**Student Code of Conduct – Orange Middle School Soccer**

All student athletes, on the OMS Boys Soccer team, are expected be aware of/follow:

1. Follow the “Chargers” philosophy – conditioning, healthy lifestyle, academic performance, relationships, growth mindset, respect, and sportsmanship
2. The following will result in immediate dismissal from the team:
   1. Hazing - Annoying any student by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks on him/her, to frighten, scold, beat or harass him/her or to subject him/her to personal indignity) or to aid or abet any other student in hazing
   2. Illegal Substances - Any student-athletes found in possession of or known to have used any illegal substances or performance enhancing drugs
   3. ISS/OSS – Any athlete who has three days of either in-school or out-of-school suspension will be removed from the team
3. There are no practices on Fridays – student athletes should use this time for teacher meetings, tutoring, homework, appointments, and/or personal conditioning
4. All student athletes must maintain a B average in their classes during the season (the district expectation is a C average but the Soccer program has higher expectations).
5. Locker rooms and/or other spaces used by the team must be cleaned each day (no personal equipment may be left in these spaces overnight)
6. Unexcused absences from practice or games will result in suspension from the team (players late to practice should have a pass from a teacher)
7. Inappropriate behavior towards teammates or coaches is unacceptable – athletes are expected to support each other in a positive and constructive way

*Additionally, student athletes and their families are expected to be aware of and follow the* [*OCS Athletics Handbook.*](https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=257&ViewID=C9E0416E-F0E7-4626-AA7B-C14D59F72F85&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=128&PageID=110&Comments=true) *Highlights from that resource are below:*

1. Students must meet all requirements of athletic participation as established by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), the NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Orange County Schools Board of Education (OCS).
2. Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory, therefore approve and applaud good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
3. Always respect the judgment and integrity of game officials.
4. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
5. Taunting (including actions that are meant to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others) is considered a flagrant unsportsmanlike foul and is subject to immediate ejection from a contest.
6. All transportation to and from athletic contests for team members (including managers and statisticians) is provided in OCS owned vehicles and all team members MUST travel in these vehicles.
7. Individual users of the school system’s technological resources are responsible for their behavior and communications when using those resources.
8. All student-athletes who use social media platforms [must] adhere to OCS Board Policy; additionally, student-athletes and coaches are expected to follow all social media expectations:
   * Take responsibility for my online profile, including my posts and any photos, videos or other recordings posted by others in which I appear.
   * Do not degrade my opponents before, during, or after games.
   * Only post positive things about my teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
   * Use social media to purposefully promote abilities, team, and community.
   * Ignore any negative comments and do not retaliate.
   * If a teammate posts something potentially negative online, bring it to the attention of a coach or Athletic Director.
   * Represent my sport(s), school, team, family, and community always, in a positive manner.

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*We understand the expectations regarding the Orange Middle School Soccer Team. We understand that violations of the rules, team philosophy, and/or coaches' expectations will result in suspension from practice, games, and/or team events. If we have any questions, we know to speak with Coach McDonald or Coach Clark during the season.*

Student Athlete Name: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Student Athlete Signature: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

Parent/Guardian Name: *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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