



MUSC Sportsmanship Pledge

I understand that sportsmanship and fair play are the main components of a successful sporting event. "Winners" are those players and teams that strive to play their best.

I understand that the opportunity to participate in this athletic activity is to provide a child athlete with a pleasurable, social activity that will help to develop a better sense of self-worth, skills, and sportsmanship.

I understand that a child's participation in sports and the importance attached to it should not be driven by a parent's desire to use the child's sports accomplishments for their own purpose.

I promise to offer encouraging words and praise for all players whether they are on my team or the opponents team.

I promise not to insult, tease or humiliate any child athlete, coach, referee or parent while attending a sporting event.

I will abstain from criticizing or condemning child athletes' performances, choosing instead to learn from the particular situation. If someone else makes an inappropriate comment, I will not make further comments to make the incident escalate.

Athlete Pledge

I understand that if I am trying my best, I am a winner. While it is fun to win, it's always important to play fair and speak respectfully to all players, coaches, and referees.

I understand that if I become negative or lose my temper, I may be removed from the game and hurt my team's chance of finishing the game. If there is a problem on the field, I will go to my coach to report the problem.

I will always do my best, but I know that making mistakes and sometimes losing are part of life.

I promise to set a good example for other players.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent Pledge

In addition to the above responsibilities, I further understand that it is my responsibility to teach my child/children good sportsmanship, both as a participant and as a spectator. If I see that my child athlete is involved in unsportsmanlike behavior, regardless of whether his/her coach corrects him or not, I will discuss my child's behavior with him/her after the game.

I understand that the coach(es) should be the only person(s) providing instructions to the child athletes; therefore, I will refrain from giving directions from the sidelines.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Coach Pledge

In addition to the above responsibilities, I understand that players must get enough playing time to improve their skills and to gain confidence in playing. I will provide the appropriate playing time as outlined by MUSC for every player. I understand that providing appropriate playing time may lead our team to lose a game, but it is the right thing to do.

I understand that providing support, encouragement and praise for every child, not just the most accomplished player, is of prime importance for the child's self-esteem.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

In signing the above pledge, I/we understand that if the parent or child does not follow the general intention of this pledge and becomes involved in a blatant incident that is brought to the attention of the MUSC Board, that there may be consequences. These consequences to the child athlete or parent may include verbal reprimand, sanction from an upcoming game or in severe cases, removal from the team.

If at any time I/we feel that anyone, including coaches, referee, parents or other child athlete, is ignoring, allowing, or encouraging poor sportsmanship, I/we can and should contact the MUSC with our concerns. The board and/ or its representatives will address the issue with the offending member in a private discussion.