

**APS/JCMS “ZERO TOLERANCE” and 24-HOUR RULE**

To address inappropriate behavior/speech on and off the field, the courts, or the stands by athletes, coaches, and parents. We expect EVERYONE to behave in a professional, courteous manner; there is “Zero Tolerance” for anyone exhibiting inappropriate behavior.

Respect is expected from & towards coaches, opponents, referees, parents, teammates, and school property at all times. Our teams are expected to be exceptional JCMS representatives at all times, including contests at home and away. Individuals destroying or stealing property will face restitution, possible charges, and suspension from Athletics. Derogatory comments and/or swearing is inappropriate during school and games. If the behavior or speech of an athlete or parent is deemed unacceptable by the Administration, Athletic Director, or Gym Master, the athlete and/or parent will be suspended from for the remainder of the season.

If you would like to speak to the coach regarding your player’s playing time or game strategy, things can quickly get heated and out of control. This is the reason we are using a “24 Hour Rule.” Waiting 24 hours before contacting the coach gives parents and coaches a “cooling off period,” i.e. a time to put things in perspective.

If you do not choose to adhere to the “24-Hour Rule,” you are suspended from your child’s next game. On the second incident, your student-athlete is suspended for the next game.

We ask that you respect the coach’s space and give the situation 24-hours. If you feel that you need to speak to someone other than the coach, feel free to contact the Athletic Director.

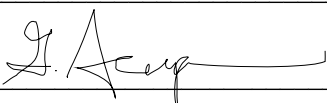
In addition, coaching players from the stands only confuses the players when they’ve learned a specific system or routine. Invariably, players try to please parents before listening to coaches, and they play out of position or out of routine thus causing a great deal of problems for the rest of the team. Each player has a job/function and needs to fulfill that function for the team to be successful.

By signing this document, all parties infer an understanding of the Zero Tolerance and 24-Hour Rule Policies and will abide by them. Parents & student-athletes, please sign these and return to your Head Coach.

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Athletic Director:  \_\_\_\_\_