

## MALAKOFF ISD ATHLETIC CODE

### **Mission Statement**

It is the purpose of the Malakoff ISD Athletic Department to complement the academic program with a quality athletic program. To this end, we will strive to teach character lessons through competitive athletics, which will hopefully, enhance the learning environment for athletes who participate in the program. Participation in Interscholastic League events is a privilege, **not a vested right**. The authority to remove or deny a student's participation in a sport or event rest with the Coach/Sponsor and Athletic Director. As coaches, we expect that our athletes conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that will reflect positively on the athletic program, the school and the community. We expect our athletes to be positive role models for the entire student population.

### **General Guidelines**

Athletes who behave in a manner, which reflects poorly on the athletic program, will subject themselves to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action which may be taken includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

Extra physical training as assigned by the coach.

Missing one or more future contests.

Suspension from athletics for a period of time specified by the coach.

Expulsion from the program.

Combinations of actions listed above.

Athletes are expected to set the example for the rest of the student body.

They are expected to be well behaved and well groomed. Boy's hair may not be longer than three inches, and facial hair will be at the coach's discretion.

The athletic department will strive to be as fair and equitable as possible in the administration of disciplinary action. However, each athlete's case will be evaluated on an individual basis. The department will take such action as it feels is in the best interest of the athlete and the program.

### **Grading Policy**

Athletes will be given a grade that will be based on participation, attitude, dress, and promptness.

### **Absences for Extracurricular Events**

Students are limited to the number of absences they are allowed to attain **in each class** to participate in extracurricular activities. The total number of days varies by a student's grades. A student is allowed a maximum of 10

absences if they are passing all subjects. A student who has a yearly average of 80 or above and a grade no lower than a 75 in the current six weeks may be permitted two additional absences. A student who has a 90 yearly average and no grade lower than an 85 in the current six weeks may have 4 additional absences for a total of 14. Post-district competition does not count towards a student's cumulative absence.

### **Academics**

Athletes are expected to perform in the classroom as well as on the field. Any athlete that needs to attend sessions for tutoring or detentions before or after school must complete that commitment before participating in practices or games.

### **Travel with the Team**

Athletes may ride home from an athletic event with their parents. The coach must have a note delivered by the parents, stating that the athlete is riding home with them. Coaches may use a sign out sheet for parents to sign.

### **Quitting a Sport**

If an athlete quits a sport or is released from the team, he or she must sit out the first 25 days of the next sport they choose to compete in. They will not be allowed to participate prior to the completion of the sport they quit and must run a minimum of 50 black/gold halos, eggs or other conditioning before they can participate in competition. This will carry over from school year to school year. An athlete will have 7- day grace period to decide if they want to play without being penalized. The athletes must talk to the coach of the sport he or she is quitting. This will give the coach the opportunity to explain the consequences of quitting, and hopefully, keep the athlete from making a "heat of the moment" decision that may be regretted later. If a student quits in the middle of competition, they are subject to suspension for the rest of the school year, depending the severity of the incident. Any other situation will be at the Athletic Directors/Girls Coordinators discretion.

### **Re Entry**

Students wishing to re-enter the athletic program will be subject to the following: coach's approval, black/gold halos, probationary period for grades/conduct.

## **Absences**

If an athlete is not going to be at practice, the coach must be notified before that day's practice begins. The coach of each sport will designate the number for that athlete to call for notification of absence. Unexcused absences from school- refer to General Guidelines.

## **Letter Jackets**

Student athletes will receive a letter jacket after completing two years of a varsity sport or after completion of their junior year of athletics if in good standing.

## **Parent Concerns**

If a parent has a "coaching concern"... these are the steps to follow:

Step 1: After 24 hours of the event, in which the "concern" happened, schedule a meeting with the coach during his/her conference period.

Step 2: Meet with the Coach and Athletic Director/Coordinator

Step 3: Normal chain of command (principal and superintendent)

## **Expectations for Parent Behavior**

Parents are to encourage their children to show good sportsmanship. Parents must also display good sportsmanship and respect for coaches, officials and opponents. Failure to do so could result in a parent or spectator not being allowed to attend extracurricular events. Attending MISD athletic events is a privilege and not a right. A first offense will result in a parent or spectator being removed from the event. That individual will then not be allowed to attend the next event in that sport or extracurricular activity. A second offense will result in that individual not being allowed to attend the remainder of that sport's season or extracurricular activities. A third offense in the same year will result in that individual being banned from all MISD athletic and extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

**Disciplinary Action-** Following disciplinary action taken by the school for on and off campus incidence, other than the student drug testing on campus: Alcohol-(First offense) The athlete will run 50 -100 halos or 10 fifty yard eggs before competing in the next Contest. The athlete will not be able to return to competition until running is completed. (Second Offense) Removal from the program for 6 school weeks, which may extend into the next school year. (Third Offense) Automatic removal from all athletic programs for 90 school days (1 Semester).

Drugs- (First Offense) Possession or use of illegal drugs of any type will result in removal from the program for 60 school days, which may extend into the next school year. (Second Offense) Removal from the program for 1 year and the athlete must enroll and complete an Accredited Drug Counseling Program.

\*Failure of a drug test will follow the MISD drug policy as well as result in suspension from at least a contest; at the Athletic Directors discretion.

Tobacco- Athletes are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products. (First Offense) Parent notification & 5 fifty yard eggs. (Second Offense) Parent notification & 10 miles. (Third Offense) Parent notification, 15 fifty yard eggs & miss the next contest. (Fourth Offense) Subject to removal from the athletic program for 1 semester. All of these offenses will be at the Athletic Directors discretion.

Felony Offenses- See section 37.006 Texas Education Code- each case will be reviewed on an individual basis and disciplinary action will be taken as deemed necessary. Athletes detained or incarcerated for violations of the law may be suspended from participation in athletics pending resolution of the case. Upon being found guilty, the athlete will be removed from athletics for one semester.

Misdemeanor Offenses-(other than traffic violations) each case will be reviewed on an individual basis and disciplinary action will be taken as deemed necessary and in accordance with the athletic policy. Athletes detained or incarcerated for violations of the law may be suspended from participation from athletics pending resolution of that case.

For certain circumstances, athletes will be placed on athletic probation. Athletic probation means that any future serious offenses or any series of minor offenses may result in expulsion from the athletic program. After an athlete is placed on probation and another violation occurs, the athlete will be subjected to an intense review of his or her performance and attitude to determine eligibility to remain in the program. The athletic department reserves the right to institute any other such rules and/or procedures as may be necessary to ensure smooth and efficient operation of the athletic department along with the “well being” of all athletes. Any other such regulations will have the approval of the principal and/or superintendent. Parents and athletes have the right to appeal decisions with which they do not agree. The appeals process is outlined in board policy, which may be, obtained from the office of the principal or superintendent.

The Athletic Code was prepared to inform the Malakoff ISD athletes and their parents of the expectations during their participation in the Malakoff ISD Athletic Program. The intent of this code is to establish as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the guidelines of the athletic department.

I Agree to comply with the above rules and regulations.

Athlete's printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_