

Lawrence Academy Athletic Behavior Contract

- 1. All student-athletes and their parents are required to read, sign, and return the contract in order to be eligible to play sports for Lawrence Academy.**
- 2. All athletes must have a sports physical submitted, be enrolled, and be eligible according to Lawrence Academy's policies in order to participate. The Athletic Eligibility policy can be found on the school's website.**

Coaches are expected to:

- Treat players, parents, opponents, and officials with respect.
- Teach and inspire players to love the game and compete fairly and in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Demonstrate by example the type of person he/she wants the players to be.
- Have control of his/her players and command discipline at all times.
- Respect and abide by all NFHS, NCISSA, and TIC rules and regulations for their sport.
- Realize that as the coach he/she is an educator and therefore understands the sport he/she is coaching and the proper behavior for that sport.
- Monitor the student-athlete's grades and behavior to ensure the student-athlete's academic performance is at an acceptable level.
- Report any breach of conduct by their athletes to the appropriate school authority.
- Make decisions regarding rosters based on skills, team needs, attitudes, and effort during practice and playing time and not show favoritism based on outside relationships.
- Return all calls and messages from parents as soon as possible following communication guidelines.
- ALL COMMUNICATION with students will be through the GroupMe app. Coaches should not participate in any other forms of communication with the students, including separate text groups, Snap groups, etc.

Players are expected to:

- Remember student comes before athlete in the phrase student-athlete. Practice and playing time can and will be limited due to poor grades and performance in any subject.
- Treat opponents, the opposition's coaches and all officials with respect.
- Conduct yourself at all times in a manner that represents good character and sportsmanship on and off the court including social media.
- Demonstrate self-control.
- Respect and accept all official's calls and decisions without gestures or arguments.
- WIN WITH DIGNITY, LOSE WITHOUT EXCUSES.
- Ensure the good of the team always comes first.
- Treat your coach with respect.
- Be a positive member of the school community.
- Respect and accept the coach's decisions regarding rosters, leadership roles, and playing time without gestures or arguments.
- Respect your team members. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated before, during, or after practices or games.
- Understand that all outside disagreements are to be left off the court or field. Once you step onto the court/field for practice or games, we are ONE team that will support one another regardless of any outside issues.
- Encourage your teammates at all practices and games. Give a high five, tell them good job, cheer from the sidelines or on the court, or any other gesture that shows your support.
- Be prepared to listen, learn, practice and play at all times. Avoid wasted time at practices and games.
- Ensure you have the proper uniform and equipment at games and practices.
- Not use profanity or taunt other players or members of the opposing team.
- Have a POSITIVE attitude.
- Approach your team captains or coach with any concerns or issues.

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- Leave the locker room, bathroom, stands, and team bench in better shape than it was when you arrived. Pick up all the trash (even if it is not yours)! This applies to Lawrence Academy as well as opposing schools.
- Not use cell phones during practice and games. Phones need to be off or on silent and need to remain in the player's bag at all times during practice and games. If a parent needs to contact a player regarding pick up or another urgent matter during practice/game times, they should reach out to the coach. In the event a player is using their cell phone during practice or a game, the coach will confiscate the phone until the completion of practice/game (this includes usage during water breaks or bathroom breaks). Repeated offenses will result in the coach confiscating the phone at the beginning of every practice and game thereafter.
- Use the GroupMe app for ALL team communication. This includes decisions on practice, uniforms, etc.

Parents are expected to:

- Ensure your son/daughter is able to get to and from practice and games according to the given schedule.
- Adhere to the schedule provided by the LA Booster Club for concessions, gate duty, and line judging. If there is a conflict with the given date/time, it is the parent's responsibility to find coverage. The coaches will not be responsible for finding coverage and should not be contacted about issues or conflicts regarding this.
- Be a positive role model at athletic contests. Your son/daughter will be very aware of your behavior.
- Be supportive of the coach. The team is the coach's responsibility, not the parents.
- Communicate with the coach and create a positive supportive working relationship.
- Respect the judgment of the officials and refrain from openly criticizing each and every call the official makes.
- Be aware that if a parent conference is desired with the coach that it is unacceptable to speak with the coach regarding this at the conclusion of an athletic event. Parents must wait 24 hours after the event before reaching out to the coach to schedule a conference that does not interfere with games or practices.
- Ensure your son/daughter adheres to the above expectations for players and understand that any deviation from this will result in the appropriate disciplinary action.
- Stay away from the team's bench, locker room, student-athletes, and coaches during gameplay. **Unless there is an injury to your child**
- Not coach from the sideline.
- Understand players will not have access to their phones during practices or games. If there is an urgent matter during these times or you need to coordinate with your child regarding pick up, please reach out to the coach if it cannot wait.

All Students, Coaches, and Parents understand:

- Disrespect will NOT be tolerated.
- **ALL** team communication between administration, coaches, players, and parents will be through the chat application specified by administration (GroupMe).
- Fighting, bullying, or demonstrating disrespectful behavior towards team members, coaches, fans, parents, officials, or the opposing team and coaches, the player will be subject to discipline from the coach at the following practice, up to and including dismissal from the team with approval from administration.
- If a student-athlete is cited for poor sportsmanship or misconduct, he/she will be subject to discipline from the coach at the following practice, up to and including dismissal from the team.
- Coaches have the final say on all decisions regarding rosters. Rosters will be set based on team needs, skills, attitudes, and effort shown at practices and during games.
- There is a 24 hour wait period after all events that must be followed before a parent requests a meeting with the coach. Please approach the coach with all concerns prior to speaking with the Athletic Director or other administrators.
- Phone usage by players during practice or games will not be tolerated.

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I have carefully read the expectations of the coaches, student-athletes, and parents and understand all aspects of this contract. I understand that any violation of this contract will result in disciplinary action not limited to the player's dismissal from the team.

Coach(es):

Signature and Date

Print Name

Signature and Date

Print Name

Student-Athlete:

Signature and Date

Print Name

Parent(s):

**Please have both parents, grandparents, or guardians sign if applicable.*

Signature and Date

Print Name

Signature and Date

Print Name