

# Maxwell Municipal Schools



## Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct

Students are role models; they represent their team, school, parents, and community. In order to participate in extra-curricular activities, students attending Maxwell Schools must abide by the code of conduct. Participation in athletics is a privilege and the athlete must earn the right to represent Maxwell Schools by conducting themselves in such a way that the image of the Maxwell Schools would not be tarnished in any manner. Any athlete whose conduct is judged to reflect a discredit upon themselves, the team, or Maxwell Schools, whether or not such activity takes place during or outside school hours, will be subject to disciplinary actions or removal from the team.

The purpose of Maxwell Athletics is to provide opportunities for all participating students to learn life-long values. These values include: Cooperation, Sportsmanship, Pride, Respect, Discipline and Leadership Skills.

### Assemblies, Games and School Sponsored Events Conduct

- Students will conduct themselves with class and sportsmanship. The first offense may result in temporary suspension or expulsion from the team/extra-curricular activity.
- Students must be in school on the day of the event to participate, unless excused by a doctors note or excused by an administrator prior to the absence.
- Students will not use profanity. Profanity could result in loss of participation privileges. The use of vulgar or profane language is unacceptable anywhere and at any time.
- Students will report all injuries, no matter how small.
- A member of an athletic team is to be well groomed.
- The coach shall set the standard for dress as it pertains to his/her sport.
- Exhibit appropriate behavior at all times.
- Students will strive for academic excellence. Academic dishonesty (cheating on quizzes or tests, plagiarizing, etc.) can be grounds for suspension or removal from any team and/or club. Violation of this rule will be determined by the school administration.
- Students who quit the team or activity during the year will not be reinstated that same season. Students are discouraged from moving from one sport to another in the same season. The decision to allow students to move will be made by the coaches of the sport and administration.
- Students will not possess or use alcohol, tobacco, electronic vapor or drugs at any time on or off campus. Students will be dropped from the team and will be suspended for 73 school days from any other extra-curricular activities on the FIRST offense and for 147 school days on the SECOND offense. (Suspensions will carry over to the next school year if suspension days have not been met.)
- Students are law-abiding citizens. Students found guilty of a crime resulting in law enforcement/probation referral will be dropped from team/extra-curricular activities and suspended from all extra-curricular activities for 147 school days on the FIRST offense.

- Students will not engage in fighting, truancy, or disrespectful behavior. Students found guilty of fighting, truancy, or being disrespectful toward staff or other students may be suspended and/or terminated from the teams/extra-curricular activities.
- Students will exhibit exemplary behavior on activity bus trips. The first offense may result in the loss of bus privileges.
- Students will not exhibit insubordination toward a teacher, coach or any school personnel. Students suspended for such an offense may be terminated from the team/extra-curricular activity and suspended from other extra-curricular activities for at least 36 school days. On the second offense students may be suspended for the remainder of the school year.
- Horseplay or hazing will not be tolerated in the locker room or on the court/field.
  
- Students will not receive a letter or award until all issued equipment and uniforms are returned.
- Students are required to ride the activity bus to and from all events, unless parents and school administration have made prior arrangements with a signed, written release from parents.

### **Athletics/Activities**

Maxwell Schools sponsor a variety of athletic/competitive programs. Athletic activities are a privilege, not a right. Athletics are open to student that meets the following criteria:

- Physical examination yearly conducted by an M.D., CNP, and/or PA that is paid for by the parents/guardians.
- Parent permission form
- Proof of medical insurance
- Maintain academic eligibility (See Maxwell Eligibility Policy)
- NMAA Concussion Training Certification
- NMAA Consent to Treat Form
- Signed Code of Conduct by Student and Parent

### **Open Enrollment Choice**

- An eighth grade student competing in sports at the high school level has used their open enrollment choice. The student may compete without reference to their immediate or previous scholastic record. The end of the 1st grading period in 8th grade establishes the beginning of the scholarship requirements for this student. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student that participates in the a sub-varsity or varsity sport must have sign an 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation form signed by the parent.
- A ninth grade student who has not previously competed in sports at the high school level has their open enrollment choice. The student may compete without reference to their immediate or previous scholastic record in 8th grade (last grading period and/or semester, whichever is applicable). The end of the 1st grading period in ninth grade establishes the beginning of the scholarship requirements for this student.

### **Athletic Letters and Awards:**

Varsity and junior varsity student athletes, who participate, remain eligible, and complete the season in each sports program in which they compete may letter at the discretion of the coach. If an athlete is injured during the year that limits their participation, the athlete must attend practices and be present throughout the season in order to be lettered in that sport.

### **Tri-Athlete Award**

Students are encouraged to participate in multiple sports during the year. As a district we award/recognize students that have participated in three consecutive seasons that include a fall sport, winter sport and spring sport. We consider this one of the highest athletic honors that an athlete can receive while at Maxwell Schools.

### **Activity/Athletic Uniforms:**

Uniforms must meet New Mexico Activities Association standards and are subject to approval by the administration. All uniforms are property of the school district and may not be permanently altered in any way. Uniforms must be returned to the coach at the end of the season. Failure to return uniforms to the coach will result in payment of uniform replacement costs.

### **Coaching Expectations to Students**

Coaches have the authority to set program expectations and rules that may be more vigorous than those outlined in this code of conduct. These rules and expectation will be addressed at mandatory student-parent meetings.

### **Message to the Parents**

This material is presented to you because your son/daughter has indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics and you have expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences that assist students in personal, athletic, and academic growth. As a parent/guardian of a student-athlete, you also have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations, which are outlined in this Athletic Code. Your signature on the Athletic Code, along with the signature of your student-athlete, indicates that you understand and accept those responsibilities and obligations, and agree to cooperate with school personnel in enforcing the Athletic Code. Compliance with the Athletic Code is mandatory and essential to the success of the athletic program. Failure to comply with the Athletic Code may lead to discipline and possible expulsion from attending athletic events. In addition, student-athletes are also subject to discipline under the Maxwell School Handbook and Coaching Expectations.

Good sportsmanship is encouraged and expected from our fans and spectators at all times during athletic events. Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship may result in removal from the event and/or future events. If a parent/spectator is removed from any competition home or away they will need to visit with school administration as well as take a NFHS Sportsmanship course in order to return. However, the return from suspension is at the discretion of the district or NMAA.

We believe athletics is an integral part of the high school educational experience, both as a competitor and spectator. We look forward to working with you and to supporting your son/daughter as they participate in their chosen sport.

In addition to attending Maxwell School contests, you are invited and encouraged to join the Athletic Boosters and help promote the tradition of excellence associated with Maxwell Schools.

### **Playing Time or Level of Play:**

As your son/daughter becomes involved in the athletic programs at Maxwell Schools, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your student-athlete wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged. It is very difficult to accept your son/daughter's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. Playing time and levels of play are things that are earned by fitting into our style of play, working hard at practice, and improving upon the skills coaches are teaching. Please do not take playing time or levels of play decisions personal. As coaches they must balance what is good for players with what is needed for the team. Please do your best to support all the decisions that are made and help your child use those decisions as sources of motivation and learning.

Players and parents need to be a part of this program selflessly. If your support of this program is based on the amount of playing time or what level you or your son/daughter is playing at, then please take this time to reconsider.

**Communication from Student-Athletes and Parents:**

As a district we have a “24 Hour Rule” that asks any parent to wait at least 24 hours before speaking to a coach regarding any issue with a coach’s judgment or decision. Please contact that coach personally to set a time to meet. It is always best that we address any issues professionally with the athlete or parents.

Chain of command should flow like this:

1. Have your son/daughter talk to their coach first.
2. Talk with your son/daughter coach next. (JV or Head)
3. Talk with the Athletic Director
4. Talk with the Principal
5. Talk with the Superintendent

**Message to the Athlete**

Once you have become a member of a team, you have made a choice to uphold certain standards expected of athletes in this community. You are representing yourself, your family, your school and all those that have worn the Maxwell name before you. Your behavior should be above standards in all areas. Students, staff, parents, and the community will closely observe your conduct.

Your responsibility as team member is to your school. You assume a leadership role when you are on an athletic team. The student body and citizens of the community know you. The student body, the community and other communities judge our school by your conduct and attitudes, both on and off the field. Because of this leadership role, you can make positive contributions to school spirit and community pride. In addition, you are a role model for younger student athletes. These students look up to you and dream of being as successful as we hope you to be. Be sure the example you set is a positive one. Maxwell Schools cannot maintain its reputation as an outstanding school unless you do your best in whatever activity you wish to engage. We hope the best for you during the year and hope you understand that the participation in athletics is giving you lifelong skills that will benefit you in your future endeavors.

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Please sign, detach at the dotted line and return this signed portion to your coach.

We have read and understand the agreement and agree to comply with these expectations of the code of conduct. We understand that these rules will coincide with NMAA and Maxwell Schools Handbooks.

<b><i>Print Athlete Name</i></b>	<b><i>Athlete Signature</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Parent Signature</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>