**Athlete Contract Agreement**

**Marine Creek Middle School Athletics**

**2025-2026**

The purpose of the Marine Creek Player Contract is to ensure that all administration, coaches, players, and parents have an understanding of the athletic program expectations regarding integrity, discipline, and commitment to the program. Every athlete that signs the contract will be held accountable for upholding the expectations discussed in this contract. The following are the expectations set forth by the athletic program that players must abide by to remain in good standing with our program.

**Behavior**

* Athletes will follow school, classroom, and athletic directions without question.
* Negative reports received from a teacher will result in conditioning to reenforce athletic expectations. Repeated behaviors could result in a behavior contract.
* Players who receive ISS will not be allowed to participate in that days practice or game.
* Any student who receives OSS will receive an automatic 1 game suspension.
* Any player who is assigned ADC will be removed from their sport and could be removed from athletics all together (at coordinators discretion).
* Any behavior outside of the school that we are made aware of that is not a positive reflection of the athletic program will be subject to disciplinary action at the coaches/coordinator’s discretion. This could include extra conditioning, reduced playing time, missed games or removal from a team.

**Grades**

* It is the athletes responsibility to stay on top of their grades, and to communicate with teachers about missing assignments, tutorials, or re-takes if needed.
* UIL No Pass-No Play Rule: Athletes must be passing all classes with a 70 or better at the end of each 6 weeks. If a player fails a class, they will become ineligible to play.
* At the 3 week grade check a player must be passing ALL classes with a 70 or better to regain eligibility. If they are not passing all classes at this time, they will remain ineligible for the remainder of the 6 weeks.
* Failing a class at the 6 weeks mark could result in not being allowed to try out for a sport, or being removed from a team if already on a team.

**Attendance**

* Athletes are expected to attend all practices and games.
* Repeated (2 or more) missed practices will result in reduced playing time/ game suspension.
* Missed games without communication will result in removal from the team.
* MCMS athletics takes priority over any outside organization/team. Missing a school activity for an out of school activity will result in reduced playing time.

**Equipment**

* Athletes must wear their MCMS athletic uniform or assigned practice gear every day.
* Game day uniforms will be worn as the coach says. No long sleeves, leggings, arm sleeves, etc., without coaches’ approval.
* NO JEWLERY is allowed (earrings, necklace, watch, bracelet, etc.)
* Athletes are responsible for all equipment and uniforms assigned to them.
* Athletes will pay to replace equipment or uniforms that are lost, stolen, or intentionally damaged beyond repair. They will not be allowed to tryout for another team until the items have been returned or replaced.

**Injuries**

* If a player sustains an injury, it must be reported to a coach immediately. Coaches cannot help if they are not made aware of an injury as soon as possible.
* An EMS ISD trainer will be contacted if the injury is on-going, or pain in severe.
* In the event of a major injury, a doctor’s visit will be recommended.
* Coaches will adhere to all doctors’ notes, and trainers return to play protocols.

**Parents**

*Communication*

* If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your sons coach by phone or email.
* If a parent has an issue that needs to be discussed, please allow 24 hours before contacting coaches. Approaching a coach after a game with an issue is not acceptable.
* Chain of communication if more than 1 meeting is needed: MCMS Coaches, MCMS Athletic Coordinator, CTHS Athletic Coordinator, MCMS Principal/ EMS ISD Athletic Directors.
* Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:
  + Ways to help player improve
  + The behavior of the athlete
  + Unfair treatment of a player
* Inappropriate issues to discuss with coaches:
  + Playing time
  + Team strategy/game plan/starting lineups
  + Other students or players on the team

*Parent Behavior at Games*

* Parents are welcome to cheer at games but must do so in a positive manner.
* Parents will not attempt to give instructions to players (including their own child) during games.
* Openly criticizing any coaches, players, other fans, or referees will not be tolerated.
* The use of inappropriate, degrading, or vulgar language is not allowed.
  + First offense- Inappropriate behavior or disruption will result in a warning to the parent/fan and possible suspension from the game.
  + Second offense- Parent/fan will be removed from the game and will not be allowed to attend any future EMS ISD games or event for the remainder of the year.

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I understand the policies and procedures of the EMS-ISD and MCMS Athletic Department. I am also aware of the consequences for violating said policies. If at any time I have questions regarding the handbook or this contract, I will address these questions to the Coaches/Coordinator. I understand that the Athletic Coordinator and coaching staff will enforce these policies, procedures, and consequences.

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**Athlete Signature Date**

As a parent, I have read and understand the policies and procedures of the EMS-ISD and MCMS Athletic Department. I agree to abide by the rules and expectations set forth in this document, while also being aware of the consequences for violating said policies. If at any time I have questions regarding the handbook or this contract, I will address these questions to the Coaches/Coordinator of Marine Creek Middle School.

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**Parent Signature Date**

\_\_Anthony Valle\_\_

**MCMS Boys Athletic Coordinator**