

# MADISON-PLAINS ATHLETICS



**Winners never quit  
and quitters never win.**

# Madison-Plains Athletics

## **“WE ARE MP”**

### PHILOSOPHY

Madison-Plains Athletic Department understands the importance of athletics in the school environment. Athletics is one part of many of the high school/jr. high experiences. Whether a student is in the contest or a student is cheering for their team is two of the many ways athletics builds people and relationships. Athletics educate our students in teamwork, dedication, discipline, work habits, building relationships and respect for people. The philosophy of this department is to build an organization of people who care for one another and teach one another the qualities to become better people. Administrators, coaches and staff will work in unison to mold young people into young adults through the lesson taught by athletics. We will give the students the best opportunity to work within athletics to have experiences that are life lessons for their future endeavors. Our philosophy comes down to people and developing people for the rest of their lives.

### VISION

Our vision for the Madison-Plains Athletic Department is to create a first class program in our district, region, state and nation. We will establish expectations, set goals and accountability measures for each of our teams. Coaches and student athletes will strive to excel through hard work, relentless effort, team work and discipline. Madison-Plains athletic programs will serve as a model for other high school athletic departments because we do things the right way and for the development and advancement of our student athletes.

### BELIEF SYSTEM

- Development of People, Programs and Relationships
- High Expectation
- Responsibility
- Discipline
- Teamwork
- Collaboration
- Service
- Hard Work
- Unselfishness
- Enthusiasm

## EXPECTATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

### Student Athlete

As a student athlete representing Madison-Plains School District, one must understand the expectations that they are accountable for:

- Strive to develop and maintain a high behavioral standard both in the classroom and in their respective activities;
- Have a higher standard of personal and social behavior than others;
- Display proper sportsmanship in defeat as well as in victory;
- Respect authority-parents, officials, coaches, advisors, teachers and others;
- Have a proper spirit of cooperation;
- Be dedicated to hard work and training;
- Display proper behavior in and out of school;
- Exemplify good citizenship and serve as good role models;

### Coach

It is the responsibility of each coach, advisor, etc., to inform his/her athletes of the expectations of his/her sport as specified in this handbook. The Athletic Department has high expectations for its coaching staff. Expectations are:

#### Care of student athletes

- Build relationships with student athletes;
- Work for the best interests of student athletes (development/safety);
- Work for the vision of Madison-Plains School District (Challenging All to Succeed);
- Track the academic progress of student athletes;
- Promote the student athletes to the next level;

#### Communication

- Effectively communicate with his/her student athletes;
- Effectively communicate with the community and parents;
- Effectively communicate with his/her assistant coaches;
- Effectively communicate with the MPHS/MPJH faculty;
- Effectively communicate with administrative team at Madison-Plains High School/Madison-Plains Jr. High School.

#### Program organization

- Establish high expectations of his/hers program (staff and athletes);
- Develop and implement organized practice plans (practice times and locations);
- Instruct the student athletes in the fundamentals of the sport;
- Function his/her program within their budget;
- Raise adequate funds;
- Work effectively with the booster club and the community for the betterment of the program;
- Work with community organizations so that the student athletes have an opportunity to give back to the community.

## GOALS

### Student Athletes

Athletics teach many life lessons to our student athletes. Understanding this belief, here are some of the top goals we expect our student athletes to achieve through their participation in athletics:

- To learn teamwork
- To build leadership, character
- To develop respect to yourself and others
- To enjoy/fun participation
- To learn to be competitive
- To learn how to work to be successful
- To develop sportsmanship
- To learn to continually improve/grow
- To teach life skills
- To develop personal healthy habits/active lifestyle

## **“WIN WITH HONOR”**

### SPORTSMANSHIP

Madison-Plains athletics is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Through this membership, both Madison-Plains and the OHSAA believe that good sportsmanship is a basic principle of high school athletics. Even though winning is the goal of any team, showing good sportsmanship is more important. Sportsmanship is about observing the rules, respecting others and being gracious in victory or defeat. Madison-Plains expect every one of our student athletes, coaches and parents to live by this principle of sportsmanship. For these principles to prevail, everyone must share the responsibility to practice good sportsmanship.

### PLAYER

Student athletes participate in many athletic events with the goal to win. The athletic department wants all student athletes to understand that how we play the game is more important. We want to WIN WITH HONOR or have defeat with pride. Our student athletes will participate in every contest with the idea of:

- We will play hard but with respect to our opponents, their coaches and any school equipment and/or facilities. An example of this is shaking hands with opponents in a gesture of good luck or good game.
- We will respect the officials. Our student athletes will not argue or make a gesture in response to any decisions made by the officials.
- Play with the knowledge of the rules of each sport. The rules are there to establish fair play between contestants.
- Our student athletes will practice ethical behavior. They will maintain self-control in any and all situations. Irrational behavior by a student athlete will not be tolerated by our department and administration.
- Student athletes must follow all team rules established by the coaches and the CODE OF CONDUCT.

**\*\*Student athletes must accept the responsibility and privilege of representing our school and community.**

## INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS (Coach's may have more in their individual handbooks.)

- Taunting officials, opponents and spectators
- Violation of the bench rule:
  - If any athlete leaves the bench area and is involved in an altercation on the playing field/area, the athlete will be suspended for two contests. The suspension should include non-conference and tournament games and should carry over into the next sports season if it occurs at the end of a sports season. If the athlete leaves the bench area and is involved in an altercation in the stands, the athlete will be suspended from all contests for one calendar year.
- Use of profanity
- Damaged/destruction of school property
- Theft of school or personal property
- Infractions involving the county court system

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MAY INCLUDE: (Coach's may have more in their individual handbooks.)

- Benching of an athlete
- Removal from contest
- Suspension
- Restitution
- Conference/hearing with school officials
- Violation of the CODE OF CONDUCT may result in school discipline

## EJECTION FROM AN ATHLETIC CONTEST

- OHSAA rules state that any student ejected from an interscholastic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two (2) regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).
- A student who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in a season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season for that sport. A student has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in a season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.
- It is the responsibility of the school district authorities to ensure that this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible player is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1, the decision of the contest officials are final.

## ADMINISTRATION/COACH

It is the job of the athletic department to work with each student athlete to make sure they understand the concept of sportsmanship; they exercise sportsmanship, and recognize the consequences of their actions. We, as a department, need to be examples of this principle by our action and our words. Coaches are expected to:

- Educate our student athletes in sportsmanship and respect of others and the game. Coaches are expected to detail the actions of their athletes during all contests, before, during and after. They are also to instruct their athletes on any and all sportsmanship traditions and how they are to participate. An example of this is shaking hands with opponents in a gesture of good luck or good game.
- Coaches will respect the officials. Our coaches will act accordingly to the officials and only ask for clarification of a call. Any discussion of an interpretation or protest will be brought to the administrator working the event.
- Coaches are expected to educate the student athletes with the rules of each sport.
- Coaches are expected to practice ethical behavior in their instruction of the game to the athletes. By example they will maintain self-control in any and all situations.
- Coaches must create, implement and enforce a team handbook or manual.

## INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS

- Taunting officials, opponents and spectators
- Use of profanity
- Inciting spectators/players to inappropriate behavior

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- Meeting with the administration, written disciplinary action
- Suspension
- EJECTION FROM AN ATHLETIC CONTEST

- OHSAA rules state that any coach ejected from an interscholastic contested for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended in contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two (2) regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the coach shall be suspended for the same period of time as stated above in the same sport during the following season in the next school year. A coach under suspension may attend the contested, but must be seated in the spectator area and may not give any instruction to the players or to the individual who has been assigned to coach the team any time prior to or during the contest, including half-time or intermission. A suspended coach may not travel with the team to an away contest.
- A coach who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in a season shall be suspended indefinitely and required to attend a mandatory conference with the commissioner at the OHSAA headquarters. The principal of the school shall be required to attend this conference as well. Any penalty shall be determined in accordance with OSHAA Bylaw 12.
- This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1, the decision of the contest officials are final.

## PARENT

Madison-Plains Local School District appreciates all that parents do to support their children in athletics. However, sometimes as an enthusiastic parent, we cross the line. Madison-Plains Athletic Department wants you to understand that we hope you have a great time supporting all of our children, but to please keep in mind sportsmanship. In some cases, we need to hold our parents and supporters responsible for their actions. Below is a list of inappropriate actions and consequences for our parents and supporters:

- The disrespect of the student athletes from either team, coaches from the teams, officials and or administrators from either school.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense of the game, the person involved will be asked to please stop.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense of the game, the person will be asked to leave the event's facility.
    - If a supporter/parent is removed from the event, the administrators will evaluate the incident and decide if the person/parent will be allowed back into events for the particular season.
  - Any other offenses by the same person/parent, they will not be allowed to enter any more events for that particular season.

## INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Madison-Plains Student Athletes are held to a very high standard not only on the teams they play for but in the school community and the community of our district. We expect our students to display respect, character, accountability and responsibility in everyday life all the time. It is the job of our coaches, teachers and administration to educate our student athletes in this expectation. If a student athlete does not display these qualities in the classroom, with the team, in the school and in public disciplinary actions may need to be enforced.

## BEHAVIORS INAPPROPRIATE

- Disrespect to teachers, coaches, school employees, teammates, students and community members.
- Any action that requires a teacher or administrator to discipline the student athlete in class or in a school activity.
- Any action that requires a law enforcement agent to be involved.
- Any unacceptable behavior on the school bus, during school transportation or transportation to a contest.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MAY INCLUDE

- Benching of athlete
- Removal from contest
- Conference/hearing with school official
- Suspension from team
  - Madison-Plains School District states that any student suspended from a team for breaking district, school or team rules and policies will be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that year in the particular sport or the number of contests required for specific rule violations. If the suspension occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension is expected to sit on the team bench and travel with the team unless otherwise directed by the coach or administration.
- Removal from team
  - Madison-Plains School District states that any student removed from a team for breaking district, school or team rules and policies will be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that year in the particular sport. The student athlete will need

administrative approval of the student athlete to be placed back on the team of the next year. A meeting between the student athlete, parents, coaches and administration will be set so that a decision will be made if the student athlete may participate in the next sport they participate in. The student will not be allowed to participate in any other sporting activity until such a meeting takes place.

- Violation of the CODE OF CONDUCT may result in school discipline
  - This means that if a participant has a consequence for unacceptable behavior, for example, detention, that detention will be served before the participant reports to the event unless excused by an administrator or his/her designee.
- Conviction of a crime by a court or other legal authority may be subject to action by school personnel up to and including denial of privilege to participate in any co-curricular/extra-curricular activity permanently.

\*\*\*\*Infractions of the co-curricular rules, the Madison-Plains Board of Education policies, Madison-Plains High School policies and rules, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, individual co-curricular rules and guidelines or the Ohio Revised Code shall be reported to the athletic director, co-curricular contractors, and the administration. Student co-curricular participants may be removed from activities by the principal, assistant principal, dean of students, athletic director or advisor/coach for good and sufficient cause.

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## **“ACADEMICS FIRST”**

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Madison-Plains School District complies with the OHSAA regulations for academic eligibility of student athletes. (Information is taken from the OHSAA Handout)

### SCHOLARSHIP:

- Once entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, to maintain eligibility for grades 9-12, a student must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in a minimum of five one credit courses, or the equivalent in the immediately preceding grading period.
- To maintain eligibility, a student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of a 1.50 and have no more than 1 “F” during the 9 weeks grading period.
- You may not use summer school grades for failing grades received or lack of courses taken in the final grading period.
- Your semester or yearly grades have no effect on OHSAA eligibility.
- Those taking postsecondary school courses must comply with OHSAA scholarship regulations.
- The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective.

## **DRUG TESTING POLICY**

### **MADISON-PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL**

The Madison-Plains Board of Education Drug Testing Policy was formed because of a concern that alcohol and illicit drugs may be used by Madison-Plains Schools’ students. The Madison-Plains Board of Education desires to implement a policy which will attempt to provide this district with a safe and healthful student program. This policy reflects the Madison-Plains Board of Education and the community’s strong commitment to establish a truly drug and alcohol free school program. Because of the pervasive nature of drug use in our local schools, Madison-Plains Schools have selected students who participate in extra-curricular activities, and students who, along with consent from their parents, volunteer to be tested for inclusion in the testing pool. This policy applies to all athletes, volunteers and extracurricular activities from grades 7-12.

### PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY SHALL BE:

1. To provide a healthy and safe environment to all students participating in the extracurricular programs.
2. To discourage all students from using drugs and alcohol.
  - a. Students will assume all responsibility for regulating their personal lives in ways that will result in their becoming healthful members of a team and worthy representatives of the school and community.

3. To provide students with the opportunity to become leaders in the student body for a drug free school.
4. To provide solutions for the student who does use drugs and alcohol.
5. To provide the school with positive guidelines and disciplinary policies for violations of the drug free policy.
6. To encourage those students who participate in extra-curricular programs to remain drug free and alcohol free.

The program does not affect the current policies, practices, or rights of the District regarding student drug and/or alcohol possession or use, where reasonable suspicion is established by means other than drug testing through this policy. The drug testing policy is non-punitive.

Students involved in extra-curricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. The drug testing and education policy is designed to create a safe, drug free environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed. Although students risk the loss of continued participation in extra-curricular activities, no student shall be suspended or expelled from school as a result of any certified “positive” test conducted by his/her school under this program.

**No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for banned substances. The results of drug tests will not be documented in any student’s academic record.**

**\*\*\*See the drug testing policy for more information.**

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## **“Doing it the Right Way”**

### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES

#### PURCHASING BY COACHES

Every team will need equipment, supplies or uniforms at some time. **All purchases made by a team/coach must have a purchase order completed first.** The purchase order form is to be filled out and approved before any ordering of materials is done. Purchase order forms are in the athletic office and must be completed and returned to the athletic director for first approval. If this procedure is not followed, the coach/program may be made to buy the ordered materials from their booster account or personal account.

#### HIRING OF COACHES

Once a coach is offered the position, the coach must complete all paperwork, classes or seminars prior to being hired. Every coach must complete the PASP, blood pathogen, FBI/BCI check, concussion training and CPR. The coach must then create a SAFE account on the Ohio Department of Education website and apply for the pupil permit. Each coach must also have written documentation of coaching experience prior to board approval. If there is no written documentation, the coach may forfeit his experience.

#### COACHES' HANDBOOK

Every team will have a rules and policy handbook that will be given to the athletes before the start of the season. Many team oriented rules and procedures will be addressed. If a rule is not covered in the team handbook, then it will be covered in this handbook. The same is true if a rule is not covered in the department handbook, it will be covered in the team handbook. Any conflict of policy and/or rules, the ruling will go to the department's handbook. If a meeting between the coaches, athletes and administration needs to take place to solve any conflict, such a meeting will be set.

#### HAZING/SENIOR RIGHTS

OHSAA defines hazing as: any act or ceremony which creates the risk of harm to the student or to any other party and that is committed as a form of initiation into a particular club or activity. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, activities that involve the risk of physical harm, whipping, branding, ingesting vile substances, sleep deprivation, over-exposure to heat or cold, restrain, nudity, or kidnapping. Hazing could also include actions or simulations of a sexual nature, activities that create a hostile, abusive, or intimidating environment for the student.

Madison-Plains Athletic Department will not tolerate any form of hazing or senior rights. Students involved in such activity will face disciplinary action from the department and school, possibly outside law enforcement. The team involved will be placed on a probationary time period where they will only participate in season practices and games. No camps for the sport will be permitted. The coach will meet with the administration on how to work with student athletes so that this will not happen again.

Any type of second occurrence by the same student(s), even in another sport, the student athlete will be removed from any further sport teams. A meeting between the student,

parents and administration will be held to find a solution to the problem. Legal action may be taken where it is warranted.

#### PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE

A student may participate in conditioning, practice or competition when a valid participation card signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s) and a physician is on file in the athletic director's office.

#### TRANSPORTATION

All student athletes will travel to all away contest on the school transportation provided. Exception must be approved by administration at **least 24 hours before** event. All students will travel home from away events by the provided transportation from the school. If a student athlete wishes to travel home with parents, his/her parents only, they must have a **written request 24 hours each time** they wish to do so. **No student athlete will be allowed to go home with another parent even with a written request.** If a coach wants the team to travel home from events, the coach can put it in his rules, but must understand the parents have a right to leave with their child. A coach can stress the benefits to the team and the school administration will support them in that concept.

#### GAME DAY

Schedule:

Each head coach will set up a schedule for the day from the time school is out until students are released after the contest. The schedule may include a team meal team meeting and team travel plans.

Game day attire:

Every coach will assign game day attire for the team to wear during school. The attire can range from a shirt and tie to uniform jersey to some form of Madison-Plains gear. For any players who are injured or are not participating in the contest, bench attire should be the same if weather permits.

#### CONFLICTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports have become an all year around activity. Every sport today weight trains to stop injuries and to better perform in the activity. For this reason, we ask our coaches to work with our strength people to make sure that we are working to become better for our sports. For student athletes who play many sports, in school strength and conditioning classes are a way for the student athlete to train smartly, for all sports they participate in.

Many sports have outside teams (AAU/CLUB) in the offseason that the student athlete can participate in to continue to better their skills. There are many rules governing these outside teams (AAU/CLUB) by OHSAA> Even though, these teams schedules sometimes over laps the high school varsity sports teams which causes a conflict. When a student athlete is participating in a Madison-Plains varsity sport, we demand that student athlete to place our varsity sport first. Madison-Plains Athletic Department understands that student athletes want to continue to become better in their sports.

However, we warn that over activity may lead to injury, diminishing of grades and loss of interest in sports. Our department cannot govern these teams but can ask that parents and /or guardians to watch for such negatives to over activity.

Student athletes playing multiple sports for the school district sometimes have the opportunity to practice for one sport that is not in season while playing another sport in season. The Madison-Plains Athletic Department has a rule where no student athlete can practice for a high school team off season practice while playing for another high school team in season. If a situation where this does happen, the student athlete and coach of the offseason sport may be disciplined. Disciplinary actions may include suspension from the off season team in practice time and/or games for both the player and/or the coach. This rule was established for the safety of the player who is participating in an in-season sport and for their teammates who rely on them to be healthy for their team.

### DROPPING A SPORT

A participant who quits a sport is ineligible to compete in a concurrent sport until the season is completed. A written appeal may be filed with the athletic director within five calendar days of quitting a sport. Each appeal will be considered independently of other appeals (based on the merits of the individual appeal). If an athlete quits a team, squad, etc., after the final cut has been made, that student may not try out for another sport in the same season, except for appeals granted.

### TWO SPORT PARTICIPATION

Every sport demands the most of its student athletes. Student athletes are asked to play in the contest, to practice, to weight train and to study for their academics. Since each sport is demanding, it is very difficult for student athletes to participate in two sports in the same season. For this reason, any student wishing to try to play two sports in one season will be asked to meet with both coaches and the athletic director to establish if it can be done and to plan to allow it to happen. Permission will not always be granted. Everyone involved must understand the situation and agree to it. If the agreement is not respected by anyone of the above mentioned, the student athlete will be demanded to pick one sport to play.

### CUT POLICIES

Some sports use the process of “cutting” because the number of interested students wishing to participate is too many for the team to have on the roster. For this reason, coaches will hand out “cut policy” paperwork explaining what they are looking for in the tryouts. This paperwork is to be given to the students before the tryouts. Once the tryouts are completed, the coach will inform the students who made the team and who did not make the team. It is up to the coaches to establish the process of delivering the news to the students. Parents may want to discuss the reason for their child being cut; however, we ask that you make a meeting time with the coach after a short period of time after the tryouts.

At Madison-Plains we encourage student athletes to play in as many sports as possible, but sometimes cuts are required. In sports when cuts are required, the student athlete will be required to choose one sport in which they want to try out for in that season.

If an athlete is cut from a squad due to ability, then the individual may try out for another sport in the same season.

## ATTENDANCE

School Day:

**A student athlete must have attended 4 academic periods** (lunch does not count as an academic period) **on the day of practice to be eligible to participate. The MSL rule states a player must be in school the day of the contest to participate in the contest and in school the day after the contest in order to be eligible to participate in the next contest. Student athletes must be in attendance on Friday for a Saturday event. In the event of a true emergency, doctor appointment or funeral, an exception may be granted by the principal.** Student athletes are expected to be in attendance at school the day of and after a contest if it is a school day. Students that show a pattern of missing or late arrivals, even with an excuse, will have a meeting with the coach and administration. Disciplinary action may be used to deter students from such a pattern of absences.

The participant's parent/guardian must contact the principal as early in the day of the activity as possible to request exception.

## BANQUET/AWARDS

At the end of every sporting season, Madison-Plains will have a banquet to honor the student athletes who participated. Every student athlete, who is in good standing with the school and team, is expected to attend. We ask that the student athletes dress appropriate for the banquet. The banquet is the time for the coaches to award letters, special awards and academic honors. The system of awarding honors is to be explained in the team's hand book.

Any award given to a student athlete is expected to be worn in the proper manner with dignity and class. These awards are a symbol of your achievements and you are a representation of what the school district expected from a Madison-Plains Student Athlete. Any wearing of the awards inappropriately will not be tolerated and the awards may be taken back.

# Madison-Plains Athletics

## **“TAKING CARE OF MP”**

### GENERAL RULES

#### UNIFORMS

Every team member will be given a uniform to participate in their chosen sport. The student athlete is asked to respect the uniform, keep the uniform clean and wear it with pride.

#### EQUIPMENT

Student athletes are responsible for the proper care and security of any and all equipment issued to them. All equipment not returned in good condition at the end of the season will be subject to a financial penalty.

All equipment issued:

- Is to be worn only at practice or scheduled games and scrimmages of that particular sport. Any exceptions must be approved by the coach.
- Nothing is to be attached, added to, removed from or worn with a uniform that is issued to an athlete for specific sport unless approved by the coach.
- Each athlete is responsible for all equipment issued. Keep it clean and in the best possible condition. Madison-Plains Local School District is not responsible for lost or stolen equipment.
- All athletic equipment is the property of the Board of Education and the Athletic Department. Therefore, school equipment may not be taken from the building for the use of any other organization or personal use. Any exception must be approved by the coach or athletic director.
- All equipment issued to a student athlete must be returned at the end of the athletic season. Equipment that is not returned for any reason or that is damaged beyond normal wear and tear must be paid for at the current replacement cost. Equipment, that is not returned on equipment hand in day or lost equipment that needs to be paid for, should be paid for one week of the last contested of the sport. Any student athlete who has not returned or paid for lost equipment within one week will be denied the right to participate in athletics until the equipment is returned or paid for. In addition these costs will be added to school fees.
- Under certain circumstances, equipment maybe sold to team members at the end of the season. This sale will be controlled by the head coach and the athletic director. The price will be set by the athletic director and will be the current replacement cost of the item. The money will be collected by the head coach prior to equipment being given to the athlete.

#### LOCKER ROOM/LOCKERS

Under the Ohio Revised Code, a board of education is authorized to create a policy for principals to search any lockers and contents thereof upon reasonable suspicion that the contents contain evidence of a criminal or school violation. If a coach has a suspicion, they may have the principal do a search of a certain student athlete's locker.

All locker rooms and lockers are to be kept clean. We ask that locker rooms and lockers be clean so that we may have no health issues, represent Madison-Plains with class and take care of things

that were given to us to use. It is the coaches' and the student athletes' responsibility to maintain this area.

#### TRAINING ROOM

Madison-Plains contract an athletic trainer from Madison County Hospital to work with our athletes. Student athletes should abide by all the training room policies and rules.

#### WEIGHT ROOM

Madison-Plains High School weight room is used for classes and for athletics. It is the responsibility of all involved in the cleaning and up keep of the equipment in the weight room. No students will be permitted to use the weight room without proper supervision.