PARENT PROTOCOL

Reminders for the parent of an interscholastic athlete:

- Do not force an unwilling student to participate in a particular sport.
- Remember, young people are involved in school sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your athlete always to play by the rules.
- Teach young people that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn defeat into victory by helping young people work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that young people learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not publicly question the referee's judgment and never his or her honesty. They do not question your integrity.
- Inappropriate language and/ or gestures towards officials, opponents, and/or other spectators is unacceptable. Parents work hard to make their children responsible adults, who respect others. Please show good sportsmanship, not doing so sends mixed messages to your athlete.
- Recognize the value and importance of coaches and referees. They give of their time and talents to provide recreational activities for young people with relatively small (if any) financial reward.
- Understand that your conduct at hockey games reflects on your son or daughter and his or her school. Being under the influence of alcohol at a game is not acceptable, nor appreciated.
- Deal with any questions or concerns only through the proper channels, see below.

COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART
The Student Athlete should talk to their Coach first

If unresolved, after 24 hours, a PARENT can ask for a meeting with the Coach
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION/PRINCIPAL
ZONE/LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE
MHSAA OFFICE
*PARENTS SHOULD TAKE ALL CONCERNS AND/OR QUESTIONS THROUGH THESE CHANNELS.
THE MHSAA WILL ONLY HEAR CONCERNS AND/OR QUESTIONS THAT COME TO THEM THROUGH THE SCHOOL

*Any parent who contacts the League could have their team FINED.