

## CODE OF ETHICS

### BLUE SPRINGS R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CODE OF BEHAVIOR AND STUDENT CONSENT AND WARNING

If I am selected to represent a Blue Springs or Blue Springs South High School Activities program, I will sincerely endeavor to contribute my best to the success of that program. Therefore, I agree to abide by the provisions of the following "Code of Ethical Behavior". I am also aware that if I do not live up to this agreement, I must accept the consequences, which may include dismissal from the activity in which I am participating.

I realize that if school policies are violated, the procedure and penalties of those policies may take precedence over or be in addition to those described in the following rules of conduct for participants. This policy is in effect from the first day of summer vacation, to the last day of school.

#### I. GENERAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- A.
  1. Student must meet all MSHSAA standards of scholarship, eligibility, school attendance, etc.
  2. Student must be a good citizen.
  3. Student must be responsible for proper use and return of all equipment entrusted to him/her.
  4. Student must create, promote and maintain the elements of good sportsmanship.
- B. Penalties for violation of any of the preceding is determined by the Coach and/or Activities Director.

#### II. DRUG POSSESSION OR PARAPHERNALIA, USE OR ABUSE, INCLUDING USE OF ALCOHOLIC OR CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES, TOBACCO, OR THE USE OF OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED OR POLICE ARREST.

- A. Any violation of the above will result in:
  1. **First offense:** parent will be notified and athlete will be suspended for 20% of contests or regular season scheduled activities that student participates (Example: if an athlete plays varsity and junior varsity football, it would be 20% of each schedule. The athlete would sit out both the varsity and junior varsity game that week.)
  2. **Second offense:** parent will be notified plus suspension from all extra curricular activities for the rest of the year.
- B. If any offense violates School Board or Student Handbook policy, the student is subject to penalties of the policy. In all cases, Board of Education school policies supersedes any code of ethics policies.  
(If any of these offenses occur on school property, or at school events, the student could be expelled or suspended from school for up to 180 days.) Any school suspension will be penalized under the progression of the code of ethics and will apply against the following sports season that the student is involved.

\*On any suspension, the participant will be referred to the school's "CHOICES" program for possible assessment of rehabilitation.

The purpose of the Code of Ethical Behavior is to allow the student the privilege and honor of being part of a successful organization, to give the student an opportunity to become a better competitor, and to instill in each student the sense of responsibility for their conduct.

**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS:**

In signing this agreement, you as a parent or guardian are giving permission for the designated student to participate in organized high school athletics/activities, even though you are aware of the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. Even with the best coaching, the use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death.

**\*\*I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE. ALL DECISIONS BY THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS POLICY ARE FINAL.\*\***

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DATE

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN

**EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS:** Your enthusiasm as a spectator includes a vital responsibility for good sportsmanship. Your habits and reactions determine the quality of sportsmanship, which reflects upon our school and our community. Parents are expected to:

- A. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- B. Respect, cooperate and respond to cheerleaders.
- C. Respect school property and authority.
- D. Show respect for opponents and opposing coaches and fans.
- E. Show respect for players who are injured.
- F. Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach (even if you disagree).
- G. Respect the judgment of game officials (even if you disagree).
- H. Avoid profane language and obnoxious behavior at all times.
- I. Avoid applauding errors or penalties of the opponents.
- J. Refrain from heckling, jeering or distracting opponents, including distracting behavior during the shooting of free throws.
- K. Refrain from being critical of players, coaches or officials for a loss.
- L. Refrain from throwing objects on the playing area or in the bleachers.
- M. Avoid stomping of bleachers or the use of artificial noisemakers.
- N. Refrain from using cheers that taunt or ridicule opposing players, coaches, cheerleaders or spectators.
- O. Refrain from booing or showing displeasure with game officials or game activities.

**I certify that I have read and understand the above expectations and information related to sportsmanship. I understand that I am a role model for my son/daughter and that I represent our school and our community when I attend an activities function. I also understand that if I do not comply with the above listed responsibilities that I may forfeit my privilege of attending future activities involving our school.**

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Date

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Parent's signature