

Mount Boucherie Secondary Student-Athlete Code of Conduct



Participation in Mount Boucherie High School Athletics can be an integral part of the Bears experience for our student-athletes. Athletic participation provides unique opportunities for students to promote their mental, physical, social, spiritual, and emotional development. It is a privilege to participate on school teams. Student-athletes must understand their role as ambassadors of our school and the community, and that the example they show out in public will be regarded as the standard for the entire school. Due to their greater visibility in the community, student-athletes representing Mount Boucherie are accepting a higher level of accountability and responsibility related to our school's Code of Conduct and expectations.

Sportsmanship and Respect

Demonstrating sportsmanship and self-discipline to teammates, opponents, officials, and others should be in the forefront of a team's basic philosophy and attitude. Self-discipline in both victory and defeat should be demonstrated and any form of inappropriate behavior will not be accepted or tolerated. Respect is required at all times for the spaces we have the privilege of using, including, but not limited to the following areas: the school facility, the locker room, bus, gymnasium, ice rink and/or athletic field; whether at home or away. Each of these areas must be left in the same condition or better than when the athlete arrives.

Hazing/Bullying

Hazing/bullying is defined as any activity that endangers the mental health, physical health, or safety of a person. Any hazing/bullying activity, whether by an individual or a group, shall be treated as a forced activity, even if a person willingly participates. Mount Boucherie Secondary School and the Athletic Program does not condone any form of initiation or harassment. **Student-athletes found to be engaging/participating in hazing/bullying may be required to meet with the athletic disciplinary board before rejoining their team.**

Controlled Substances

Using, possessing, purchasing, selling, distributing and/or being under the influence of any controlled substances, drugs and/or drug paraphernalia, are considered a violation of the School and Student-Athlete Codes of Conduct. Controlled substances include, but are not limited to tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, performance enhancing drugs, or medications without a prescription or used not in accordance with prescription directions. Vaping and e-cigarettes are also prohibited under this code of conduct. Student-athletes found to be using the above-mentioned controlled substances may be required to meet with the athletic disciplinary board before rejoining their team.

Academic Standing

All student-athletes must be in good academic standing to participate in any team activities. This includes but is not limited to practices, games, tournaments, and team building exercises. Good academic standing is defined as being in a passing position in all courses in which the student is enrolled.

Student-athletes who are not passing courses may be temporarily suspended from all team activities until they are in a passing position or have written permission from the course instructor(s).

School Discipline/Good Standing with the School

Student-athletes must be in good standing with the school to participate in all team activities. Student-athletes who are suspended, have criminal charges pending, have attendance issues, are frequently late to class, or are causing disturbances within the school may be suspended from the team. **Student-athletes who are not in good standing with the school may be required to meet with the athletic disciplinary board before rejoining their team.**

Athletic Disciplinary Board

Student-athletes who violate the hazing/bullying, controlled substances, school discipline, and good standing within the school sections of the Student-Athletes Code of Conduct may be suspended from the team and be required to meet with the Athletic Disciplinary Board to discuss reinstated. The Athletic Disciplinary Board consists of the Vice Principal designate for athletics, our RCMP liaison officer and coaches. Players who violate the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct could face consequences such as:

- 1. **Probation** (Player may continue to practice and play. Player will be reevaluated after one week)
- 2. **Benched** (Player may practice but not play in games for a determined time)
- 3. **Suspended** (Player may not practice or play games for a determined time)
- 4. **Dismissed from team** (Player is dismissed from the team and must return all equipment)

Early Dismissal/Missing Classes

Student-athletes who leave school early or miss classes due to team-sponsored events are responsible for communicating with their teachers and ensuring they complete missed work/assignments. Quizzes/tests cannot be missed due to athletic events without permission from the teacher of the class being missed. Student-athletes must be in attendance at school prior to early dismissal in order to participate in a practice or game that day.

Communication with Coaches

Student-athletes must communicate with coaches well in advance regarding absences from practices or games.

Leaving a Team Before the End of a Season

Student-athletes that quit a team before the season is complete must return their uniform/equipment according to the time indicated by the coach/teacher sponsor. In addition, student-athletes are not permitted to participate in another sport until the first sport season is completed, unless permission is granted by the coach of first team and the Athletic Director. **Student-athletes who quit a team may be denied eligibility to join other school teams.**

Uniforms/Equipment

All uniforms and equipment must be returned in the best condition possible within a specific time period set by the coach/teacher sponsor. When a student-athlete begins a new school sport, the uniform/equipment from the first sport must be returned before another is issued. Game uniforms are to be worn only during game time and under special circumstances as determined by the school/coach.

Fees

Fees for participation in school athletics must be paid promptly through School Cash Online. If there are any concerns about fees for playing on an athletic team at Mount Boucherie Secondary, parents of the student-athlete must arrange for an appointment with the student's Vice Principal to arrange a payment plan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read the Mount Boucherie High School Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and understand the school's expectations. Furthermore, I understand that violation of these expectations may result in being suspended from participation in Athletics at Mount Boucherie Secondary.

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