

Massachusetts Charter School Basketball League

Fundamentals of Sportsmanship Contract

The major benefits derived from a child's participation in competitive athletics are the development of sportsmanlike attitudes and values such as honesty, fair play, and citizenship. Having a good attitude, being a good winner and loser, respecting the official's decisions, playing by the rules and giving maximum effort are commonly considered good sportsmanlike conduct. In youth sports settings, important role models for children include parents, coaches, officials, and professional athletes. Sportsmanship is an honorable quality that desires to be courteous, fair, and respectful. It is a blending of cheers for the "home team" and applause for the "visitors", observing the letter and spirit of the rules, and showing consideration for opponents. It is playing by the code of conduct, "treat other participants and spectators as you would want to be treated." In consideration of being allowed to participate in MCSBL activities, participant and parent hereby agree to be bound by and follow the following code:
Fundamentals of Sportsmanship:

1. Show respect for the opponents, the officials and all facilities.
2. Refrain from any acts or threats of acts of physical violence against any person.
3. Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the game.
4. Do not use or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while at MCSBL events.
5. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation.
6. Be no party to the use of profanity, obscene language or improper actions.
7. Instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanlike responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
8. Maintain self control and set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
9. Refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators.
10. Abstain from throwing any objects in disgust.

PLAYER AND PARENT REPRESENT THAT THEY HAVE READ AND DISCUSSED TOGETHER MCSBL'S FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP. WE AGREE WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT OURSELVES CONSISTENT WITH THIS CODE AND HEREBY PLEDGE TO DO SO. WE AGREE THAT FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY MCSBL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SUSPENSION FROM ANY MCSBL ACTIVITIES. PARENT AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS MCSBL AND ALL ITS OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL DAMAGES AND COSTS ARISING OUT OF PLAYER'S OR PARENT'S VIOLATION (AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF MCSBL) OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT. WE ALSO WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SUE OR RECOVER DAMAGES AGAINST MCSBL OR ITS OFFICERS OR REPRESENTATIVES ARISING OUT OF ANY PARTICIPATION IN MCSBL ACTIVITIES. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT FOR ALL FUTURE MCSBL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH PLAYER PARTICIPATES.

Team Name: _____ Division: _____

Signatures:

Player: _____ Parent: _____

Printed Names: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____