



PALM HARBOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student-Athlete Expectations and Discipline Policy

The Palm Harbor Middle School Athletic Department expects all Panther student-athletes to demonstrate excellence in their behavior, both on and off the playing field. As representatives of our school, student-athletes are held to a high standard of conduct.

Expectations for Student-Athletes:

In addition to adhering to the full Pinellas County School Code of Student Conduct, student-athletes are expected to:

- Display pride and commitment when representing Palm Harbor Middle School.
- Serve as positive role models for other students and athletes in academics, language, dress, and behavior.
- Show respect to all those in positions of authority.
- Attend school regularly and be punctual to all classes.
- Attend all scheduled practices and remain for the entirety of each practice.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship in all actions, both on and off the field.
- Use self-discipline, especially in stressful situations.
- Accept decisions made by officials and coaches without question or argument.
- Avoid displays of self-glorification and prioritize the success of the team over individual recognition.

Discipline Policy:

To maintain the high standards expected of student-athletes, any violations of these expectations or any part of the Code of Student Conduct that results in a disciplinary referral may lead to disciplinary actions as follows:

• First Disciplinary Referral:

The student-athlete will be suspended from a minimum of one team practice and one game or meet. The student-athlete will also be placed on probation and may face dismissal from the team for any further misconduct.

• Second or Subsequent Disciplinary Referrals:

The student-athlete will be suspended for a minimum of one week of practice and two games or meets per referral. The student-athlete may also be subject to immediate dismissal from the team.

Additional Notes:

- Coaches reserve the right to enforce consequences for any misbehavior by student-athletes, even if not explicitly specified in this policy.
- Final decisions on dismissal from a team rest with the Assistant Principal for Athletics and the Principal. Any decision can be appealed to the Principal.

We expect all student-athletes to uphold the highest standards and thank you for your commitment to representing Palm Harbor Middle School with integrity and excellence.

Please sign below to acknowledge you have read and understand the Student-Athlete Expectations and Discipline Policy for Palm Harbor Middle School.

Student-Athlete Name

Student-Athlete Signature

Parent Signature

Date