



Sportsmanship Code

The strongest foundation to a positive athletic program is sportsmanship. At MCCC, building “good sports” is a task for all players, coaches, administrators, and fans alike. Mercer believes that sportsmanship is everyone’s responsibility. Athletes often lead the way in their communities with what they do outside of their sports – by demonstrating their positive character. Like it or not, the Mercer community is watching everything you do. Sportsmanship is all about leading by example. Sportsmanship is a way of life at Mercer, both on and off the field.

As a model of good sportsmanship you should:

- **Maintain** a dedication to the spirit of sportsmanship.
- **Play** hard at all time, but respect your opponent.
- **Do not assume** you can behave any differently just because you win.
- **Emphasize** sportsmanship at all team meetings, all year.
- **Play** within the rules and respect the officials.
- **Encourage** your teammates and acknowledge good performance efforts from both your team and your opponents.
- **Treat** all coaches, officials, players, and fans with respect at all times.

Character counts and sportsmanship matters. Your personal conduct is always subject to the scrutiny of your fellow students, fans, opponents, and the media. Through sports you should learn those things that will not only make you a better athlete, citizen, and person. By being a student athlete, you are presented with opportunities to learn valuable life skills. If you love athletics, you will care about developing good sportsmanship.

By signing this form, I agree to adhere to this code and understand that if I am involved in an unsportsmanlike incident I may be subject to athletic, college-wide, municipal, and/or civil disciplinary consequences.

Name: _____ Date: _____