

# MONTANA EAST WEST SHRINE GAME PLEDGE

## I. General Standards of Conduct

Participation in the Montana East-West Shrine Game is a privilege, not a right, which carries certain responsibilities. Because of the public nature of this game, you are more visible to the community than your non-athlete peers. Through your participation in this game, you become a representative of the Shriners, the Shriners Hospital for Children, and its members. It is expected, therefore, that you will conduct yourself in a manner that brings pride to your team, your high school, your family, and your community.

This Conduct Code is designed to inform you, the student-athlete, of the behavior expected of you, and of the consequences your behavior may have on your status as a Shrine Game participant. The Montana East-West Shrine Game may take action under the Conduct Code regarding your participation in the Shrine Game. The authority to enforce the policies of the Conduct Code and impose penalties lies solely with the Montana East-West Shrine Game Board of Directors.

You are expected to conform to all Federal, State and Local laws, as well as any and all policies of your high school, your high school's extracurricular policies as well as the policies of the Montana High School Association.

In the event that you violate any law or policy, discipline for that violation can include being dismissed from the team. However, that does not mean that you will be dismissed from the team. In the event you are accused of violating a Federal, State or Local law, or a policy of your high school, high school's extracurricular policy or a policy of the Montana High School Association, you are expected to immediately report the violation to the Montana East-West Shrine Game Board of Directors. This can be done by informing your Team Coordinator, the General Chairman, the Player Selection Chairman or and Member of the Montana East-West Shrine Game Board of Directors.

Upon becoming aware of the accusation, the Montana East-West Shrine Game Board of Directors will discuss the alleged violation at their next regularly scheduled meeting, or if none are scheduled, will call a special meeting to address the alleged violation. At that meeting the Montana East-West Shrine Game Board of Directors will make a decision, based upon all available evidence, regarding whether or not the alleged violation warrants dismissal from the team. **Please be advised that if you are accused of violating any laws of policies and do not report the accusation to the Montana East-West Shrine Game Board of Directors and we are made aware of the allegation by means other than you, YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM WITHOUT THE BOARD GIVING ANY CONSIDERATION TO ANY EVIDENCE THAT MAY EXIST FOR OR AGAINST YOU.** Please be advised that nothing in this code shall be construed to prevent the Montana East-West Shrine Game from imposing disciplinary proceedings pending final adjudication in a court of competent jurisdiction.

## II. Camp Standards of Conduct

In addition to the General Standards of Conduct, there are also Camp Standards of Conduct. The following conduct is subject to disciplinary action(s):

1. Repeated and persistent violation of team rules, including but not limited to:
  - a. conduct reflecting negatively on the team, the Shriners, the Shriners Hospital for Children, and its members
  - b. absenteeism from practices, conditioning, meetings, and competition

- c. tardiness for practices, conditioning, meetings, and competition
- d. use of abusive language and swearing during team practice and competition
- e. noncompliance with team dress and grooming policies
- f. noncompliance with prescribed treatment for athletic injury
- g. noncompliance with expected conduct during team travel
- h. noncompliance with team policies regarding use of drugs/alcohol/tobacco products

The list of objectionable conduct set forth in writing above is to give participants in the Montana East-West Shrine Game general notice of prohibited conduct. Objectionable conduct includes, but is not limited to, those specific actions listed above. The above list should be read broadly and is not designed to define objectionable conduct in exhaustive terms.

The Head Coach may impose sanctions for violation of team rules; these sanctions may include suspension or expulsion from the team.

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CONDUCT CODE**

I fully understand the level of commitment that will be expected of me while representing the team, the Shriners, the Shriners Hospital for Children, and its members. As a result, I will exhibit appropriate behavior at all times and indicative of the Montana Shrine Game Conduct Code by showing respect towards all other individuals and conducting myself as a positive and responsible citizen.

I agree to hold the Montana East West Shrine Game Board of Directors harmless for any actions it takes due to any violation of this Code of Conduct.

I have read and fully understand the Montana East-West Shrine Game Conduct Code and agree to adhere to the stipulations stated.

**If your signatures are not complete, you do not participate.**

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Athlete Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

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High School Head Coach Signature Date

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High School Administrator Signature Date