

MESSIAH LUTHERAN ATHLETICS

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DRESS AND CONDUCT RULES MESSIAH SPORTS TEAMS

Participation on the sports teams at Messiah Lutheran School is both an honor and responsibility. Participants need to always be conscious of the fact that as players they are not representing themselves on the field of competition, but rather Messiah Lutheran School. The mere fact that they are able to be on the field of competition as a team member is due to the fact that Messiah Lutheran has provided that opportunity with its sports program.

Therefore, all conduct by individual participants must be representative of the values of Messiah Lutheran. Each participant must realize that to casual observers of the game, individual actions are seen as a reflection of Messiah Lutheran rather than the individual actually committing them.

As such Messiah Lutheran has established the follow rules of conduct that each sports team participant is expected to follow:

- Team members participating in volleyball and basketball must wear the complete uniform (i.e. top and bottom) as provided by the school. Any participant attempting to wear any type of substitution top or bottom will not be allowed to participate in any aspect of the game event. This includes warm ups and sitting on the bench.
- Players may wear additional clothing articles aside from the school uniforms at their discretion. Examples would include head bands, wrist bands, socks, shoes, or undergarments. However, the coach and athletic director reserve the right to have players remove or alter such items if it is felt they detract from the team's appearance or appear to direct more attention to the individual rather than the team.
- It is understood that on occasion there may be an instantaneous player reaction to a referee call or play. However, repeated reactions, comments, or gestures by players indicating displeasure over the refereeing or general play on the field is unacceptable.

Such action if viewed by a coach, the athletic director, member of the Board of Education, or member of the Messiah faculty will result in removal from the game by the coach and consideration for suspension from future games.