



Mundelein High School has an outstanding history and tradition in a variety of activities and clubs. Our students and sponsors are hardworking and continue to represent the community in a positive manner. Our activities programs provide students with many positive experiences. We are excited that you have chosen to take advantage of those opportunities.

We would also like to remind you that participating in any of our activity programs is a privilege and with this privilege goes tremendous responsibility. Your image will reflect the perception from people of what our activity, community, and school is all about. It is important that you use good judgment and display mature behavior at all times. You are in a leadership role and this can never be overemphasized. It does not matter whether you are a freshman or a senior, you must be a positive role model since you have the greatest impact on our programs, school and community.

As a part of the total educational program at Mundelein High School, every student has an equal opportunity to participate in our activities program. It is the aim of our activities department that all students who have met their educational requirements are given the opportunity to participate in the various activities offered by a very competent staff.

Mundelein High School is a member of the North Suburban Conference and the IHSA, (Illinois High School Association), and adheres to their policies and guidelines. We offer a very extensive activities program which competes and participates in a variety of student interests. We welcome your participation in our activity program and extend to you our assistance and best wishes for a successful experience.

### **5.01 ATHLETIC CODE**

Participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right. Students who decide to participate shall be expected to exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, behavior and fair play. Students who are unable to abide by the expectations established by Mundelein High School will be subject to disciplinary action. These expectations will be enforced year round from the time the student enrolls until the time they graduate.

Athletes and parents have the right to appeal a disciplinary action to the Athletic Council. The Council is comprised of the Athletic Director, Principal or his designee, and a head coach.

### **ATHLETIC CODE AND TRAINING RULES**

#### **Eligibility**

All students who participate in any school sponsored, school supported athletic or extracurricular activity shall satisfy all scholastic requirements of the Illinois High School Association, including passing five (5) academic courses weekly. If a student does not pass five (5) academic classes in a semester, then s/he will be ineligible for the next semester. If a student fails a class or classes in the spring semester, s/he may make-up the class in summer school and, if successful, be eligible for a fall activity.

#### **Athletic Code of Ethics**

- Fair, hard play at all times, showing respect for opponents, officials and spectators.
- Conduct with the highest degree of character on and off the field.
- Faithful completion of schoolwork as practical evidence of commitment to school and team.
- Complete observance of all training rules and school policies.
- Give opponents the credit for their ability and the respect you would hope to receive in return.
- Be modest and considerate in victory; be gracious in defeat.
- Realize it is an honor and a privilege to represent Mundelein High School.
- Realize that team success comes before individual recognition.
- Sportsmanship and competition are the primary reasons for high school athletics

### **ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

**RULE 1 - ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE OR GAMES**

- Athletes leaving school because of illness during the day will not be eligible to participate in sports that day.
- Athletes who are ill and arriving late to school, before half of the school day is over, will have their eligibility decided by the Athletic Director who will keep in mind the welfare of the athlete.
- Athletes, who are absent from school for reasons other than illness, will have their eligibility left to the discretion of the administration. Practice is mandatory unless personally excused by the coach.

**RULE 2 – CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN ATHLETE**

Athletes will not display behavior on or off the playing field which, in the opinion of the coaching staff, is considered insubordinate or inappropriate to standards of conduct, attitude or sportsmanship.

**Sanction**

Punishment will be handled by the coach and the school Administration. The range of punishment goes from verbal warning to dismissal from the team.

**RULE 3 – TOBACCO/ALCOHOL/DRUGS IN ANY FORM**

Athletes will refrain from the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, and the illegal use or possession of drugs, including steroids.

**Sanctions**

- 1st Offense: The athlete will be suspended from competition for one calendar year from the date the offense is reported to the Athletic Director. This may be reduced to 50% of an athletic season if the athlete successfully completes an approved substance abuse program, at the family's expense. The 50% will be based on the number of scheduled contests. In the event 50% of the season does not remain in that sport season, the balance of this suspension will carry over to the athlete's next sport season. (50% will be rounded to nearest whole number.)
- 2nd Offense: The athlete will be suspended for one calendar year from the date the incident is reported to the Athletic Director. If the second infraction occurs during a suspension for the first offense, the second offense will not begin until the first offense has been served in full. This suspension includes intramurals as well.
- 3rd Offense: The athlete is no longer allowed to compete in athletic at Mundelein High School. This includes intramurals as well.

**SELF-ADMITTANCE**

An athlete or his/her parents may self-admit a substance abuse problem to the athletic department and face no penalty. This is a one-time offer only and may not be used to avert a penalty that has been or will be discovered through "normal" occurrences, i.e. the police have already made an arrest.

Once the athlete or his/her parents have come forward, the athlete will have to complete an approved substance program at the family's expense. During this time the athlete is not under any athletic code penalty and will be allowed to practice and compete as normal. Also, the athletic department will treat this with great confidentiality.

While facing consequences for inappropriate behavior is a valuable lesson, the athletic department is also very concerned with the development of all athletes well beyond their high school years. The self-admittance program is designed to offer to the athletes and their parents a tool with which to help foster good decision making throughout their life.