

## ATHLETIC CODE FOR MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

1. *This Athletic Code is in effect for all **twelve (12) months** and applies to **all** athletes of Marlette Community Schools.*
2. **ATHLETE DEFINED:**  
Is, or has been, a member of any interscholastic athletic team:  
Is, or has been, a member of any support group of interscholastic athletics, such as cheerleaders, team managers, student athletic trainers, wrestlerettes, etc.
3. An athlete shall meet the following academic standards in order to participate in the athletic or cheerleading programs:  
**A: Must maintain at least a current 2.0 GPA to be eligible.** Eligibility will be run each Monday, any student who is ineligible will receive a card showing their current grades. If they feel there are any discrepancies, they have until Tuesday morning @ 9:00 a.m. to return the card to the Athletic Director with an updated grade signed by the teacher. If they fail to do so, the grades will stand as printed. If an athlete falls below a 2.0 he/she will be ineligible to participate in competition during the time period of Tuesday through the following Monday after eligibility checks are made. Fall sport athletes will be ineligible during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of their sport if their GPA is below a 2.0 at the end of the last marking period of the previous school year. This does not apply to incoming freshman. Students who are ineligible at the end of a marking period will not be able to regain their eligibility until after one week into the new marking period. A student who is ineligible will not be allowed to leave school early should their team have an early dismissal time. Also, the school will not provide transportation to or from the event for these students.  
**B:** All Michigan High School Athletic Association rules not covered by Item A.
4. Any athlete who wishes to participate in athletics must have a physical examination card on file before he/she can participate.
5. Any athlete who wishes to participate in athletics must have a signed Athletic Code on file before he/she can participate.
6. An athlete **cannot** participate in their first contest of each season until their participation fee has been paid: **\$30/season-High School; \$20/season-Junior High**
7. An athlete may participate in more than one sport per season upon the approval of the coaches and parents involved. ***The athlete must complete a Dual Sports Request Form and turn in the Athletic Director.*** The athlete must identify their primary sport prior to the beginning of the season. The coaches involved will develop a written agreement regarding expectations of the athlete.
8. No athlete may participate in a scheduled activity if a known unexcused absence occurs for any part of that day. An athlete must attend **three (3) full classes** that day to be eligible to participate. Friday's attendance will govern all weekend competitions. The only exception will be the athlete who is excused **with a statement from one of the following: funeral, doctor, dentist, orthodontist or school-related.**
9. All athletes must return all equipment that is issued. It is expected that the athlete will take good care of the equipment and be responsible for its care. If the equipment is damaged through misuse, the athlete will be expected to pay for the damage.
10. An athlete may receive his/her varsity letter only upon completion (in good standing) of their respective sport. **Completion of the sport includes the time period from the final contest, up to and including the sports awards program. An athlete who is serving a suspension may be able to end the season in good standing by completing professional counseling or community service as outlined by the Athletic Council.**
11. **An athlete will not compete in the next season's sport's season until previously issued equipment is turned in or paid for.**
12. **No athlete may change sports within a season after the first competition has occurred without the approval of both coaches and the Athletic Director.**
13. **TRAINING VIOLATIONS:** (All training violations are cumulative during the student's high school career.)  
**Training Violation A:** Stealing in any form, in or out of school (including athletic department equipment).

**Training Violation B:** Substance abuse in any form, such as but not limited to the use and/or possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes (nicotine & vaporizers), alcohol, drugs of any form, drug paraphernalia and volatile chemicals and performance enhancing drugs.

**PENALTIES FOR TRAINING VIOLATIONS A & B**

- 1. First Offense:** An athlete will not participate in 50% of the **consecutive** scheduled contests. An athlete may sign a contract agreeing to complete twenty-five (25) hours of community service, and receive counseling by an approved, licensed therapist, in order to reduce the number of suspensions by half.
- 2. Second Offense:** Suspension from all athletic participation. In order to be reinstated after one calendar year, the athlete must complete fifty (50) hours of community service and complete a prescribed counseling program by an approved, licensed therapist. **Expulsion from Marlette Community Schools will be considered as two (2) offenses.**
- 3. Third Offense:** An immediate and permanent loss of all athletic participation for the remainder of the athlete's high school career.

**Training Violation C:** Selling/distribution of drugs, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and/or volatile chemicals and performance enhancing drugs.

**Training Violation D:** Convicted of a felony.

**PENALTY FOR TRAINING VIOLATIONS C AND D:** An immediate and permanent suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student's high school career.

- 14. Reporting of Training Violations:** Reporting must be submitted to the Athletic Director in writing, outlining in detail, the violation. The Athletic Director will contact the student's parent/guardian prior to speaking with the student about the violation. The alleged violation will be reviewed and investigated before a decision is made.
- 15. Appeals channel:**
  - 1. Superintendent:** If a parent and or athlete questions the validity of the initial decision, they may appeal to the Superintendent in writing, within five (5) school days. During the appeals process, the athlete **will not** participate in any competitions until the appeals process is completed.
  - 2. Board of Education:** If parents and/or athlete are not satisfied with appeal results from the Superintendent, they may appeal to the Board of Education, in writing, within five (5) school days. The Board will review the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During the appeals process, the athlete **will not** participate in any competitions until the appeals process is completed.
- 16. All offenses must be served in their entirety before the athlete becomes eligible to participate.**

**This Athletic Code is in effect for the entire Jr./Sr. High School career from the signing date of the first Athletic Contract until graduation from school. Any Junior High athletic code violations, however, do not carry over to their high school record. There is no distinction between in-season and out-of-season participation.**

I have read the Athletic Code carefully. I understand that this Code applies to all athletes, regardless of age. I further understand that this Code is for my information and I am expected to comply with the terms whether or not I am in agreement with them.

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Athlete Signature	Athlete Printed Name	Date
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Date

This must be signed and returned to the Athletic Director, along with a physical card, showing proof of having taken a physical examination, prior to a student's participation in our athletic program.

**8/12/15**