

Statement of Sportsmanship

The purpose of the Middle Eastern South Asia Conference (MESAC) is to provide a venue for students from the member schools to participate in athletic, fine arts and academic events in an environment that is safe, challenging, professional and educational. Each participant is given the opportunity to demonstrate her/his best ability while maintaining a spirit of respect and cooperation with fellow students from various international backgrounds.

Each event involves students and adults in their different roles as athletes, competitors, participants, coaches, sports officials and spectators. All those involved in the event are expected to uphold the same spirit of respect and cooperation. This spirit is demonstrated by fair play among competitors, positive encouragement from participants and coaches, cooperation among participants, impartial judgments from officials and respectful enthusiasm from spectators.

The behavior of the adults is crucial to the successful educational aspect of the event. The adults act as models for our students. Therefore profanity, the condemnation of coaches or officials, or any behavior that is disrespectful or degrading to the MESAC standard of sportsmanship, jeopardizes the purposes of the MESAC organization and, most of all, jeopardizes the quality of the experience for the participants will not be tolerated. As the event ensues, we ask that all of our parents, coaches, officials and participants keep this vision of our purpose in mind.

At each tournament, teams will take time to review the sportsmanship rubric and rate their competitors on sportsmanship, with the oversight of their coach. Those teams that receive a total of 16.5 points or higher on the rubric will win the Sportsmanship Award. The MESAC Sportsmanship Award will be presented at each tournament to those schools that earn the respect and admiration of the volunteers and the other teams at the event. These teams are commended for interacting with everyone in a positive, respectful and polite manner.

MESAC Rules and Guidelines for Hotel Stays

Student-Athlete

- Student-athletes are expected to be true ambassadors for their school while staying in hotels, exemplifying high standards of behavior and being courteous to other hotel guests.

- Loud noise and loud music is prohibited.
- Under no circumstances can room assignments be changed without permission of the AIC and the knowledge of the coach.
- Students cannot room alone. Twin, triples or four-bedded rooms are recommended.
- All athletes must stay at the team hotel and be paired with a rooming mate. Parents cannot take their child into their hotel.
- Curfew is set at **10:00 PM** each evening. It is recommended that coaches/AICs begin to usher students into their rooms beginning at 9:30 pm. Under no circumstances can a student leave their room after 10:00 pm. If a scheduled event goes late, the Tournament Director will announce if a curfew has been extended.
- **Boys may not enter girls rooms and girls may not enter boys rooms.** Where possible school teams will be split into different floors and also by gender. Every effort will be made to have the girls' rooms in a separate location to the boys', but this may not always be possible.
- Students of the host school are not permitted in the hotel.
- All laws of the host country will be adhered to.
- Student use of tobacco (shisha, cigarettes, e-cigarettes/vaping, etc), drinking of alcohol, or use of illegal drugs will not be allowed during travel or while in the host city during the period of time covered by the MESAC activity.
- Students may not arrange a mandatory team event or social gatherings during the MESAC events/tournaments.
- Socializing among students who are not rooming together in the same room may only take place in common areas.
- Visiting parents may visit with their child in the lobby only with the coach/chaperone's advance permission.

Tournament Directors will arrange with the hotel to remove all contents from any minibars in the student rooms.

MESAC Transportation Rules

- Host schools will provide transportation for all teams to/from the hotel.
- If a taxi is ever used, a coach/AIC must be with the students.
- Any sightseeing or travel in the host city will be done only with the permission of the tournament director and the coach. When not at a tournament related event, the guest students must be under the direct supervision of the coach or AIC.

Disciplinary Action

Any unusual circumstances or problems that occur during the stay in the host city will be reported, as soon as possible, to the Tournament Director and/or the team coach.

Any student-athlete in breach of any of the above rules will be subject to disciplinary action according to the MESAC handbook (which may result in being suspended from the tournament).