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Hello Thomas E. Harrington Middle School Student-Athletes,

Thank you for wanting to be a part of the proud tradition that is Thomas E. Harrington Middle School athletics. Being a Harrington student-athlete requires hard work, commitment, and self-discipline at all times, and we are confident that you will represent your school, your team, and your family well. With great reward comes great responsibility, so please remember to adhere to the following guidelines:

**Student-Athletes: *Guidelines and Expectations***

1. Every student-athlete must have a current physical which is approved by the school nurse and school doctor in order to participate in sports at Thomas E. Harrington Middle School. Additionally, student-athletes need to take care of themselves. Get adequate sleep and eat as healthy as you can.
2. Any student-athlete must be academically eligible (Student Handbook standards) and behaviorally eligible by the administration at HMS in order to play sports.
3. All fines (previous uniform wasn't turned in) must be settled prior to the start of the season.
4. Periodically, the student-athlete must have a progress report signed, (which includes academics and behavior), by all teachers and turned in to the coaches. Any failing grade or poor behavior displayed by the student-athlete may cause the student-athlete to face suspension or to be removed from the team.
5. If a student-athlete disrespects the coaches, opposing team, players, school, teachers, referees or anyone else, he or she will face consequences (including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the team.) Additionally, your coaches were hired to their position due to their knowledge of the game and how to teach it, so listen to them and work hard.
6. The student-athlete must attend all scheduled classes on the day of the athletic event. If a student is absent from school or cuts class, he or she will not be able to participate in the athletic event.
7. The student-athlete is not permitted to participate in an athletic event if the student-athlete was medically/parentally excused from Physical Education class. Additionally, If the student-athlete did not participate in Physical Education, he or she may not participate in their athletic event, whether it be a practice or game.



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8. The student-athlete will be at every practice with appropriate clothes/equipment. If the student-athlete is present in school and does not come to practice, it will count as a missed practice and the student-athlete is subject to a consequence by his or her respective coach.
9. If the student-athlete receives school discipline, then he or she will face consequences that are decided by the coaching staff. If the discipline occurs on the day of a game, he or she may not participate in the contest.
10. Bullying, harassment or hazing of any kind is not permitted. Any student-athlete who participates in such activity will be subject to disciplinary action by the team and possibly by the school, which could include possible suspension or removal from his/her team.
11. At the end of the season all uniforms and equipment must be returned to the coach in the same shape they were given. If a piece of equipment is damaged or lost, the student-athlete is responsible for paying for its replacement.
12. Mount Laurel Schools prohibits the possession, use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco (including vaping) or drugs of any kind. This violation extends beyond school grounds and functions.
13. The student-athlete is not guaranteed equal playing time. Playing time will be earned by how hard he or she works in practice and coaching decisions throughout the game. If there is a concern about playing time or a coach's decision, an appointment must be made through Mr. Dan Poehls, who is our Harrington Middle School Athletic Manager.
14. We will win and lose with class and as a team. If the student-athlete does not represent Thomas E. Harrington Middle School respectfully, then the student-athlete will face consequences (including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the team.)

By signing my name, I agree with what has been stated in this code of conduct. I will follow these guidelines and expectations to the best of my ability and understand that if I do not, there will be consequences. I understand that the Thomas E. Harrington Middle School Code of Conduct does not prevent coaches from having rules and regulations particular to their team, relating to violations not covered in this contract.

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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