

## **Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Code of Conduct**

The following Millbury High School Athletic rules, regulations and expectations of conduct are to be adhered to by all interscholastic team members:

1. Any athlete who, in the opinion of his/her coach, the Athletic Director or the principal, has acted in a way which violates the spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork, or the positive nature of competition, may be suspended or dismissed from the team. This is not limited to on-field behavior.
2. Attendance is mandatory at both practices and games. All absences from practices or contests must be approved in advance by the Head Coach. Missing a practice because of detention is not an excused absence.
3. Family vacations are not excused absences, and we ask that every effort be made by families not to schedule such vacations during school sports season. Students who miss practices or games for this purpose are not guaranteed playing time upon their return.
4. No athlete may participate in any way with his/her team on any day in which he/she is absent from school. Students absent from school on Friday may not participate on that day or during the weekend. Students absent on the day preceding a vacation, may not participate on that day or the vacation days.
5. Athletes who miss more than half of the school day, per the attendance policy, or who leave school grounds during the school day without permission, are considered absent.

NOTE: Student-athletes are reminded that Millbury High School is an academic institution and that a full day of classes is expected of all students. If it is believed that student-athletes are abusing the "1/2 Day Rule," coaches and administrators may deem them ineligible.

6. Courtesy and obedience must be shown to all staff members and officials. Disrespect or a lack of sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Any such violations may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the head coach.
7. All team members must go and return on the team bus for every athletic contest unless granted permission by the athletic department. In order for permission to be granted a **signed** "Travel Release Form" must be presented at least one day prior to the scheduled event. The form must also indicate which parent/guardian is transporting the student athlete. No permission will be given without parent signature.
8. Destruction or vandalism of personal, athletic, or school property will not be tolerated. Confirmed violation of this rule shall result in suspension or dismissal from the team, depending on the severity of the act.
9. Student-Athletes are responsible for all equipment or uniforms issued to them. Student-Athletes who lose or damage equipment will be required to pay replacement costs for comparable equipment. Future athletic participation may be disallowed until proper return of equipment is adhered to.
10. Student-Athletes are expected to represent their team and school in a positive and respectful manner when attending school sponsored events as spectators. Any athlete whose actions as a spectator are deemed inappropriate may be subjected to a suspension or ultimate dismissal.
11. Hazing is illegal and will not be tolerated in any form. Please reference the Athletic Department Hazing Policy for intended consequences.

12. No student-athlete will be allowed to practice or play unless the athletic office has deemed the student academically eligible through the process of checking grades as well as physically eligible which requires a physical exam within the last 13 months to be on file with the nurse's office.
13. Student-Athletes will report all injuries to their coaches. If a player visits a doctor for an injury sustained through participation in Millbury High School athletics, that athlete will not be allowed to resume participation without completing the MIAA Return to Action Form.
14. Parents/guardians are responsible for picking up their children at the conclusion of games and practices. The supervisory responsibilities of team coaches within the town of Millbury conclude at the end of practices or games. For out-of-town competitions, the supervisory responsibilities of coaches conclude once the team has returned to MHS.
15. Millbury High School will adhere to the consequences of the MIAA Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco use policy however MHS has adopted a zero tolerance policy which supersedes this policy. Any MHS student athlete who, after investigation, is deemed to have been present at a place where drugs, alcohol or tobacco were used will adhere to the consequences of the MIAA rule.

\*It is important for both students and parents to be aware of the dangers associated with posting photos on internet websites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Several times in recent years MHS student-athletes have served athletic suspensions for photos which show students violating the substance abuse policy. Students and parents need to be aware that these sites are only semi-private and can lead to serious problems if not maintained in a respectful manner.

16. The Head Coach may make suspension and/or dismissal decisions for infractions of the athletic code of conduct. Appeals may be made to the athletic director.