

## Lafayette Christian School Athletics Code of Conduct and Requirements

As in everything we do, we expect LCS athletic programs to allow students to develop spiritually. Furthermore, we expect the athletic and other extracurricular activities at LCS to demonstrate clear Christ-like behavior.

Why do we offer athletic activities for LCS students?

- give students an opportunity to compete
- provide opportunities for Christian role models, relationships, and friendships
- promote the values of teamwork
- establish discipline
- provide an avenue for conditioning and physical fitness
- teach time management skills
- character development
- obedience & sacrifice

We have outlined below the expectations for behavior of all individuals involved in LCS athletic programs. This includes our student athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators. It is our desire to provide a positive Christian example in practice and during athletic events.

### Players

Attitude is everything. Being a part of a team is a privilege. Players should have the attitude that the team is bigger than themselves. Poor sportsmanship will never be tolerated. Players should never complain about the officials. Disrespecting other players (on their own or the opponents' team) will not be tolerated. Players should not feel entitled to playing time. This is the coach's responsibility to manage. As discussed above, decisions on playing time will be based on attitude, effort, and in the case of the higher grades, skill level.

### Parents

Parents play a key role in this process, not only by their behavior at sporting events, but also in how they support these beliefs at home. Parents and other spectators at athletic events are expected to show good sportsmanship. We should strive for our "fan base" to promote sportsmanship and to exhibit Christ-like behavior. This will have a lasting impact on our young student athletes. Please keep in mind the influence we have not only on our youth, but also on other spectators, who may or may not know Christ. In the event that a parent has a question with a situation or would like to discuss an issue, we ask that the following line of communication be followed. Parents should first talk to the Coach, then the Athletic Director, and finally the Principal.

#### *LCS Policy 6145.2:*

*It is the policy of the Board of School Trustees that students may participate in inter-scholastic competition if they meet the academic, attitudinal, and physical requirements. Student failure to perform in school at an acceptable level (no pattern of missing work or late work, or no failing grades) will result in a probationary period of non-participation on athletic teams or sports activities. Probation will be initiated by teacher recommendation to the principal and athletic director. When the probation is initiated, the student will complete the **Athletic Probation Form** and be required to receive three teacher signature checks indicating progress has been made in that class (work completed satisfactorily, passing grades). Reinstatement of participation will be reported to the principal and athletic director.*

1. *A student in grades 6-8 must maintain at least a 2.0 average (C) with no F's and with no pattern of missing class work during the 9-week term to be eligible for participation in the athletic program (practice or games).*
2. *A student in grades 4-5 must maintain grades that include no F's or no more than one D to be eligible for participation in the LCS athletic program (practice or games).*
3. *An "F" at the end of the last marking period does carry over to the beginning of the next year. The same policy applies to Spirit Squad members and transfer students.*
4. *A sports physical is required of all students participating in interscholastic sports because of the strenuous and demanding activity that may be involved.*

It is expected and required that, at the beginning of each season, all players, coaches, and parents review the Code of Conduct and sign below. The Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement is to also be completed, signed, and submitted each school year. Signed copies will be maintained on file by the Athletic Director.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date

