

**Horizon Community Middle School
Athlete Code of Conduct**

Representing our school, as a member of a sports team is a privilege that student athletes must accept with a full sense of responsibility. Along with this, it should be understood that you represent our school, and the image one demonstrates will be regarded as the standard for the school. It is the desire of the school administration and the involved coaches that the image for Horizon Community Middle School is of a positive nature, and one that will enhance the image of Horizon both inside and outside our community. This accepted kind of behavior and attitude is expected to be shown in the classroom, school and on the field/court and/or mat. Our expectations are that every participant follows these expectations. This will ensure a positive experience for everyone involved.

A. General Behavior

- a. **Language:** The use of profane or improper language is not acceptable. Extreme verbal outbursts show a lack of self-control and immaturity; these reflect on the school as well as the individual.
- b. **Attitude:** There is an expectation that all athletes be courteous, mature, cooperative, and respectful at all times. Individuals should conduct themselves with the knowledge that they, alone, are responsible for their own actions.
- c. **Actions:** Students athletes are to be leaders of the schools. Athletes who receive referrals resulting in suspension will be required to work with the Athletic Director, Dean and Head Coach to return back to their team.

B. Appearance/Dress Code

- a. Team member should present a neat appearance at all functions pertaining to their activity. This includes proper practice uniform and a neat and orderly appearance for all games, as well as the immediate return of all uniform items issued.
- b. Student athletes are expected to adhere to Horizon Community Middle School's dress code policy at all times during school and at school sponsored events. Multiple dress code infractions could result in suspension from the team

C. General Commitment

- a. **Academics:** Realizing that academics are the priority of the middle school years, students are expected to maintain acceptable standards of academic achievement. Academic responsibilities include attendance, punctuality, cooperation, appropriate behavior, respect for teachers and fellow students, and a genuine effort on all class work, homework, and tests. Individuals struggling in a subject should seek extra help.
- b. **Practices and Games:** Team members must demonstrate a commitment to the program by attending practices and games and must be on time every day. Athletes realize the importance of game preparation. Regular practice includes being on time, properly dressed and assisting with equipment needs.

Parents who attend their sons/daughters games are encouraged to support our Code of Conduct. While attending games and supporting your children, parent behavior should be in line with the expectations we have in our code of conduct for our athletes.

Any disregard or violations of the code of conduct should result in suspension or removal of the student for the activity that he/she is involved in.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date