



2025-2026 Athletic Code of Conduct

Participation in Mason Senior High School's athletics is a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes are students first. When participating in District athletics, student-athletes are District representatives and are held to the highest standards. Accordingly, this Athletic Code of Conduct applies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Student-athletes and parents should be familiar with this Athletic Code of Conduct. By participating in any school-sponsored athletic team both student-athletes and parents agree to abide by these terms.

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Available Sports

Varsity Sports:

Baseball Basketball Cheerleading Wrestling Swimming Co-op Soccer Golf
Softball Track Cross Country Football Volleyball Co-op Hockey

Athletic Fee (for athletics only)

This program does not guarantee playing time. It will allow access to our various sports programs.

Cost: \$150 per school calendar year per athlete for high school students and \$100 per school calendar year per athlete for 6th – 8th grade students with a maximum of \$300 per family at any or combined levels. After a student-athlete has paid their athletic fee, the student-athlete will receive an athletic pass to all home middle school and high school athletic events.

Fee: Must be paid no later than the first scheduled scrimmage or game. Fee must be paid to the athletic office, and a receipt will be issued. Return checks will result in the athlete being declared ineligible until a cash payment can be made. A student who has not paid the fee by the deadline will be removed from the team. A student who becomes ineligible, is suspended, or resigns his position for the team will not receive a refund.

Note on fees: A student-athlete who is injured within the first 50% of the season and is unable to continue participating (as confirmed by a medical doctor) because of that injury may receive a refund.

Communication Protocol

The District has full faith in its coaches to make decisions that are in the best interest of their teams. If parents have questions or concerns about their student-athletes' sports participation, use the following protocol:

1. Wait 24 hours before contacting the coach.
2. Schedule a time to speak with the coach, either via phone or in-person, at the coach's discretion.
3. If the issue is unresolved, schedule a time to speak with the Athletic Director, either via phone or in-person, at the Athletic Director's discretion.

Concussion Protocol

The District will comply with the concussion protocol in Policy 5712.

Athletic Code of Conduct

A student-athlete must:

1. Learn and understand the rules and regulations of your sport.
2. Unless otherwise approved by district administration, if school is in session, attend school for the full day to be eligible to practice or play in an event on the same day.
3. Comply with the law, Board Policy, the Student Code of Conduct, the Athletic Code of Conduct, and all team rules. Failure to comply with this provision may result in suspension or removal from a team.
4. Not possess, use, or consume alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, nicotine (including a vape), or controlled substances (other than those prescribed by a physician for the student-athlete).
5. Not engage in conduct that is unbecoming of student-athletes.
6. Maintain academic eligibility as required by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and Mason Senior High School.
7. Notify your coach or District athletic trainer of any injury or medical condition that may affect your athletic participation.

If a student-athlete violates any provision of the Athletic Code of Conduct, practice, game, team, or complete athletic suspension may result. Any disciplinary consequences will be at the sole discretion of the Athletic Director or designee.

If a student-athlete is suspended or expelled from school, the student-athlete is prohibited from participating in any practice or game during the suspension or expulsion.

Athletic/Extracurricular Violations and Penalties

All violations of the athletic/extracurricular activity code of conduct will result in an internal investigation performed by the athletic director and/or building principal. Any disciplinary action issued to the athlete/participant will be based solely on internal investigation or the report of a recognized, proper, legal authority.

All penalties for the code of conduct shall be cumulative beginning with the student's first date of eligibility to participate in high school.

Due Process

Any student involved in an athletic/extracurricular activity that is in violation of any major offense mentioned below will be afforded due process. During the investigation, the student-athlete will have the right to be informed of any and all allegations and will have the right to be heard by the athletic director or the building principal. The student will have the right of appeal of consequences to the building principal unless the building principal is actively involved in the original investigation and/or determination of consequences. This must be done, in writing, per board policy. All consequences will be enforced during the appeal period. A final appeal may be made to the Superintendent of schools or his/her designee, in writing, within 72 hours of the consequences being determined. All consequences will be enforced during the appeal. A form to initiate the appeal is available in the high school office and must be filled out to initiate the appeal.

Major Offenses: Major offenses documented at any time are subject to Athletic/Extracurricular Code discipline. The number of major offenses is cumulative during the total high school career.

1. Involvement in any crime inside or outside of school that results in a misdemeanor or felony citation, ticket, charge or conviction by law enforcement.
2. Use, possession, association with or distribution of, alcohol, or illegal drugs is prohibited on school grounds. This includes illegal performance enhancing substances, unauthorized medicines or prescriptions, narcotics, or look-alike drugs. Also included is the aiding and abetting of any such activity listed above, including the promotion of or distribution of information on where and how to obtain.

Progressive Discipline: Any athlete involved in a major offense will be subject to the following disciplinary action. A coach may establish more stringent discipline if approved by the athletic director and Superintendent.

1. **First Offense:** Suspension from the next two (2) scheduled contest-dates where the student-athlete, as a member of a team, participates. This will begin immediately; if an athlete/participant is unable to serve their entire suspension, the suspension will carry over to the athlete's/participant's next season. Participants may continue practicing with the team/activity during this period with the coach's/moderator's permission, but cannot dress, play/participate, or be involved in any way during the contests/events. If the offense results in a felony conviction, then the first offense will result in suspension from all athletics for one (1) calendar year.

2. Second Offense: Suspension from all extracurricular activities for one (1) calendar year. If the offense results in a second felony conviction, then the second offense will result in suspension from all athletics for the rest of the high school career.
3. Third Offense: You may not represent Mason High School in any athletics for the rest of your school career.

Other Offenses: Vape or Tobacco use and/or possession or where there is no misdemeanor or felony conviction and the offense involves conduct unbecoming of a Mason student that is involved in an athletics including—but not limited to violation of in-season team rules as determined by the head coach of the sport in question—the disregard for the rights of other team/activity members, coaches/moderators, faculty or school personnel, fans, other students or property (school or private).

1. First Offense: Suspension from the next scheduled contest-date—where the student-athlete as a member of a team participates.
2. Second Offense: Suspension from the next scheduled 50% of the contest-dates where the student-athlete as a member of a team participates.
3. Third and Subsequent Offense: Suspension from all athletics for one (1) calendar year.

Penalties: Athletic code contest suspensions shall not be considered served if the athlete quits the team or sport prior to that sport's season completion. The athletic director or principal may waive this clause under extenuating circumstances only.

Additionally, athletic code contest suspensions shall not be considered served if the contest or contest-date is moved or cancelled due to weather and/or the joint agreement of both schools. In this case, the athletic director will notify the coach of the readjustment.

Team Offenses

The head coach/moderator will establish the appropriate discipline for those team offenses not already covered in this section. This discipline will be explained in the individual coach's/moderator's, Athletic Director-approved rules, and distributed to athletes and parents prior to the start of the season.

Athletic Eligibility

Eligibility is determined by the student-athlete's previous semester grade point average (GPA): student-athletes must pass 4 out of 6 classes and maintain a 1.7 GPA or better to be eligible to participate in a sport for the following semester; student-athletes passing at the semester or most recent check 4 out of 6 classes with at least a 1.5 GPA but less than a 1.7 GPA are eligible to participate provided they meet the conditions of academic probation per the definition and procedures outlined in this section. Those student-athletes not meeting these requirements may regain their eligibility by making up the deficiency in the class(es) affecting their eligibility, by retaking the classes they did not pass, by successfully testing out of the class they did not pass, or by making up the class(es) during summer school.

Beginning the third Friday after Labor Day, all in-season athletes will have their grades checked every other Friday, on a bi-weekly basis. If during the eligibility, check the athlete is failing one

or more courses, is ineligible, or on probation, the athlete may be required to attend after school tutoring sessions. Students are considered ineligible if they have a 1.499 GPA, or lower. Students are considered on academic probation if they have a 1.5-1.699 GPA. Parents/Guardians, students and coaches will be notified by the Athletic Director when the student is ineligible and/or failing a course. It is the student's responsibility to gather assigned and/or missing assessments for each course.

If a student is ELIGIBLE (>1.7 GPA) but FAILING one of more courses: Student will meet with the athletic director to discuss the academic deficiency. Student will have until the next grade check to bring up their failing grade or the student **MUST** attend after school tutoring and meet all of the requirements (see below). Eligible students are allowed to practice and compete in the games, providing they have fulfilled the tutoring center requirements. If the deficient grade is brought up at the next check, the student will no longer be required to attend the after-school tutoring.

If a student is INELIGIBLE (<1.49 GPA) or on PROBATION (1.5-1.69 GPA): Student **MUST** attend after school tutoring and meet all of the requirements (see below). Ineligible students are allowed to practice, providing they have fulfilled the tutoring center requirements, but they are not permitted to compete, until eligible. Probationary students are allowed to practice, providing they have fulfilled the tutoring center requirements and are allowed to compete.

Requirements for After-School Tutoring

1. Students must attend tutoring three times a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, until they are eligible and are NOT failing any course. (Tutoring days are subject to change)
2. Students must bring and do their schoolwork when in the tutoring center or they will not receive credit for attending that day.
3. Saturday school may be assigned as needed but cannot replace the required after school tutoring sessions.

Academic Probation

As a result of a previous semester's GPA or weekly grade check, student-athletes with a 1.5 to 1.699 (rounded) GPA will be placed on "academic probation" and will have until the next weekly grade check to lift their grade point average up to 1.7 or better. Student-athletes who fail to raise their GPA back up to 1.7 or better commencing with the first grade-check of the semester or after spending a week on probation will be ineligible until at least their next weekly grade check. The definition of a week's eligibility is always Monday through Sunday, per MHSAA, commencing on the Monday following the grade check on Friday.