

# ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOLS

## ACTIVITIES – THE RIGHT WAY

We, the student and parents of Albert Lea Area Schools, recognize that healthy experiences in activities take a commitment from students and their parents and require support and input from parents. This Compact is based on the Core Principles and Core Practices of Albert Lea Area Schools *Activities – The Right Way*. We have agreed upon the following Core Practices to support quality experiences in our school community and agree to honor them in support of our student-athletes and a positive learning process:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student and parents exhibit good sportsmanship and show respect for everyone associated with the program, including teammates, coaches, staff, opponents, officials, and fans.</li> <li>• Student and parents understand the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and failure with dignity. The spirit of excellence replaces a “win at all costs” mentality.</li> <li>• Student and parents recognize that opportunities for college scholarships and professional play are not the focus of high school sports.</li> <li>• Student and parents commit to upholding substance abuse policies enforced by the school and MSHSL.</li> <li>• Student and parents support a focus on lifetime health and fitness, including habits of fitness and good nutrition.</li> <li>• Student and parents appreciate activity opportunities regardless of the degree of success, the level of skill or time on the field.</li> <li>• Student and parents respect coaches/advisors and appreciate the importance of contributing to the team and its success.</li> <li>• Student and parents are encouraged to attend school meetings to build relationships with coaches/advisors and to learn first-hand about the expectations for participation in interscholastic activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student and parents ensure a balance in student’s lives, by supporting participation in multiple sports and activities, with academics placed first and foremost.</li> <li>• Parents give consistent encouragement and support to their children regardless of the degree of success, the level of skill or time on the field.</li> <li>• Parents stress the importance of respect for coaches through discussions with their children, and highlight the critical nature of contributing to the team and its success.</li> <li>• Parents are required to attend school meetings at the outset of activity seasons to meet coaches/advisors and school officials and learn first-hand about the expectations for participation in interscholastic activities.</li> <li>• Parents serve as role models, understand the educational philosophy and support all programs and students while encouraging their student to do the same.</li> <li>• Parents agree to abide by the rules guiding the conduct of activities, modeling the principles for their student.</li> <li>• Parents leave coaching to coaches and do not criticize coaching strategies or the team performance. They avoid putting pressure on their children about playing time and performance.</li> </ul>
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Student’s Name (Printed)

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Student Signature/Date

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Parent Signature/Date