

## Scottsburg Middle School Athletic Code

Participation in athletics is a wonderful privilege in Scottsburg. Sports participation enhances fitness, builds character, and develops teamwork and leadership skills. Because athletics are a privilege, all student participants will be held to a high standard. SMS Athletes will...

- Maintain passing grades in all subjects. One failing report card grade will result in disqualification from games/contests. Two failing grades on any report card will result in disqualification from practices and games. Athletes may petition the SMS Athletic Director at mid-term to request consideration for eligibility reinstatement.
  - Meet the attendance and communication expectations as explained by the coach at the outset of the season.
  - Notify the coach of any injury sustained in practice or games.
  - Support teammates and other sport athletes with encouragement and positive comments.
  - Avoid unhealthy activities such as sleep deprivation, energy drink consumption, and substances that are shortcuts to muscular development.
  - Avoid illegal activities such as using tobacco, using e-cigarettes, drinking alcohol, and using drugs (both illegal substances and prescription substances not prescribed for the athlete.)
  - Adhere to all SMS behavioral expectations included in the SMS Student Handbook.
  - Clean up after using buses, locker rooms and benches (home and away).
  - Demonstrate respect for teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and fans.
  - Protect both your personal, team, school, and family image when using social media by adhering to the statements below:
1. Think before you post. Is this something I want to share and/or connect with? Remember that the second you post something, you should consider it posted to the entire world for eternity. If you delete a post, others may already have a screen shot.
  2. Posts, likes, comments, and shares that cast you in a negative light may be a problem down the road regarding recruiting, scholarships, future employment, and family members.
  3. "Commenting" on and "liking" inappropriate posts can be just as damaging as making a post personally. Avoid any connection to posts that feature illegal activities, bullying, threats, violence, poor sportsmanship, etc...

The SMS policy on Freedom of Speech can be found on page 22 of our Student Handbook. In short, it reads:

*Whether shared in person, in writing, or in electronic form, students will not be protected if their speech brings embarrassment or shame to themselves or the school, or if their speech negatively impacts the reputation of the student or the school.*

If you have any questions about the Scottsburg Middle School Athletic Code: Contact Mr. Kevin Smith, SMS Athletic Director at 812-752-8926 option 2.

**I will do my best to meet all of the above expectations as an SMS Athlete.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

X STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_