

## Lake Pleasant Central School District Student Athletic Code

You have elected to participate in the athletic program at the interscholastic level. By doing so, you are becoming involved in a special program, designed to give you the opportunity to experience the positive aspects of athletics at your level, as well as the opportunity to experience personal growth and maturity.

By indicating a desire to become a member of a team, you must accept and meet the following responsibilities.

1. As a student athlete you must accept the responsibilities that go with academic performance and classroom behavior. Since the primary responsibility of the school district is to assure that each student achieves to the best of his/her ability, student athletes will be required to meet academic and behavior expectations from their classroom teachers. Failure to meet those requirements may result in you being excluded from practice and/or game participation.
2. No student may participate on an athletic team unless the student has had a physical examination by an accredited medical doctor, and has submitted a signed permission slip from his/her parent or guardian.
3. Student athletes must abide by the NYSPHSAA rules, including those regarding necessary pre-game practice sessions, and re-examination after prolonged illness or injury.
4. During a game/match, it is the athlete's responsibility to control his/her conduct, and not become involved in situations where he/she is disrespectful, insubordinate, or foul-mouthed.
5. Since athletes are expected to be in top physical condition, good attendance at school and practices is required. Any athlete who shows a pattern of being late, or absent, will be subject to review by the coach, Athletic Director, and school administration.
6. A student that is not in school for the full school day for reasons other than sickness will not be allowed to participate in practice or games on that day unless the student has a legal excuse for the absence.
7. Student athletes must report to each practice, and game, unless excused in advance by his/her coach.
8. Student athletes may not smoke, consume alcoholic beverages, or involve themselves with the use of, or possession of any drug used for non-

medical purposes. Violation of the above will be reviewed with the parent(s) and the athlete and result in a minimum penalty of a two-week removal from interscholastic participation. In addition, the sanctions of the District's Policy concerning Alcohol and Other Substances will be applied.

9. Student athletes are to travel to and from athletic contests in the vehicle provided by the Lake Pleasant Central School District. In special cases, where a parent may have valid reason to provide transportation, arrangements may be made with the coach. Students are to abide by all rules regarding transportation on Lake Pleasant Central School District buses. (see attached.)
10. Student athletes are expected to show proper care for the uniforms, equipment, and facilities provided to them. Equipment and/or property that is carelessly, or willfully lost or destroyed, will become the responsibility of the student.
11. Once a student has signed up to participate on a team, the student shall be expected to complete the season. A student may only leave the team with the consent of the parent/guardian, and the coach of the team. Quitting without consent shall be considered a violation, and will be dealt with as a serious matter by the coach and Athletic Director, and may affect participation in the next scheduled sport season.

## Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary procedures effecting participation will generally fall into the following categories:

1. Academic/Classroom Responsibilities
  - a. Student athletes may be delayed from attending or excluded from practices and or games if they fail to meet academic/classroom responsibilities.
  - b. Classroom teachers will provide prior notification (generally, one day notice) to the team coach if they are going to require the student to remain after school to fulfill academic requirements.
  - c. Violation of classroom/academic responsibilities on a consistent basis will be reported to the school administration. In consultation with the teacher(s), coach, Athletic Director and administration, participation may be suspended or terminated. The parent(s) and student will be notified and provided the opportunity for participation in a meeting with the coach, Athletic Director, and administration, prior to a decision being reached.
2. Team Responsibilities
  - a. Disciplinary problems of a minor nature directly related to practice/game activities will be addressed by the coach of the sport.
  - b. Disciplinary problems of a major nature, such as, but not limited to, breaking training rules, consistent cutting of practices, etc. may result in suspension or termination from the team.
  - c. Disciplinary problems of a major nature will be reviewed with the Administration and the Athletic Director. A meeting will be scheduled with the administration, coach of the team, Athletic Director, parent(s), and student athlete, to review the charges and to determine an appropriate disciplinary action.

### Rules for School Bus Passengers

1. Be ready when the bus arrives. Bus routes and stops have been established to provide safe and economical routing. Always remain a safe distance back from the highway.
2. If when boarding or departing, you must cross the highway, do it at least 10 feet in front of the bus, look for vehicles and driver's signal before crossing. Once across the highway do not remain close to the road.
3. In the interest of safety, discipline will be maintained by the driver.
4. Unruly behavior and/or disobedience will not be tolerated and will be grounds for denial of the privileges of riding the bus. Pupils denied this privilege must provide their own transportation.
5. Smoking is prohibited and is among those acts, such as throwing objects and using foul language, that are classified as unruly disobedience.
6. Students will not leave the school bus except at the direction of the bus driver and only at locations approved by the Chief School Administrator.
7. If parents wish their child to get off the bus at other than their residence stops, they shall provide the students with a dated and signed request. The request may cover more than one day or stop. The permission may not be granted if the student shows a disposition towards misbehavior or a question of safety is involved. Permission can not be granted for drop-offs at points not on the regularly scheduled routes. All parents requests must be approved in writing through the school officer before bus driver can honor any requests.
8. Students will conduct themselves in a manner that will not distract the drivers attention from the road.
9. Students will remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
10. Students shall not put any part of their body out of the bus windows.
11. Seating on the school buses will be at the discretion of the bus driver in the interest of discipline and safety.

I have read the attached Student Athletic Code and agree to abide by the provisions contained in the code.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the attached Student Athletic Code with my child.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice Policy for Modified Team Practices

1. All students are required to attend all practices which are scheduled unless they have a legal excuse. Generally, students will be notified 24 hours in advance of practice schedule changes.
2. If a student is to be excused: the Athletic Director will be notified by the student at least one hour before students are dismissed from school the day of practice. If the Athletic Director is not available, Mr. Virgil of the Office should be contacted. Notification has to be given by the students or their parents.
3. If the above procedures are not followed the following actions will be taken:
  - a. The student will not be able to play in the next scheduled game following the violation.
  - b. If there is a second violation the student will be suspended from the team until there is a meeting between the student, coach, Athletic Director, Mr. Brewer, and the parents to decide if the student should continue to play on the Modified team.

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I have read and understand the above policy.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_