



# Coffenberry Middle School Athletic Participation Contract



We believe in the highest standards of conduct and scholarship. We insist on exemplary behavior and leadership from every coach, participant, parent, and spectator that they may serve as an example. Remember we represent our school and community when at these events. Please keep these guidelines in mind while attending events.

**Please cheer for your team’s successes and not the opponent’s failures.** Have a spirit of good sportsmanship by making positive comments throughout the season.

**Don’t coach from the stands,** during a competition it is important for the athlete to be focused and take direction from the coach.

**Playing time is determined by the coach** based on; practice, attitude, team contribution, and ability.

**Encourage your athlete to talk to the coach about sport issues.** By assuming this responsibility, your athlete is claiming ownership for all aspects of the sport. If you have concerns that cannot be resolved in this manner, speak privately with the coach at an appropriate time-- **not before, during or after a game.** A secondary resource is the school principal.

**Remember this is middle school athletics; not the pros.** The main purpose is to develop fundamental skills and give our athletes an opportunity to compete as a team. Remember that winning is just “icing on the cake”. We believe the real importance of athletics lies in building solid values, pursuing individual excellence, and learning skills to work with others in a team effort. These lessons last a lifetime, far longer than the glory of victory or the sting of defeat.

**Cooperate with referees and school officials.** We do not use professional referees; many of these men and women are learning on the job and are there for the kids. Remember they are human and may miss a call here and there, but they are trying their best. Any verbal abuse from the crowd will be grounds to be dismissed from the event. Yelling at referees or school officials will not be tolerated.

**Athlete’s Code of Conduct-** Our athletes are in-training for life as well as sports. It is essential that parents and the school work as partners to ensure that Coffenberry athletes are drug-free and that our athletes are held accountable for their academic performance and their behavior on and off the field.

In addition to regular school discipline, athletes that do not follow school rules will have the following limitations on athletic participation.

Minor Violations (Actions Resulting in a Detention)	Major Violations (Action Resulting in Suspension or ISS)
1 <sup>st</sup> - Coach assigned consequence	
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Loss of ¼ of next competition	1 <sup>st</sup> - Loss of 20% of Season
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Loss of ½ of next competition	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Off Team for Remainder of Season
4 <sup>th</sup> - Becomes Major Violation	
5 <sup>th</sup> - Becomes Major Violation	

\*Two unexcused absences from practice will result in termination from the team.

\*Athletes must maintain a 2.00 GPA and have no U's from previous quarter.

\*Accumulation of three discipline issues resulting in suspensions during a school year will make the athlete ineligible to participate for the remainder of the school year.

We agree to abide by the rules and guidelines listed above while participating in athletics at Coffenberry.

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Print Students Name                      Athlete Signature                      Date                      Parent Signature                      Date