

## **Athlete Code of Conduct**

**To be completed by the athlete.**

**I hereby pledge to honor and support Manhattan Christian School by adhering to the Athlete Code of Conduct as stated below.**

- **I will strive to honor God with my words, actions, and play.**
- **I will be a God-glorifying student in the classroom.**
- **I will use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with other athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.**
- **I will not taunt my opponent or be arrogant or boastful in my celebrations.**
- **I will not condone or utilize tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.**
- **I will arrive on time for all practices, meetings, and contests, with only emergencies, church activities, major family events, and illness being acceptable reasons for tardiness or absence.**
- **I will communicate with my coaches regarding issues of injury, illness or expected absence before practice either by phone or in person.**
- **I will communicate to my parents any necessary team information.**
- **I realize that glorifying God with my play requires me to care for my body with proper practice, nutrition, and rest.**
- **I will play by the rules of the sport, demonstrating and encouraging good sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat.**
- **I will not leave the game site without seeking to shake the hand of my opponent and thanking the officials.**
- **I will be a good steward, being respectful of the property and facilities of our school and any other school I visit. I will be diligent in picking up after myself.**
- **I will be responsible for any uniform or equipment checked out to me and will return it, washed and in the same condition I received it, in a timely manner at the conclusion of the season. Any item not returned will be charged to me at the current replacement cost.**
- **I will be honest. I will not lie, steal, or cheat.**
- **When I have a conflict with a teammate or my coach, I will follow the principles outlined in Matthew 18.**
- **I will humble myself to the good of the team. I will pursue understanding my role on the team, do it with excellence and strive to do more.**
- **I will seek to encourage and assist my teammates in becoming better athletes and human beings.**
- **I will seek to glorify God with the talents he has gifted me with.**
- **I will treat, with Biblical respect, my coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, parents, and spectators.**

## **Parent Expectations**

**To be completed by the athlete's parent/guardian.**

**Parent Commitment: As a parent of a student athlete, I am making an investment in my child and in the total athletic program.**

**I commit myself to the following:**

- **I will read, adhere to, and promote the Athletic Mission and Vision Statement of Manhattan Christian School.**
- **I will cheer in a positive manner exhibiting Christ-like behavior.**
- **I will attend mandatory athletic meetings for each sport prior to the start of each season.**
- **I will supervise my other children at all times at home and away games.**
- **I will fulfill my obligations, as a parent of an athlete, to assist with fund raising as requested by the Friends of MCS.**
- **I will pick up students on time after all practices and games.**
- **I will be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches, or officials.**
- **I will release my athlete to the coach, team and the sport and will support my child**
- **I will let the coaches coach and resist the temptation to coach before, during or after the contest.**
- **I will never approach a coach, athlete, referee, or school official regarding a ruling on the field of play, or during the competition.**
- **I will discuss concerns with the coach, only if my child has already addressed these concerns with the coach, and never address the coach during or immediately after a practice or contest. I will make an appointment and meet with the coach and my child.**
- **I will maintain the Matthew 18 principle of going directly to the source of my concerns, if there are issues. Being mindful first to bring my concerns before the Lord in prayer.**
- **If my student athlete takes issue with a coaching decision, I will advise them to talk with their coach regarding their feelings.**
- **I will maintain perspective and be in control of my emotions.**
- **I will avoid making derogatory remarks while in a public place and support the program while in the presence of my athlete and other fans.**
- **I will focus on performance and effort of the student athlete, not on outcome. Winning or losing does not define success.**
- **I will pray with my student athlete to encourage them to glorify their Lord and Savior on and off the playing field.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PART OF THE FORM TO MCS.**

***I have read and agree with the above Athlete Code of Conduct, and the Mission Statement of the Manhattan Christian Athletic Department. I will exhibit the will to win and play with everything I have in order to honor God with every fiber of my being. I understand that it is a privilege to play and I need to be thankful for the opportunity.***

**Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the above Parent Expectations. I have also read the Manhattan Christian Athletic Department Mission/Vision/Goals, Athlete's Code of Conduct.***

**Athlete's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's  
Signature(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_