

# Code of Conduct

## Oregon Trail Middle School Athletics

The interscholastic athletic programs of the Oregon Trail School District are an accepted and significant part of education. The interscholastic athletic program is designed for and contributes to the mental and physical growth of our students. It promotes high standards of conduct, desirable citizenship and favorable social behavior of the participants.

The athletic program is under the same administration and control as the rest of the school programs. Because participation in any of the athletic programs is voluntary, the behavior of students taking part must be exemplary.

### I. Academic Standards

An eligible student is one who is enrolled in middle school, attending regularly, and earning C's or better in all classes. In order to participate in practice or contests the student must attend school the entire day, or have a prearranged excused absence(s).

### II. Behavior Standards

Students who represent their middle school in athletics are expected to adhere to its rules and regulations. Any student whose conduct is judged to reflect a discredit upon himself/herself, their group or their middle school, whether or not such activity takes place during or outside regular school hours and seasons, will be subject to disciplinary action described in this policy and as outlined in the Student Handbook.

An Administrator will make decisions as to the application of this code for students involved in athletics. Prior to a consequence being imposed, the student has the right to be informed as to the specific code section that he or she has been accused of violating, and an opportunity to be heard.

A consequence may not be imposed unless there is sufficient evidence to support the accusation of a code violation. The decision of the Administrator may be appealed to the next level within three school days of the notice of the decision to the student and the student's parent/guardian.

Any infraction not addressed in the student handbook may also be subject to additional rules specific to a certain activity by the coaching staff, athletic director, and/or school administration.

Students will lose their privileges to participate during a suspension from school or an athletic/activities suspension. If an athlete is suspended from school, they can be subject to an extended suspension from participating in the activity and possible removal from the team for the remainder of the season or the upcoming season as well.

### III. Sportsmanship

All student athletes and spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship while in attendance at a school athletic event. Guidelines are listed below:

Athletes and spectators will show respect for opponents.	Athletes and spectators will show respect for officials.
Athletes and spectators will respect the rules of the contest.	Athletes and spectators will maintain self control at all times.

Athletes are expected to display good sportsmanship both on and off the court/mat/field. Any exhibit of poor sportsmanship may result in an apology letter and suspension.

Spectators are expected to set an example of good sportsmanship as well. If a spectator is disruptive during an event he/she will be asked to leave. Extreme or repeat offenses may result in a ban from athletic events.

The intent of the athletic eligibility requirements is not to declare students ineligible for participation, but to help improve their performance in the classroom and in our school. Participation in activities is a privilege that must be earned through demonstrated citizenship, responsibility, and successful achievement.

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Your signature below indicates that you have read these guidelines and will comply with them.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date