



DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

-Mid-Pacific Athletics Expectations of Athletes' Parents-

Cooperation among coaches, athletes, parents and school personnel is essential if students are to realize the values of participation in athletics at Mid-Pacific Institute. Like coaches and athletes, parents must make commitments to our athletics program to assure such cooperation. Please read this document and sign the **Mid-Pacific Emergency Information & Participation Consent Form** to indicate your compliance with the set guidelines. The completed and signed registration forms must be submitted at the conclusion of the athletic program parent meeting unless arranged otherwise with the athletic office.

Mid-Pacific Athletics – Parents' Pledge

As a Parent of an athlete at Mid-Pacific Institute, I promise:

- To accompany my child to as many athletic events, including parent meetings, potlucks, and awards/recognition events, as my schedule permits.
- To drop off and pick up my child promptly before/after practices and athletic contests as my schedule permits. If I cannot personally assume responsibility for my child's transportation, I will make arrangements for my child to be picked up and/or dropped off in advance.
- To work closely with coaches and other school personnel to assure an appropriate academic as well as athletic experience for my child while he or she attends Mid-Pacific Institute.
- To assure that my child will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests.
- To require my child to abide by the **Mid-Pacific Athletics Student Athlete Agreement** and rules set by coaches.
- To acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.
- To promote responsible and respectful behavior from students and parents during athletic events.
- To work cooperatively with other parents and school personnel to assure a wholesome and successful athletic program for our school.
- Not to attend athletic events under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



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Parental Sportsmanship and Conduct

Good sportsmanship is expected from all members of the Mid-Pacific Athletic Program: student-athletes, coaches, alumni, spectators, and parents. Coaches, in particular, are expected to serve as role models and act professionally at all times. The same expectations apply to our program's parents.

Behavior such as berating, humiliating and/or taunting of coaches, players, officials, parents, as well as any racist, sexist, and/or profane comments will not be tolerated. Coaches and officials should be treated with the same respect accorded to any professional. Coaches put in much time for very little financial compensation and often coach to pass on their love and knowledge of the sport. It cannot be expected that your children respect coaches and officials if you do not.

Communication between student-athletes, parents, and coaches is important. It is appropriate for such communication to express concerns about your child's improvement, your child's conduct and behavior, and his/her emotional/physical development, etc. It is not appropriate to discuss professional and/or personnel issues with a coach (e.g. strategy, play calling, and student-athletes other than your own).

If you, as a parent, have a concern, express it at the appropriate time and place. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for coaches, parents, and children. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution but may promote conflict. The following steps are deemed to be appropriate and necessary in the healthy resolution of any areas of concern:



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Expressing Concerns to the Coach/Staff Members

A. Have your child speak to the coach:

Sometimes the coach is unaware of your child's concerns or feelings. It is vital to teach our students how to communicate with adults in a mature manner rather than automatically turning situations over to a parent. This is part of the maturing process. Obviously, the ability to manage this varies; nonetheless it is something children need to learn.

B. Arrange an appointment to speak with your child's coach:

If the matter is important enough to warrant a consultation with the coach, then an appointment should be made. It is inappropriate to just "drop in" without regard for the coach's schedule. If difficulties arise, the Athletic Director can coordinate the appointment.

C. Arrange an appointment with the Athletic Director:

In all but the most serious of circumstances, it is expected that student-athletes and parents will have attempted to reach a successful resolution via the first two steps before involving the administration. Such a meeting with the Athletic Director shall involve a full and rational statement of the circumstances. The Athletic Director will then investigate the situation and arrange a subsequent meeting which may also involve the coach. It would be anticipated that any meeting involving the coach and student-athletes' parents would result in the Athletic Director arbitrating a successful resolution. If an area of conflict remains, the Athletic Director shall consult with the Middle School Principal, High School Principal, or President and arrange any further meetings.

Mid-Pacific Athletics Parental Code:

I understand that, if my child is selected to be a part of the Mid-Pacific Athletics Program, he or she has made a commitment to the team and I will remind them of this commitment. I also understand that I need to commit to the responsibilities that accompany my child joining the athletic program. Other than exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury), I will ensure that he/she will practice and compete with the team for the entire season. I understand that there is a need for two-way communication with both the coaching and athletic staff. I will reply to e-mails and messages and return any paperwork and payments in a timely manner.

I understand that if I choose to break any of the established rules and/or expectations set by the Mid-Pacific Athletic Program, I am subject to appropriate consequences that may include: probation, suspension from games/practices, removal from athletic venues, or exclusion from all Mid-Pacific athletic events for the remainder of the season, the school year or even permanently.