



Pre-Participation Parent & Player Policy Packet

Please read the following information pertaining to you and your child and sign that you have read and understood it. **Return this signed sheet only and keep the rest of this packet for your records.**

Thank you,

UME Preparatory Academy Coaches

Parent Signature: _____

Student Athlete Signature: _____



Dear Parents and Players,

As a department, we are very excited for the upcoming sport season.

Below are some ideas we wanted to share before the season begins:

- A. One of the goals of our athletics department is to develop your sons/daughters athletic skills so they will be able to participate at a competitive level within the league designated for play. We are aware that some players have never played a competitive sport. This fact creates a wide range of player skills on the team. Inexperienced players will be developed as much as possible by practicing the basic skills of the sport in which they will be participating. If you have a son/daughter that you feel may fall into this area, we highly recommend that they practice at home to try and improve their skills as much as possible. Playing time within competitive athletics is valued very high for the player and the parent alike. We will do our very best to give all players some playing time during the season, but not necessarily during every game. There is simply no way for us to guarantee playing time for your son/daughter as playing time is directly correlated to and earned through practice.

- B. If you should ever wish to discuss your child's development of skills or playing time, we ask that you do not contact a coach prior to a game or after a game.

Thank you,

Todd Ignatz
Athletic Director
UME Preparatory Academy



Parent Expectations Policy

A. Behavior during contests:

1. Encourage our student/athletes
2. Do not fully take on the role of coach from the sidelines
3. Do not address an official

B. It is inappropriate to discuss with a coach:

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategy or Play Calling
3. Other Student Athletes (Never approach another student athlete discussing the outcomes of a contest or their performance, unless it is exclusively to offer compliment)

C. Coaches often need parents to tell them:

1. Any specific health concerns about your son/daughter expressed directly and informally to the head coach at a mutually convenient time.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Your commitment to the program, and how you plan to make a contribution to the program's success.

D. If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, these are the procedures to follow:

1. Make an appointment with the coach. Never approach the coach after a game unless the coach requests this. Please do not share your concerns to a coach in a public setting, including abusive speech and/or foul language.
2. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or following a game. These times are busy and emotional ones for both the coach and the parent, and this occurrence would not promote objective analysis of the situation.
3. If the coach cannot be reached, set an appointment and meet with the Athletic Director.

E. What should you do if the meeting with the coach does not result in a resolution to the problem?

1. Set up a meeting with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting, the Superintendent may also be asked to be present.

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Athletic Participation: No Pass No Play Policy

There exists a certain rigor pertaining to academics at UME Prep. It is of the utmost concern that UME Prep student athletes meet academic criteria to enable themselves the privilege to participate in extracurricular athletics. At the same time, and also adhering to the academy's core values, student athletes must exhibit and maintain a high standard of work ethic.

At UME Prep, a high premium is placed on student learning and achievement in conjunction with the development of a strong work ethic. We believe the outcomes of the two combined are key indicators, though not exclusively, for future personal successes.

Students are required to maintain a 70% cumulative average for each grading period as well as maintain no less than a 70% average in any one subject. Students that have a grade below 70% will remain ineligible for interscholastic sport competition and practice until it has been determined by the teachers and coaches involved along with the Athletic Director that he/she has indeed met and/or surpassed the baseline criteria for participation.

Also, the work ethic grade which accompanies each academic grade per class is to be held and maintained no less than an 80% average to be and remain eligible to participate in extracurricular athletic events.

Students that fail to meet the academic or work ethic standards will be placed on a two week suspension period. During that time students will not participate in practice sessions or contests, as this time will be dedicated to raising his/her grade. The exact dates of the suspension will be set by the Athletic Director and/or Superintendent based on the day grades were checked. A grade check will be made after two weeks from the reported grade failure. At this time a review will be made of the grade(s) to determine if the student will be declared eligible to compete once again or dismissed from the team.

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Coaches Conduct Policy

As a coach at UME Preparatory Academy, I will

Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership; adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards. Practice good sportsmanship is practicing good citizenship!

Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.

Abide by and teach the rules of the contest in letter and in spirit.

Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.

Respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials.

Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public.

Instruct players and spectators in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the number one priority.

Be no party to the use of profanity or obscene language, or improper actions.

Shake hands with opposing players and coaches at the end of the contest, regardless of the outcome.

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Student Athlete Sportsmanship Policy

Sportsmanship: One who abides by the rules of a contest and accepts victory or defeat graciously; one whose behavior is characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others; an awareness of the impact of an individual's influence on others behavior.

The ideal of sportsmanship permeates virtually every aspect of our culture. The ethic of fair play may be witnessed in all facets of life. However, its origin has been firmly established in sports, as conceptually and pragmatically a training ground for good citizenship and high behavioral standards. Sportsmanship is placed at a high premium at UME Prep. It is viewed as a concrete measure of our commitment to the educational nature of interscholastic/intramural athletics.

Athletics and their companion, competition, is one of the last effective strongholds of discipline in our society. Athletics are called upon to absorb more of their responsibility for teaching basic social values. Any contribution of this magnitude requires the implementation and enforcement of a definitive program.

Guidelines for student athlete behavior

- Accept and understand the seriousness of responsibility, and privilege of representing your school and your community
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better than the athlete can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of your sport!
- Wish opponents good luck before the contest and congratulate them in a sincere manner that you would like to be greeted following either victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote your team and your sport. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment (which will happen often), will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of the officials and all people at the event.

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