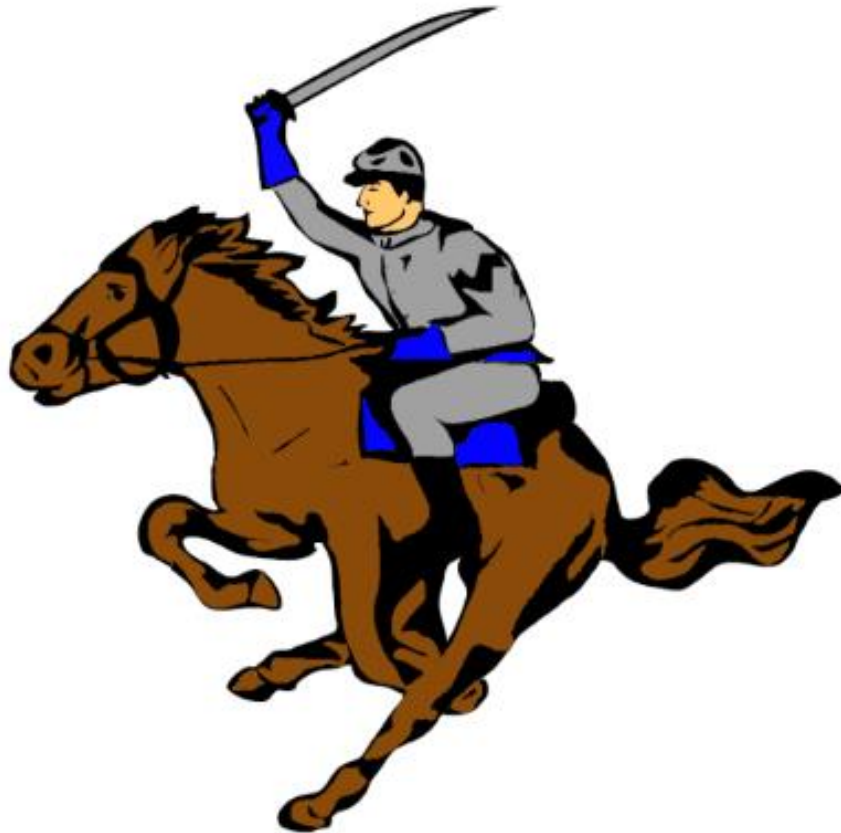


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INTRODUCTION

Participation in extracurricular activities, including athletics, is a privilege and not a right. This manual is written to provide information to the Morgan Jr. High and High School athletes and staff in all sports. It is intended that information contained herein will be communicated to athletes and parents/custodians in an effort to provide more consistent administration of the athletic program in Morgan Local Schools, and to create a public awareness of the responsibilities athletes and coaches have to the program. For purposes of this manual, "participants" refers to any individual who is trying out for or participating on an athletic team, regardless of whether the participant is enrolled in the Morgan Local School District. A participant is deemed to be an "athlete" for purposes of the Morgan Local Schools Athletic Handbook once the participant is notified by the coach/designee that the participant has made his/her first team. Thereafter the participant is deemed to be an athlete for the remainder of his/her career. It should be recognized that athletes represent themselves, their team, Morgan Local School District, and the community as a whole; therefore a year round code of conduct has been established for student athletes. The term "athlete" includes cheerleaders.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Eligibility standards are set by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Board Policy, and state law. It is important that athletes meet all eligibility requirements for participation, and athletes are encouraged to consult with their coaches or the Athletic Director to ensure that all requirements are met.

All participants must meet eligibility requirements as stated below.

- A. In order to be eligible to participate in our school sponsored athletic programs, a participant must have passed the equivalent of 5.00 units of credit for the previous nine week grading period, with the exception that a first-time seventh grader will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement.
 - 1. If a course is blocked, double the credit to be earned.
 - 2. If a course is a year course, give that credit earned.
- B. An athlete must be ELIGIBLE in order to participate in SCRIMMAGES OR CONTESTS.
- C. If any athlete becomes ineligible at the conclusion of a season, the athlete cannot earn a letter or any other awards.

Students that are homeschooled in the grading period prior to participation must meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of home instruction to be eligible to participate. Any student who commences home instruction after the beginning of a school year and who is, at the time home instruction commences, ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity due to failure to meet academic standards or any other requirements of the district shall not participate in the extracurricular activity until the student meets the academic requirements established by the state board of education for continuation of home instruction as verified by the Superintendent of the District. No such student shall be eligible to participate in the same semester in which the student was determined ineligible. Eligibility for students who leave a school district mid-year for home instruction shall be determined based on an interim academic assessment issued by the district in which the student was enrolled based on the student's work while enrolled in that district.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION I - Morgan Athlete Expectations

- A. A participant otherwise eligible to participate in Morgan Athletics as of the participant's first day of practice of the first Morgan sport in which he/she participates is identified as an athlete.
- B. All athletes must begin each sport season on the first day of official practice unless still involved in a sport from the previous season. An athlete that moves into the district may be allowed to participate in an in-season sport, depending on whether the athlete meets eligibility requirements.
- C. Each athlete must determine if he/she will be able to meet the commitments of time, expense, and transportation, for the duration of the season. Work and/or vacation are not acceptable reasons for missing practice and/or games. These absences may be deemed unexcused.
- D. All athletes must travel to and from activities with the team unless written permission is given and approved by the Head Coach. Where the athlete is traveling from an activity separate from the team, he or she must check out with a coach prior to departure.

SECTION II - Athletes Participating in Two Activities in One Season

- A. An athlete must notify their Athletic Director prior to the beginning of the season they plan to be a two sport athlete.
- B. The athlete, their parents/guardians, Athletic Director and all coaches involved must have a meeting to discuss expectations and schedules prior to the beginning of the season.
- C. Failure to meet the above deadlines may restrict the athlete from participating in two sports.
- D. An athlete must choose a primary sport. This sport will come first if both sports have games or practices at the same time.
- E. Coaches can use the following as the rule for attendance of their two sport athletes.
 - 1. Game of primary sport
 - 2. Game of secondary sport
 - 3. Practice of primary sport
 - 4. Practice of secondary sport
- F. An athlete must attend all practices possible. In the event that practices are at different times the athlete is required to attend both practices.
- G. Coaches will make all decisions regarding playing time.

SECTION III - Bus Conduct

To prevent unnecessary delays, participants who ride a bus must be at the designated "point of safety" at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. The bus drivers are responsible for the bus and the safety of all passengers on the bus; therefore, their directions must be followed. The driver may assign seats. Misconduct on a bus will result in the driver reporting the incident to the principal/assistant principal. The principal/assistant principal, upon the driver's recommendation, will take action. According to Board Policy, the bus driver can suspend athletes from riding any Morgan Local bus.

Depending on the infraction, athletes may be subjected to bus discipline, school discipline, and athletic team discipline.

Driver Responsibilities:

1. Drivers will establish procedures for seating, loading and behavior.
2. A driver shall have the authority to take such means as may be necessary to control disorderly
3. conduct of athletes.
4. Drivers will report discipline problems and/or bus damage to the building administrator.
5. A driver may request that a disorderly athlete be denied transportation.
6. Possession of tobacco products is not permitted.
7. Drivers are not permitted to make stops (other than for emergencies) at any place except pick-up
8. points for athletes as shown on the bus time schedule. Other stops can be made only when
9. authorized by the principal or transportation supervisor.
10. Athletes will not be left on a bus unattended.
11. Drivers are to treat athletes and parents with dignity and courtesy in expectation that such
12. treatment will bring the same behavior toward them.

Athlete and Parent Responsibilities:

1. Athletes and parents must assume that school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right.
2. Athletes will ride on assigned buses.
3. Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of athletes while going to and from pick-up
4. points and for meeting the bus on time.
5. Eating/drinking and littering are not permitted on buses, unless eating/drinking is required for
6. medical reasons.
6. Possession and/or use of tobacco or tobacco products are not permitted on buses.
7. Noise must be kept to a minimum to assure safety of operation. Absolute quiet must be
8. maintained at railroad crossings and other dangerous areas.
8. Nothing shall be thrown out of the bus nor can anything be held so it extends out of the
9. window.
9. All parts of participants' bodies must be kept inside the bus at all times.
10. Athletes shall not stand up or be out of his/her seat while the bus is in motion.
11. While athletes are riding on the bus, objects that may interfere with safe operation (i.e. animals, balloons, firearms, explosives, etc...) shall not be transported.
12. Athletes may transport items (i.e. musical instruments, class projects, etc...) if they can be held
13. in the athlete's lap and do not block the driver's view.
13. Athletes shall be required to perform rear door emergency evacuation drills and will be
14. supervised by the driver.
14. No electronic devices, headphones, etc. may be used on the bus unless permission has been
15. granted by the driver.
15. Parents are responsible for the transportation of their athlete when he/she is suspended from
16. the bus.

BUS DISCIPLINE STEPS:

1. Warning – Parents contacted
2. Bus Suspension – One day, emergency removal by driver
3. Bus Suspension - Removal from bus for a period of time to be determined by coach and
4. administration
4. Any serious infraction may result in possible expulsion from the bus by the
5. Superintendent of Morgan Local Schools, in addition to other discipline as appropriate

SECTION IV - Suspension Protocol

A. DRUG, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community. Therefore, the Board does not permit any participant to possess, transmit, conceal, offer for sale, sell, purchase, offer to purchase, give, receive, supply, consume, or show evidence of having consumed or used any alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, opiate, opium derivatives, illegal drugs, non-prescribed drugs, look-alike drugs or any mind-altering substance (collectively, "prohibited substances"). Included in this prohibition are any substances represented as a controlled substance, nonalcoholic beers, steroids, tobacco and tobacco products and drug-related paraphernalia. Medications provided to the participant pursuant to Policy JHCD are not included in this prohibition, provided that the medication is taken and handled in accordance with that policy.

Counterfeit Controlled Substance or Look-a-like drugs are defined in the following ways:

1. Any drug or drug container or label that bears a trademark, trade name or other identifying mark used without the owner of the rights to such trademark's authorization.
2. Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be a controlled substance that is manufactured, processed, packed or distributed by a person other than the person with legal rights to manufacture, process, pack or distribute it.
3. Any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance but is not a controlled substance or is a different substance.
4. Any substance other than a controlled substance that a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size, and color, or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

Drug Related Paraphernalia is defined as any instrument used for drug abuse, or paraphernalia, including but not limited to hypodermic needles, syringes, pipes, bongs, and rolling papers, etc.

Showing signs of consumption is defined as manifesting signs of chemical use such as enlarged/reduced pupils, staggering, reddened eyes, odor of chemicals, nervousness, restlessness, falling asleep in class, memory loss, abusive language, or any other behavior not normal for that particular participant.

Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all athletes. Any athlete who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion and permanent exclusion from athletics/extracurricular activities. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials. The District is concerned about any athlete who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which he or she receives help through programs and services available in the community. Athletes and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS are cumulative for grades 7-12 for any Morgan athlete and will result in the following actions, which may include law enforcement contact as appropriate:

1. STEP ONE: FIRST VIOLATION – Parent/custodian will be notified and athlete will be suspended:
 - a. Suspension – 50% of scheduled contests.
 - b. Suspension may be reduced to 25% if the athlete:
 1. proceeds to be evaluated by certified chemical dependency professional approved by the Morgan Local School District;
 2. follows the recommended appropriate treatment, which may include, but not be limited to, required attendance at support groups; and
 3. the professional satisfactorily notifies the Athletic Director the evaluation has been completed.

(Items 1, 2 and 3 will be at the parent/guardians expense.)
2. STEP TWO: SECOND VIOLATION
 - a. Suspension from all athletic participation at Morgan High School for one (1) calendar year from date of offense.
 - b. Suspension may not be reduced.
3. STEP THREE: THIRD VIOLATION
 - a. Permanent suspension from Morgan High School athletics.
 - b. Suspension may not be reduced.

Note: The first incident of selling, offering to sell, giving, supplying, or transmitting a prohibited substance shall be treated as a second violation as described above.

All staff members of the Morgan Local School District will be responsible for reporting any violations of this policy to a program supervisor, building administrator and/or counselor. Administrators/program supervisors will follow the above procedures and adhere to all requirements of law in administering discipline

B. TOBACCO POLICY

The Board prohibits the smoking, use or possession of tobacco in any form including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, clove cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, alternative nicotine products, electronic cigarettes and any other forms of tobacco. **TOBACCO VIOLATION** is the use, possession, sale, transmittal, or paraphernalia possession of tobacco products. Tobacco violations are cumulative from grades 7-12 and will result in the following actions:

1. STEP ONE: FIRST VIOLATION
 - a) Suspension – 33 1/3% of scheduled contests.
 - b) Suspension may be reduced to 20% if athlete successfully completes the TOBACCO PROGRAM available at MBHC, or a like sanctioned program.

2. STEP TWO: SECOND VIOLATION
 - a) Suspension – 50% of scheduled contests.
 - b) In the event that the violator is a senior and lateness of the infraction disallows time for suspension, he/she will be ineligible for post season honorarium, including but not limited to: Varsity Letter, awards for merit, all-league honors (or up), participation in all-star contests, etc.
 - c) Suspension may not be reduced.

3. STEP THREE: THIRD VIOLATION
 - a) Suspension – from all Morgan athletics for one (1) calendar year from date of offense.
 - b) Suspension may not be reduced.

4. STEP FOUR: FOURTH VIOLATION
 - a) Permanent suspension from Morgan athletics.
 - b) Suspension may not be reduced.

C. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND OTHER UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR
 All participants should realize that participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. This right could be denied by any misconduct portraying themselves, others, or the school in a negative fashion. Athletes are subject to an appropriate penalty at the discretion of the Athletic Director and/or the Principal, taking into consideration the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the athlete and any other relevant factors. Discipline may include, but are not limited to, extra conditioning, suspension from games, or removal from the team. A heavier weight will be placed on participants who have violated the conduct policy multiple times.

2. SUSPENSION EQUITY

- a. In the event that a violation occurs too late in the season for a suspension to be served, the suspension will carry over into the next sport in which he/she competes.
- b. In the event that a violation occurs too late in the school year for a suspension to be served, the suspension will carry over into the following year.
- c. In the event that the violator is a senior and lateness of the infraction disallows time for suspension, he/she will be ineligible for post season honorarium, including but not limited to: Varsity Letter, awards for merit, all-league honors (or up), participation in all-star contests, etc.

3. SUSPENSION PERIOD shall begin:

- a. From the date of the suspension for infractions that occur during the competition season.
- b. If the infractions occur during the off season, the suspension will begin at the first week of competition.

4. SELF-REPORTING

- a. An athlete who reports any infraction they committed to the Athletic Director prior to being questioned about the incident will be considered to be self-reporting.
- b. An athlete who self-reports an incident will be given a 50% reduction of the original suspension.
- c. Self-reporting will only be considered on 1st offense incidents.

WEAPONS

Participants/athletes shall not possess, transmit, conceal, handle or sell any kind of firearm, knife, razor, club, chain, or other look-alike (replica) object that is indistinguishable from a firearm or any item, which could be considered a weapon or used as a weapon. This includes bringing such items into the school for another person, to a school sponsored activity, having such items at one's desk or placing them in a locker or a hiding place on school property (including buses). A participant/athlete charged with any of these behaviors shall be subject to removal from school immediately and subject to suspension with recommendation for expulsion from Morgan Local School District programs for a period of one year. Participants/athletes may be recommended for permanent exclusion.

“Firearm” is defined as any weapon (including a starter gun) which is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer or any destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S.C.A. Section 921), which includes any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine or device similar to any of the devices described above.

“Knife” is defined as a cutting instrument having a sharp blade.

“Object that is indistinguishable from a firearm” means an object made, constructed or altered so that, to a reasonable person without specialized training in firearms, the object appears to be a firearm.

BULLYING, HARASSMENT and HAZING

Morgan Local Schools are committed to eliminating and preventing all forms of harassment. Hazing, bullying behavior and/or dating violence by any participant/school personnel in the District is strictly prohibited, and such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from teams. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means any intentional written, verbal, electronic, graphic or physical acts, either overt or covert, by a participant or group of participants toward another particular student or non-student participant more than once where the behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the student or non-student participant and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the student or non-student participant. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying includes violence within a dating relationship. “Electronic act” means an act committed through the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device. Such behaviors are prohibited on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity; in any District publication; through the use of any District-owned or operated communication tools, including but not limited to District e-mail accounts and/or computers; or on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop. Participants violating this prohibition, including participants found responsible for harassment, intimidation, or bullying by an electronic act, may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, and/or loss of extracurricular/athletic privileges. The Superintendent/designee must provide the Board President with a semiannual written report of all verified incidents of hazing and/or bullying and post the report on the District’s web site.

Hazing, bullying and/or dating violence can include many different behaviors. Examples of conduct that could constitute prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to:

1. Physical violence and/or attacks;
2. Threats, taunts and intimidation through words and/or gestures;
3. Extortion, damage or stealing of money and/or possessions;
4. Exclusion from the peer group or spreading rumors
5. Repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other web-based/online sites (also known as “cyber bullying”), such as the following:
 - a. Posting slurs on web sites, social networking sites, blogs or personal online journals;
 - b. Sending abusive or threatening e-mails, web site postings or comments and instant messages;
 - c. Using camera phones to take embarrassing photographs or videos of children/program participants/athletes and/or distributing or posting the photos or videos online and
 - d. Using web sites, social networking sites, blogs or personal online journals, e-mails or instant messages to circulate gossip and rumors to other participants.
6. Excluding others from an online group by falsely reporting them for inappropriate language to Internet service providers.

Formal Complaints

Participants and/or their parents or guardians may file reports regarding suspected hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying and/or dating violence. The reports should be written. Such written reports must be reasonably specific including person(s) involved; number of times and places of the alleged conduct; the target of suspected harassment, intimidation and/or bullying and the name of any potential witnesses. Such reports may be filed with any school staff member or administrator.

Informal Complaints

Participants, parents or guardians and school personnel may make informal complaints of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation and/or bullying by verbal report to a teacher, school administrator or other school personnel. Such informal complaints must be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of hazing, harassment, intimidation and/or bullying, including person(s) involved, number of times and places of the alleged conduct, the target of the prohibited behavior(s) and the names of any potential participant or staff witness.

Anonymous Complaints

Participants who make informal complaints as set forth above may request that their name be maintained in confidence by the school staff member(s) and administrator(s) who receive the complaint. The school staff member or administrator who receives the informal complaint promptly documents the complaint in writing. The anonymous complaint is reviewed and reasonable action is taken to address the situation, to the extent such action (1) does not disclose the source of the complaint, and (2) is consistent with the due process rights of the participant(s) alleged to have committed acts of hazing, bullying and/or dating violence.

Participants, parents or guardians and school personnel may also seek assistance from the “Victims Advocate” who works in the office of the Morgan County Prosecutor.

Investigation

The principal/designee is notified of any formal or informal complaint of suspected harassment, hazing, intimidation or bullying. Under the direction of the building principal/designee, all such complaints are investigated promptly. A written report of the investigation is prepared when the investigation is complete. The report includes findings of fact, a determination of whether acts of hazing, bullying and/or dating violence were verified, and when prohibited acts are verified, a recommendation for intervention, including disciplinary action, is included in the report. Where appropriate, written witness statements are attached to the report.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, when a student making an informal complaint has requested anonymity, the investigation of such complaint is limited as is appropriate in view of the anonymity of the complaint. Such limitation of the investigation may include restricting action to a simple review of the complaint (with or without discussing it with the alleged perpetrator), subject to receipt of further information and/or the withdrawal by the complaining student of the condition that his/her report be anonymous.

Any participant found in violation of this policy shall be subject to team and/or school discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion from school and/or athletic teams. The participant's parent(s) will be notified. All incidents will be reported to the Superintendent of Morgan Local Schools and law enforcement may be notified.

If, after investigation, acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying by a specific student or students are verified, the building principal/designee notifies the parent or guardian of the perpetrator(s), in writing, of that finding. If disciplinary consequences are imposed against such student, a description of such discipline is included in such notification.

If, after investigation, acts of bullying or hazing against a specific student are verified, the building principal/designee notifies the parent/guardian of the victim of the finding. In providing such notification, care must be taken to respect the statutory privacy rights of the perpetrator.

No one is permitted to retaliate against an employee or student because he/she files a grievance or assists or participates in an investigation, proceeding or hearing regarding the charge of hazing and/or bullying of an individual.

FAIR DISMISSAL POLICY

- A. Suspension from Athletic Teams and Participation:
Except as indicated below with regard to attendance during suspensions for first offense infractions, suspended athletes are not permitted to take part in contests for the suspension period of that sport season. Such suspensions shall be reported to the superintendent, principal and parent or guardian of the child. The report of suspension shall be in writing and include the reason for the action.
- B. Any athlete under suspension for the first offense infraction must attend all practices and contests during the suspension. The athlete can sit on the bench, but is not allowed to be in uniform. Failure to comply can result in expulsion from the sport for the remainder of the season.
- C. Accumulation of infractions is carried over from one sport to another and from one year to another.

- D. An athlete may not quit a sport and participate in another sport until the season for the first sport has ended.
- E. An athlete may not participate in an intramural program of the same sport during that interscholastic season.
- F. All athletes must be at school for at least ½ of the regular school day in order to participate in practice or a contest that day. Exceptions: Funerals, court appearances, and medical: excused absences of this magnitude. (Written notice of exceptions must be produced to the coach/school official before participation will be allowed that day.)
- G. An athlete, who has just completed a previous season during the school year, may be given a five-day grace period when coming out for the next sport season. Any athlete not out for that sport after five days will not be permitted to compete.
 - 1. Consideration must be given for sports that are conducting tryouts. A timeline will be set by the coach and must be followed by the athlete.

All athletes are expected to attend all practices and games unless excused by the coach in advance. Three unexcused absences from practice and/or games will result in removal from the team or squad. The coach will notify the parents after the second unexcused absence. Accurate attendance must be kept.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Morgan Local School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, religion, sex, economic status, marital status, pregnancy, disability, military status, genetic information or age in its programs and activities.

If, however, participants or athletes feel they have a complaint and are unable to resolve the issue with the building principal, they may address the complaint in writing to Title IX Coordinator, P.O. Box 509, McConnelsville, Ohio 43756, (740) 962-2377.

EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Participants in an athletic program will be responsible for the care of all school equipment issued to them. Lost or damaged equipment will be paid for by the participant. No school equipment or cloth will be issued if athlete owes equipment or cloth from previous sport. Once equipment or cloth is turned in the participant will be issued cloth.

PRACTICE

- A. Practice will start on dates set by the OHSAA.
- B. Practice will not be permitted on Sundays and legal holidays (unless permission granted by the Superintendent).
- C. All teams will conform to the rules of the OHSAA.

ATHLETIC SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

- All Athletes in the Morgan Local School District are subject to the Athletic Sportsmanship Policy. Any discipline is to follow the rules set forth by the Morgan Local School District and the OHSAA.
- All Athletes are expected to display good sportsmanship toward coaches, teammates, fans and opponents. The participants should get the appropriate amount of rest and eat properly.
- Athletes should take pride in their appearance and behavior on and off the floor, field, or track. It should be remembered that athletes are representing the Morgan Local Schools and not solely themselves. They have elevated themselves to a higher level of expectation.
- All participants participating in any athletic program must have parent or guardian permission to participate, have a physical and have insurance or have the parents sign a waiver.

EJECTION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT – STUDENTS:

O.H.S.A.A.

Sports Regulation 14.1 Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

Any player ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

A participant under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s). When ejection or disqualification of a player results from illegal substitution in baseball, softball or basketball, the two contest suspension does not apply.

If the ejection or disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the participant shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the participant participates.

A participant who is ejected or disqualified a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A participant who has been ejected or disqualified for unsporting conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the participant participates.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible participant is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the Commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Athletic participation forms, properly signed by a physician, by the participant and by one of his/her parent/guardians, must be on file with the building principal/athletic director **BEFORE** any athlete may participate in a practice. These forms necessitate the physician's certification of the individual's physical fitness no less often than once each calendar year.

INSURANCE

Each athlete must be enrolled in the school insurance program or have an insurance waiver signed by the parent or guardian **BEFORE** practice or competition is permitted.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION (E.M.A.)

In case of injury, every attempt shall be made to contact the participants' parent/guardian. The E.M.A. will be used in lieu of parental contact. For safety purposes the E.M.A. must be on file in the Athletic Director's office **BEFORE** practice or competition is permitted.

CONCUSSION WAIVER

Each athlete must have a signed copy of the Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet on file in the Athletic Director's office **BEFORE** practice or competition is permitted. The Concussion Information Sheet must be signed by the athlete and a parent or guardian.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

Each athlete must have a signed copy of the Morgan Athletic Code of Conduct Contract on file in the Athletic Director's office **BEFORE** practice or competition is permitted. The Athletic Code of Conduct Contract must be signed by the athlete and a parent or guardian.

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

MORGAN ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

The Athletic Code of Conduct Handbook must be viewed on this website before signing the agreement: <http://mlsd.k12.oh.us/high-school/handbook>

To request a hard copy of this policy, contact the high school or junior high.

I have read the Morgan Local Schools Athletic Code Of Conduct Handbook. I fully understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations contained within said contract.

Participant Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Forms Checklist

- ___ Physical with Dr. Signature
- ___ Insurance Waiver (page 5 & 6 of physical packet) or purchase School Insurance
- ___ Concussion Form
- ___ Emergency Medical Authorization Form
- ___ Athletic Code of Conduct Contract
- ___ Pre-Season Parent Meeting

** All above forms and meetings must be signed/completed and on file in the Athletic Department Office prior to the initial practice session for the athlete to participate.**