PLAYER

CODE OF ETHICS/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Mifflin Broncos Athletic Association (MBAA) expects all players to conduct themselves in an orderly, sportsmanlike and professional manner when playing or practicing as a member of a football or cheerleading team. Playing for the MBAA is a privilege; therefore, when playing for an MBAA team I recognize, acknowledge and agree to abide by the following fundamental ethical principles:

- 1. The name on the front of my jersey is equally as important as the name on the back. I will conduct myself at all times so as to maintain the highest principles, integrity, and dignity for both myself and the MBAA
- 2. I will adhere to the spirit, as well as the letter, of the playing rules established by the MBAA.
- 3. I will accept the authority of all game officials and at no time will I demonstrably question the decisions and actions of game referees.
- 4. I acknowledge that my strong desire to compete and succeed is in no way compromised by respect for the rule book and respect for all opponents. Acceptance of this concept is the very heart of sportsmanship and fair play. I will behave in a sportsmanlike manner.
- 5. I acknowledge that it is a privilege for the MBAA to use the school facilities. I will abide by school rules while at MBAA functions and will respect the school's property.

Any report of disorderly conduct on the field, parking lot or otherwise, including but not limited to the following, will not be tolerated by the MBAA:

- 1. Physical or verbal confrontation with teammates, members of any other MBAA team, referees, coaches, players from opposing teams and parents from opposing teams.
- 2. Possessing or threatening use of a weapon.
- 3. Displaying violent or threatening behavior, including being involved in a physical altercation regardless of provocation, or threatening physical bodily harm to a coach, parent, legal guardian, spectator, teammate or other player.
- 4. Exhibiting loud or obnoxious behavior that exceeds generally accepted standards of sportsmanship.
- 5. Stealing.

Disciplinary Procedures

The MBAA has ZERO TOLERANCE for violations of the above Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct. The failure to observe this Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct will result in an investigation by the Executive Board of the MBAA. If the investigation concludes that the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct has been violated, the Executive Board will recommend the following minimum disciplinary sanctions be taken:

First Violation: One game suspension (including practices prior to such game).

Second Violation: Minimum four game suspension (including practices prior to such game),

maximum length to be determined by the Executive Board.

Third Violation: Suspended for at least the remainder of the season; potential expulsion from

all MBAA events, with reinstatement for future seasons permitted upon

petition and approval of the Executive Board only.

The offending player shall be given the right to appear in person, together with his or her parent or legal guardian and/or coach, before the Executive Board to explain why the above penalties or additional penalties should not be assessed and/or to request reinstatement following the end of the suspension. The Executive Board retains the ultimate discretion to impose any sanctions for violation of the Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct, and/or to impose additional or alternative behavioral requirements prior to reinstating participation privileges. Any suspension, for part or all of the remainder of any season DOES NOT constitute grounds for a refund of any registration fees or for the cancellation of any remaining payments due under the payment schedule, if any.