

# Mountain Empire High School

## Athletic Agreement

### Purpose

Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. The athlete must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of these, the athlete can in no way do justice to him/herself or to Mountain Empire High School. The athlete must discipline him/herself to be a good student and citizen in order to achieve athletic excellence. The faculty and administration of Mountain Empire High School believes that the tradition of athletic excellence is established and maintained upon these principles. In order for a determined course of action to exist for the pursuit of athletic achievement and the character training of young persons, the following “Athletic Policies” must be understood and agreed upon between the school, the student athlete, and his/her parents.

### Attendance

- Team members will attend **all** practices, games, and meetings. If circumstances arise whereby the student cannot attend a practice, game, or meeting, the coach must receive prior notification either by personal contact, phone, or written communication.
- Any athlete who cuts practice, fails to appear for a game, or fails to make scheduled team or individual meetings may not be allowed to participate for a period of time to be determined by the Athletic Review Board.
- Students must attend at least four periods of school on the day of a game, excluding Saturday’s.
- Athletes delinquent in class work or class attendance will be subject to disciplinary action or loss of eligibility.
- In a given season, an athlete may not leave one team and join another without the written consent of both coaches and the Athletic Director.
- Team rules, for specific sports, are binding to all athletes in that sport.
- Athletes participating in one sport season may not leave that sport season for the next sport season until the first season is completed, including playoffs.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for participation in athletics at Mountain Empire High School the athlete must have completed twenty semester units during the previous semester and be taking twenty semester units during the current semester. The athlete must also maintain a GPA of 2.0, and have no more than one U on the current eligibility report card. A student with one U will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of that grading period. Students meeting these requirements will be deemed eligible. Eligibility will be reviewed every grading period.

### **Personal Deportment**

Because the athlete is constantly in the eyes of the public, he/she becomes a representative of Mountain Empire High School and is considered to be in a position of leadership. Therefore, the athlete's personal deportment and attitudes not only reflects upon him/herself but on the school, faculty, and administration that he/she represents. The athlete is required to obey the rules set down in the California Education Code, the CIF Code of Ethics, and those instituted by the Mountain Empire District School Board. Lack of adherence to these rules may result in the athlete being held out of practices and/or games. Persistent violations may result in suspension from the team and/or removal from the athletic program.

### **Controlled Substances**

All athletes will **refrain** from the use of tobacco, beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages, and use of controlled substances of any kind. Verification that the athlete has violated the previous statement may result in immediate dismissal from the team and removal from the athletic program. This is a very serious matter, and will be acted upon swiftly and harshly!

### **Personal Documents**

All athletes are required to have the following documents on file with the Athletic Director prior to any participation (including practices) in the athletic program:

- A sports physical signed by a licensed physician, stating that the athlete is physically fit to participate.
- An emergency card completely filled out with the appropriate information, and signed by his/her parent or guardian.
- Insurance and Signature page, verifying understanding and acceptance of the following Information
  - MEHS Athletic agreement
  - Waiver and Acknowledgment of Informed consent.
  - CIF Ethics in Sports

In the event of an injury, Mountain Empire High School and its designee's will take appropriate action to insure the safety and well being of the student athlete, but does not assume any financial responsibility for said injury.

### **Equipment**

All athletes will be required to pay replacement cost for lost or damaged gear. The athlete is not responsible for equipment damaged while participating in that sport, or for normal wear and tear on equipment. At the end of the sport season, the athlete will return all equipment and uniforms in a clean, laundered condition. Failure to turn in equipment and uniforms in the proper condition, will result in removal from the athletic program and withholding of all school privileges and services, including grades, until equipment and uniforms is returned in proper condition. Some sports may require the athlete to provide part of his/her uniform. These are items that are difficult to reissue such as socks and hats. When purchased, these items belong to the student athlete and are not to be turned in with the regular uniform. Athletes will also be required to use a Master combination lock on their gym locker. No key locks will be permitted.