

**2008-09 FOOTBALL
SPORTSMANSHIP & ETHICAL CONDUCT PLEDGE**

Whereas, a major purpose of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is to promote the character development of participants and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches, and others associated with athletics programs; and

Whereas, a founding principle of the Missouri Valley Football Conference is that student-athletes, staff members, and other individuals associated with the Conference and its member institutions shall comport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their behavior shall at all times reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in intercollegiate athletics.

Therefore, be it resolved that, as a student-athlete who represents Youngstown State University, I pledge to uphold the purposes and principles of the MVFC and the NCAA by treating teammates, opponents, officials and fans with respect; by refraining from the use of profanity and obscene gestures on the playing field, court or other competition venue; by not engaging in physical or verbal altercation during any competition; and by always winning with grace and losing with dignity. Further, I understand that this pledge is consistent with the ethical conduct policy of the Missouri Valley Football Conference and that any violations of this pledge are subject to the penalties.

Signature

Date

Printed Name