As a member of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC), Westminster School Athletics supports and enforces the following Code of Ethics.

**NEPSAC Code of Ethics and Conduct**

“As a basic principle, we believe that the lessons learned from fairly played athletics, whether interscholastic or not, and including games and practices, are of benefit to our students and our schools. The purpose of this Code of Ethics and Conduct is to define what “fairly played” means and to provide guidelines for NEPSAC athletes, coaches, officials and spectators alike to follow.”

**Guidelines for Coaches and Players**

1. Treat other persons as you know they should be treated, and as you wish them to fairly treat you.
2. Regard the rules of your games as agreements, the spirit or letter of which you should not evade or break.
3. Treat officials and opponents with respect.
4. Accept absolutely and without quarrel the final decision of any official.
5. Honor visiting teams and spectators as your own guests and treat them as such. Likewise, behave as an honored quest when you visit another school.
6. Be gracious in victory and defeat; learn especially to take defeat well.
7. Be cooperative as you are competitive.
8. Remember that your actions on and off the field reflect on you and your school.

**Expulsion Rule**

“Players or coaches who are ejected from interscholastic games for “unsportsmanlike conduct” or other flagrant behavior will forfeit their eligibility to play or coach in the next regularly schedule interscholastic game or tournament game played in that sport. We encourage a conversation between athletic director, coach and disqualified offender.”
GUIDELINES FOR SPECTATORS

1. Spectators - whether students, faculty, parents, alumni or friends - bear the important responsibility to the school for the atmosphere and conduct of games, whether home or away. Faculty who witness spectators acting in any manner that does not reflect our expectations for good sportsmanship and appropriate sideline behavior should intervene and report the student(s) to their advisor and form dean.

2. Spectators should watch games from those areas defined by each school as spectator areas. They must not run up and down sidelines, call to players, coaches or officials in an unsportsmanlike manner, go onto the field of play, or deface property. Any action that detracts from the ability of coaches, players and officials to do their best, is not acceptable.

3. Faculty members should remember that their responsibility for student discipline and behavior extends to disciplining and controlling students who misbehave as spectators, as well as intervening or reporting behavior of other spectators that does not meet our expectations for good sportsmanship and appropriate sideline behavior.