

Mahtomedi Values and Principles (MVP)

Healthy sports programs for student-athletes are a key part of our community's identity and contribute to pride in Mahtomedi and our surrounding cities. The (*insert association name*), in partnership with the Mahtomedi Area Athletic Council (MAAC), supports efforts to create and sustain a healthy, safe, and positive learning environment for all participants.

As part of that effort, it is imperative that we abide by the following principles:

- All participants are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness in a safe, encouraging, and supportive environment that strengthens personal character and nurtures a lifelong passion for sports.
- The opportunity to participate in sports is a privilege available to all student-athletes.
- Participation in sports should promote a healthy lifestyle. As a result, we have zero tolerance for student-athlete use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
- It is incumbent upon adults — coaches, parents, officials, and spectators — to create positive, supportive environments that promote adherence to standards of sportsmanship and compliance with rules.
- Parents and coaches must support school work before sports participation.
- Training opportunities must be provided in all aspects of the sport — including coaching, refereeing and age-appropriate skill development— to increase the safety and general knowledge of the sport.
- Positive, constructive communication and feedback is important to continuous improvement efforts at the team and organization levels.

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