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SIGN-OUT POLICY

Participants are to travel with the team to events. You must take your child home from an away game. There will be no returning buses back to Pierce. There will be a sign-out sheet that parents need to sign before taking their child home. ID will be required to sign your child out.

Students who wish to ride home with another parent must submit a note 24 hours prior. Phone conversations at the conclusion of a game will not be accepted to ride home with another parent. The parent picking up their own child and another student athlete will have to sign out both students.

Remember that your child is still our responsibility, even away from school. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. We'd ask that you please follow this procedure, so as not to put the coach in an awkward position at the game.

PRACTCE AND GAME PICK-UP POLICY

We ask that parents have their student athlete picked up from all games and practices no later than 15 minutes after the practice or game concludes. Coaches will give you a detailed game and practice schedule.

Doors to the school will be locked at the start of practice. Doors will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to the start of practice and 15 minutes prior to dismissal. Students and staff have been given the directive not to prop the doors open at any time. If you see the doors propped open, please remove the object. Evening personnel have the schedule and will be aware of practice start and end times.

If there is a problem picking up your child right after practice, please make arrangements with another parent or see the coach to work something out.

There is a sign-out policy for students going home with parents after away games.

24-HOUR RULE

Sometimes parents might have concerns and or a complaint which can result in explosive conversations where words are spoken that neither side really intended or meant. Emotions are laundered, and unfortunately, this can be damaging. This type of scenario is particularly applicable if the discussions occur immediately after a practice or a game when someone is still upset.

We ask that parents with concerns or complaints after a game wait until the following day to address the issue with the coach. This 24 Hour Rule allows parents and or players to collect their thoughts, evaluate the situation, and potentially avoid difficult post-game situations.

Situations, however, that require immediate attention may be discussed with the on-side administrator.

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PARTICIPATION IN SAME SPORT MHSAA POLICY

As a middle school, Pierce falls under the same rules outlined by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). The 2013 MHSAA handbook. Section 13, page 81 states**, "…participants in any athletic competition not sponsored by his or her school in the same sport season, shall become ineligible."** Therefore once a student practices or participates in an athletic contest or scrimmage as a member of a junior high/middle school athletic team, they are not allowed to participate in the same sport during the same season with a non-school team.

There are very few exceptions to this rule. Certain sports, not including basketball or football, are eligible for limited participation. Athletes who are part of a National Team or Olympic Development team are also allowed exceptions to the rule. Please keep in mind, student athletes are not allowed to participate in any form of an All Star contest while participating on their school team.

Players who violate this rule place their school team in jeopardy of game forfeitures. Any violations of the MHSAA rule will result in individual suspension. The length of that suspension will range from two days to the remainder of the season. The district AD will determine the length of the suspension.

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Spectators - Participant Expectations

- Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other and its fans.
- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and the mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people you would praise as a student working in the classroom.
- Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe a contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial, or sexual nature.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Recognize and compliment the efforts of the school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship to that end.
- Be a positive behavior role model through your own actions and by censoring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.

Athletes - Participant Expectations

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing your school and community.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- Learn the rules of the fame thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, fellow students and elementary students. This will assist both them and you in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better that yourselves can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of your sport?
- Refrain from taunting, trash talking, or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial, or sexual nature. Refrain from intimidating behavior.
- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner that you would like to be greeted following victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the game officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote you and your sport. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of the officials and the people at the event.
- Win with humility; lose with grace. Do both with dignity. Avoid excessive celebrating after a play or at the end of a game.

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Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

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Sport	
Home Phone	
Street Address	
City, Zip	
Mom's Name	
Cell Number	
Email	
Dad's Name	
Cell Number	
Email	
Player Cell Phone (if applicable)	
Emergency Contact 1	
Best Number	
Emergency Contact 2	
Best Number	
Known Allergies	