participants, cheerleaders, students, adult spectators, officials and media. Promotion of sportsmanship at activities should include a demonstration of respect for opponents and officials. Rules of the event should be respected and skill and performance should be recognized regardless of school affiliation. Sportsmanship is a cornerstone of any quality activity program.

The following rules will be adhered to:

- * No throwing of objects onto playing surface.
- * All signs and locations for signs must be approved by the home site supervisor or administrator. Only signs of a positive nature will be permitted.
- * No profane or abusive cheers, gestures, spitting or chanting by individuals or groups.
- * Fighting is prohibited.
- * Use of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
- * Artificial noise makers (cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks, etc.) are not allowed.
- * Band playing collectively or individually during the game is limited to time outs, intermissions and quarter breaks. This includes all musical instruments, i.e. drums, trumpets, etc.
- * Official cheerleaders and a mascot only allowed on the floor. Mascot must stay in the area of the cheerleaders. No other leaders of cheers will be allowed on the floor.
- * At all Conference events, where a public address is available, the rules for sportsmanship shall be summarized or read.
- * Masks or costumes that disguise identity are not permitted.
- * Students without shirts or students wearing shirts that are vulgar, obscene or demeaning will be removed.
- * Laser lights are not allowed.

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Everyone involved with any athletic or activity contest or event either at Albany High School or in which our teams or programs are involved is expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and ethical behavior. All contests should be conducted in a safe, fair and controlled atmosphere for athletes, officials and fans alike. Any acts of misconduct will not be tolerated and may result in removal with no refund of admission. Unsportsmanlike behavior from spectators can result in penalties for our teams, groups and participants and may result in offenders being excluded from future events/contests. Unsportsmanlike acts of misconduct may include but are not limited to:

- *those listed above in the MSHSL and Granite Ridge Conference behavior expectations/rules
- *throwing of objects onto the playing surface or in the stands
- *behaviors deemed dangerous
- *behaviors that interfere with the right of others to observe the game
- *possessing, consuming, using or being under the influence of chemicals
- *use of profane, obscene or abusive language or gestures, posters or banners which show disrespect for teams, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, bands or other performing groups
- *entry onto the playing surface or team areas at any time before or during the contest
- *interfering with the participating teams and coaches as they conduct their duties