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Joseph R. Bolger Middle School Code of Conduct

Pupils participating in athletic, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are expected to behave and perform in a manner which fosters a positive public image for the team, club, school and district.

It is the philosophy of the Joseph R. Bolger Middle School that the head coaches and advisors of all interscholastic pupil activities have the responsibility to establish and enforce rules of conduct, attendance, and participation for their approved activities. The disciplinary actions listed below reflect the minimum action to be taken in response to certain infractions. Based upon the severity of the incident, the coach, advisor, or administrator may recommend more serious disciplinary actions.

A. Minimum Disciplinary Actions for Certain Infractions

Any pupil committing the following infractions will be suspended from participation in the activity for the minimum time established below:

Infraction	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
Unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after competition	1 game	2 games	Off Team
Fighting, before, during, after a competition	1 week	Off Team	
Disruptive behavior on busses	1 Week	Off Team	
Theft (Home or Away)	Off Team		
Vandalism (Home or Away)	Off Team		
Other inappropriate behavior which brings discredit to the team	Off Team		



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B. Academic Eligibility

Pupils must be in good academic standing to participate in interscholastic athletics or activities.

C. Report Cards Issued During the Season

Coaches/Advisors are to review report cards of all participants. If a pupil receives two or more failing grades during a marking period, they will be placed on probation and suspended from play until academic progress has improved. The player may be reinstated upon written verification of "passing" performance by the teacher(s) who assigned the failing grade. It is the pupil's responsibility to provide this documentation to the coach or advisor.

D. Coaches Discretion for Disciplinary Action

Unexcused absences from practices or events.
Any incident not listed above.

E. Administrative Suspension from Activities

The Bolger Middle School administrators may suspend pupils from games/activities for failure to follow school rules and procedures during the regular school day. The length of these suspensions may vary depending upon the nature, severity and the number of infractions.

F. Team Rules

Team rules and the coach's expectations are to be communicated in writing to the pupils and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at the beginning of each season. Coaches and advisors are responsible to insure that all parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have received the team/activity rules.

