



Mount Pearl Senior High

ATHLETE EXPECTATION

All students are bound by the School Code of Conduct and will be disciplined based on the parameters therein where warranted. This document further clarifies expectations for athletes as representatives of Mount Pearl Senior High School in the community. By playing on a MPSH team you accept the terms of this document. Coaches will discuss these expectations and clarify any questions with their teams at the start of the sport season in a player meeting and continue to communicate those throughout the season.

ATHLETES:

Now that you have reached this stage of your athletic development where you may represent Mount Pearl Senior High in competition, you must be fully aware of the privilege which is yours, as well as, the responsibility that accompanies that privilege.

At Mount Pearl Senior High we are proud of the accomplishments of our athletic program. It is now your task to carry on this very **proud tradition**. Your skill level has made you eligible for participation in your sport. Your coach decides the technical and performance aspect of the sports program but the **school** in conjunction with your **teachers** may make decisions regarding your continuance with the team based on the school Code of Conduct.

1. An MPSH Athlete must recognize that his or her primary function in school is to achieve **ACADEMICALLY**. To remain on a MPSH team you are required to be academically up to date and working to the best of your ability.

2. **Attendance at school is a must**. Non - compliance on this matter may result in immediate dismissal from the team. If you are **too sick to attend school**, then you are too sick to play a game that evening or night. **Unexcused Absenteeism from school on Friday** will result in the athlete losing the privilege to represent MPSH in weekend play.

3. Our expectation is that you will never speak to an official unless your coach has asked you to respectfully address a specific issue. Your conduct on the floor/field must be held to a high standard; this means you do not draw attention to yourself or embarrass your team, coach, teacher sponsor or school in a negative way. Swearing is unacceptable at all times and in every circumstance both from coaches and players. Coaches are expected to remove players who cannot demonstrate excellence in this very important area.

4. Athletes will commit to participate fully in the Athletics program at MPSH.

a) Committing to all practices, games and team experiences.

- b) Committing to staying on the team until the end of the season, unless mutually agreed upon by the coach and athlete.
 - c) Athletes must choose to conduct themselves in a manner that displays respect for coaches, teammates, game officials, and opponents.
 - d) Making arrangements to fully take care of all team fees.
5. Coaches make the final decision on the amount of playing time an athlete receives. Please remember that this is a competitive program and all athletes do not receive equal playing time. However, coaches are reminded to be fair.
6. Team uniforms are very costly for a school our size and it is essential that we maintain a full compliment of team uniforms. Therefore, if a uniform is lost or damaged the athlete will be expected to replace the uniform.
7. Excessive **unexcused absenteeism** from individual subjects will result in removal of a candidate's name for consideration for athlete of the year.
8. Parents are responsible for providing transportation for their child to and from games. **Students are not permitted to transport students.** Teachers, volunteers and parents should not transport other passengers on school related trips unless they have obtained **PERMISSION TO CARRY PASSANGERS INSURANCE** from their personal insurance company.
9. **SSNL has a no fight policy. Any reported violation of this rule will result in an automatic and immediate one year suspension from SSNL activities.** This includes Zone, Regional and Provincial play.
10. Student-athletes are expected to abide by team rules that have been constructed by the team, approved by the coaches, and approved by the athletic director.
11. Student-athletes are expected to immediately report any behaviors they would describe as abusive by a coach, staff member, or a teammate to the Director of Athletics.

If you are willing to accept the above terms, then we will be pleased to have you represent Mount Pearl Senior High School. By agreeing to this document, you indicate your willingness to abide by the terms outlined herein and recognize that the Administration of the School has the final say in your participation in school related athletics.

MPSH Administration
