

# MKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Student Athlete Code of Conduct

*This document presents MKA's expectations for its Middle School student athletes. Taking ownership of this process benefits and strengthens our athletic programs. Please read the document carefully and discuss it at home before agreeing to the guidelines.*

As a student athlete, you agree to the following:

1. I will make my best effort to be on time and prepared for practice and games.
2. As a member of the team, I will be courteous, respectful, and practice good sportsmanship to teammates, opponents, teachers/coaches, and officials. I understand that good sportsmanship is a must. Criticizing, blaming or disputing with my teammates, coaches, opponents, or referees will not be tolerated. A coach may limit an athlete's playing or practice time if the athlete exhibits poor sportsmanship by way of language/attitude, or if the athlete exhibits any form of harassment.
3. I understand that it is a privilege to represent the MKA Middle School and proper behavior is required in class, practice, and athletic contests.
4. I will use appropriate language at all times.
5. I will be respectful of MKA's and other schools' staff members and facilities; this is proper behavior as a representative of MKA. Theft, vandalism, and rude behavior will not be tolerated.
6. I will be alcohol, drug, and tobacco (including e-cigarettes) free. Any athlete who uses drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during the athletic season, whether in or out of school, will be suspended from the team.
7. I understand that commitment to practice and games is expected. Athletes should communicate any scheduling conflicts with the coaches. Unexcused tardy appearances, missed practices, or competitions may result in the athlete missing playing time.

8. I understand that all team members are required to support their team(s) for the entire contest(s) unless communicated with the coach prior to the event.

Being a student athlete requires more than being a team member. It often causes demands that may require personal sacrifices. Being a team member is a privilege. If an individual athlete is willing to put the needed effort into athletics, he/she will be rewarded for those efforts.

It is a goal of our school to have an excellent community, school, and athletic programs of which we can all be proud. Consequently, violation of the school rules is not acceptable. All MKA student athletes must abide by the MKA Honor Code and Code of Conduct that are found in the Middle School Student /Parent Handbook.