

Minford High School  
Athletic Code of Conduct

Statement of Philosophy

The following statements are consistent with the Minford School System and should be sought:

1. To promote an appreciation for and love of home and country
2. To develop staunch moral character and appreciation for spiritual values
3. To develop respect for duly constituted authority
4. To develop a genuine concern and thoughtful consideration for the welfare and rights of others regardless of race, creed or station in life
5. To develop a disciplined approach to the varied responsibilities of life
6. To promote an appreciation for good health habits and physical well being
7. To undertake the vocational adjustment of youth and guide them into avenues for which they show aptness and fitness

Code of Conduct

1. The Code of Conduct follows athletes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
2. Students participating in extra-curricular activities at Minford High School are under the authority of the Minford High School Code of Conduct. When there is a conflict in rules, the High School Code of Conduct is supreme.
3. Coaches may apply rules and regulations that are more stringent than the Code of Conduct, but not less.
4. Minford High School adheres to the OHSAA academic and eligibility requirements. Students must also maintain a 1.0 GPA.
5. Arrest and Conviction-Any athlete arrested and charged with a felony will be suspended from playing privileges until the charges are dropped, dismissed, or otherwise resolved. A student-athlete convicted or pleading guilty to a felony shall be dismissed from the team.
6. Changing Sports in Mid-season. A student who is a member of an interscholastic team may not quit the team and join another during the same season or quit and participate in strength and conditioning for another sport unless it is agreed upon by both coaches and the athletic director. There is no appeal.
7. Suspension. A student may not participate in any game or practice while serving an out of school suspension. Students may participate if serving an in-school suspension.
8. Equipment and Uniforms. Any athlete who knowingly defaces facilities, or alters equipment belonging to the Minford Local School District or another school district, or whose careless or irresponsible actions result the loss of that equipment is required to make restitution. Any athlete refusing to comply with this request will be prohibited from participating on an interscholastic team until restitution is completed. Athletes must return all uniforms and equipment at the completion of the sport's season. Any athlete failing to turn in their equipment or uniforms without permission from the head coach shall be prohibited from participating on an interscholastic team until the items are returned.
9. Student-athletes should display good sportsmanship at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior is subject to discipline by the coach, principal, or athletic director. Repeated unsportsmanlike behavior may result in removal from the team.
10. Student-athletes may not at any time during the season use any tobacco products including smokeless tobacco. In addition to discipline detailed in the student code of conduct, athletes shall also be subject to the following steps:
  - First Offense: Warning
  - Second Offense: Denial of participation for 10 days from the date of the incident
  - Third Offense: Indefinite suspension from the team, reinstatement at the head coach's discretion no sooner than 10 days
  - Fourth Offense: Denial of participation in all high school athletics for one school year from the date of the infraction
11. Athletes shall not while in season use, purchase, transmit, sell, or have in his/her possession in any alcohol or illegal drugs.
  - First Offense: Denial of participation for 10 days from the date of the incident, reinstatement at the head coach's discretion
  - Second Offense: Indefinite suspension from the team, reinstatement at the head coach's discretion no sooner than 10 days
  - Third Offense: Denial of participation in all high school athletics for one school year from the date of the infraction
12. Absence at practice. Athletes who have a valid excuse for practice may still be subject to non-participation in the next contest and may be subject to conditioning to make up for the conditioning missed during practice. Students who miss practice without a valid excuse will be subject to non-participation in the next contest. Continued unexcused absence may result in suspension and dismissal from the team.
13. Theft. Any athlete who is found guilty of theft against his/her teammates, school property, or property from another school shall be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to: out of school suspension, restitution or game suspension. A second offense will result in dismissal from the team.