

**LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
PARENT HANDBOOK**

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**MASCOT: TIGERS
COLORS: ORANGE AND BLACK**

"RESPECT THE GAME"

Loveland City School District Athletic Handbook Awareness Receipt Pledge

I have received a copy of the Loveland City School District Athletic Parent Handbook and/or viewed the handbook online at www.lovelandschools.org and reviewed the policies, rules, regulations and informational items found therein. I realize I am responsible for being aware of the total contents of the athletic handbook.

Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct Pledge

As a Loveland student athlete, I will live by the Loveland City School District Student and Athletic Codes of Conduct. As such, my behavior will reflect the values of respect for myself, respect for others, respect for authority, respect for property and honesty and integrity.

As a Loveland student athlete, I understand that I am privileged to be a representative of the school district and my conduct must reflect accordingly. I realize that my actions reflect on me, my team and my school; therefore, I accept responsibility to be held to a higher standard.

I accept that as a Loveland student athlete, I have a responsibility to my teammates to support and assist them when they are in need, in both academic and social situations.

Student Name (Please print)

Grade

Student Signature

Date

(Sports in which you participate)

As a parent of Loveland City School District student athlete, I pledge to uphold the policies and procedures as established and printed in the athletic handbook.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOCUS STATEMENT

The Loveland City School District provides the experiences that empower each student to develop and use personal strengths to maximize individual potential.

Loveland School will continue to:

- **Foster individual achievement according to desire, needs, interests and abilities**
- **Demonstrate flexibility in creatively meeting the needs of the school community**
- **Prioritize the allocation of resources accordingly**

This is demonstrated by designation of academic “excellence”, success of individual students and continued financial support of the community.

This handbook was written to comply with and conform to the policies of the Loveland Board of Education. If any provisions in this handbook contradict these policies, then the policies of the Board of Education shall super-cede the provisions of this handbook.

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August, 2006

To Loveland Student Athlete and Parents/Guardians:

The Loveland City School district believes that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational development of the student. The Loveland City School District Athletic Program will provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life in a democratic society .

Athletics play an important part in the life of students in the Loveland City School District. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of each team in our athletic program.

Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to our school spirit and helps all students, spectators and participants develop pride in their school. This handbook originated for prospective athletes and their parents/guardians to become familiar with the Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct and the policies of the Loveland Athletic Department.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 677- 7955.

Yours in sports,

Athletic Department
Loveland City Schools

August, 2006

Dear Athletes and Parents:

I am excited and proud to be a Loveland Tiger fan and supporter! School athletics have a unique way of bringing the school community together. Aside from the obvious teamwork that is displayed on the field or court, a sense of school pride and spirit results from the student body, parents, and community spectators coming together to cheer on their team. This Loveland school spirit is extended to other school communities when we host athletic events and when we visit their schools on away events. Sure, everyone relishes the win, but we take pride in the effort of our student athletes, regardless of the game's outcome. This is the essence of sportsmanship and the heart of Loveland's tradition.

I challenge our athletes to rise above the behavior that is all too often observed in the college and pro ranks. Of course, sportsmanship on the field shows teammates and opponents alike that Loveland athletes know how to put their anger "in check" when a referee makes a questionable call or when the coach makes an unpopular substitution. Beyond the game, I challenge our athletes to set the highest standards of academic achievement, ethics and behavior. I would like nothing better than to be able to confidently tell my third-grade son that all those players out on the field have all decided to be drug and alcohol free . . . in and out of season. A lot of "little" eyes are looking up to our high school athletes.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents and Boosters for the many ways you support Loveland's athletic program and your son or daughter's participation. Parenting is no easy venture, and your visible support and attendance at athletic contests means so much to your kids. This handbook is intended to help you participate by providing helpful information about the fall sports season. If you need further information, there are several people who can assist you. Please do not hesitate to call our athletic office at 677-7955.

Sincerely,

Kevin Boys, Ed. D .
Superintendent

**Loveland Athletic Boosters
P .0. Box 458
Loveland, Ohio 45140**

Dear student athletes, family members and other fans,

On behalf of the Loveland Athletic Boosters, we would like to extend our very best wishes for this school year . We are proud of how our student athletes and fans represent Loveland schools. Good sportsmanship is essential to building and maintaining first class athletic programs.

The Loveland Athletic Boosters is a parent and community member run organization, dedicated to the improvement of student athletes and athletic programs of Loveland City Schools. Through the efforts of countless booster volunteers, we raised over \$100,000 last year. 100% of what we earn, goes to student athletes and athletic programs. We are honored to be members, and urge you to join too. Talk to a member, or stop by any of our concession stands to see how you can become part of our organization. Check your school calendar for our meeting schedule.

Many area businesses support our efforts, through advertising in our programs, at our annual golf outing and through the purchase of high value advertising packages. We thank our business partners for investing in our youth and our community! We couldn't do it without them. Please let them know that you appreciate it too, as you frequent their businesses.

We look forward to continuing to work with our other partners as well. These partners include the school board, school administration and staff, area police departments, local government/officials and many other community members. Together, we make a difference in the lives of over 400 athletes in 18 sports!

Please remember as athletes and fans, to always be a good sport! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Loveland Athletic Boosters

LOVELAND HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Principal: Molly Moorhead, Ed.D.
Assistant Principal: Dave Eads
Director of Athletics/Assistant Principal: Jeff Zidron
Assistant Director of Athletics: Kevin Taylor
Assistant to Athletic Department: Brenda Clark
Athletic Trainer: Keene Bryant MS, ATC

Address: #1 Tiger Trail, Loveland, Ohio 45140
School Telephone Number: 513-683-1920
School Fax Number: 513-677-7952
Athletic Office Phone Number: 513-677-7955
Athletic Office Fax Number: 513-697-3725

LOVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Principal: Erica Kramer
Assistant Principal: Chris Burke
Athletic Director: Matt Porter
Address: 801 South Lebanon Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
School Telephone Number: 513-683-3100
School Fax Number: 513-677-7986
Athletic Office Phone Number: 513-697-3675

LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Superintendent: Kevin Boys, Ed.D.
School Mascot: Tiger
School Colors: Orange and Black

Loveland School Board Members

President: Kathryn Lorenz, Ph.D.
Vice President: Christine Olsen
Judy McClanahan, Ph.D.
Linda Pennington
James Kolp, D.O.

Athletic Booster President: Tim Petersen

Loveland Athletics

Athletic Department Mission Statement

The Loveland City School District Athletic Program will provide a wide variety of athletic opportunities that will aid in the overall development of our students. Participation in athletics will provide students with a significant opportunity to become involved with other students and their coaches in an educational experience that takes place outside of the classroom.

Athletic Department Philosophy

The Loveland City School District believes that a dynamic program of student activities is significant to the educational development of the student. The Loveland City School District Athletic Program provides a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that prepare them for adult life in a democratic society.

Athletics play an important part in the life of the Loveland City School District student athletes. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of team goals in our athletic department.

Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to school spirit and helps students, spectators, and participants develop pride in their school.

The Loveland Board of Education further encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in all phases of the educational process in all segments of the community, including administrators, participants, adult supervisors, parents, fans, spirit groups and support/booster groups.

Athletic Department Goals

- Promote the development of favorable habits and positive attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.
- Promote academic excellence in the classroom.
- Recognize and promote the lessons learned regarding good sportsmanship, ethics, teamwork and the value of competing, win or lose.
- Ensuring a safe and secure environment for practice and competitions.
- Recognize and promote the accomplishments of athletic teams and individuals.
- Encourage coaches to be leaders, role models and persons of character.
- Emphasize and encourage positive lifestyles that will assist in striving to be the best.
- Promote cooperation throughout the athletic department, while supporting all athletic and extracurricular programs.
- Ensure that everyone involved with the athletic department adheres to the rules and policies of the Loveland City Schools, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Fort Ancient Valley Conference and the Loveland Athletic Department.

The Influence of a Coach

The Loveland City School District believes that an ATHLETIC COACH is a major influence in the lives of young men and women. Because of this, we expect our coaches to be a good example in all areas of life. Athletics are an extension of our academic classrooms. As “teachers” of our athletes, coaches should provide a positive learning environment through their language and actions, both on and off the playing field. Remember the great influence that you have — it is your greatest responsibility.

FORT ANCIENT VALLEY CONFERENCE

BUCKEYE DIVISION

| SCHOOL | NICKNAME | COLORS |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Anderson | Redskins | Black & Orange |
| Glen Este | Trojans | Purple & White |
| Harrison | Wildcats | Green & White |
| Loveland | Tigers | Orange & Black |
| Mason | Comets | Green & White |
| Winton Woods | Warriors | Blue & Gold |

CARDINAL DIVISION

| SCHOOL | NICKNAME | COLORS |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Amelia | Barons | Royal & Blue |
| Kings | Knights | Red/White/Blue |
| Little Miami | Panthers | Green & Gold |
| Turpin | Spartans | Maroon & Gold |
| Walnut Hills | Eagles | Blue & Gold |
| Wilmington | Hurricanes | Orange & Black |

SCARLET DIVISION

| SCHOOL | NICKNAME | COLORS |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Edgewood | Cougars | Blue & White |
| Mount Healthy | Fighting Owls | Red & Black |
| Northwest | Knights | Blue & Gold |
| Norwood | Indians | Scarlet & Royal |
| Ross | Rams | Maroon & Gold |
| Talawanda | Braves | White & Blue |

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER:
LEAGUE PRESIDENT:
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR:
FAVC LEAGUE WEBSITE ADDRESS:

STEVE BORICH
DENNIS ASHWORTH
BILL STEWART
www.favcsports.org

2006-07 HEAD COACHES

| | <u>High School</u> | <u>Middle School</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Baseball: | Kenny Reed | |
| Basketball (boys): | Tim Partin | John Wise/Stan McCoy |
| Basketball (girls): | Todd Benzinger | Scott Sievering/Nick Hartings/Brian Hartman |
| Bowling (boys); | Matt Jacobs | |
| Bowling (girls): | Lynne Engel | |
| Cheerleading: | Nancy Forsythe | Debbie Barnes/Molly Hinker |
| Cross Country (boys): | Scott Sears | George Wise |
| Cross Country (girls): | Debbie Pomeroy | Mike Smith |
| Football: | Andrew Marlatt | Joe Rutkowski/Brian Hartman |
| Golf (boys): | Dave Hirsch | |
| Gymnastics: | | |
| Soccer (boys): | J J Lail | |
| Soccer (girls): | Todd Kelly | |
| Softball – Fast Pitch: | Jim Fiehrer | |
| Swimming: | Randy Simons | |
| Tennis (boys): | Jeff Berkoff | Chris Springborn |
| Tennis (girls): | Jeff Lindstrom | Chris Springborn |
| Track (boys): | Chuck Ogdan | Stan McCoy |
| Track (girls): | Debbie Pomeroy | Lori Breen |
| Volleyball (girls): | Mary Luning | Jamie Hamilton, Lori Breen |
| Wrestling: | Chris Switzer | Jason Ammerman |
| Academic: | Jennifer Weill | |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | <u>High School</u> | <u>Middle School</u> |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 1 st official day of fall sports practice: | Monday August 7th | |
| Fall sports Meet the Team: | Monday August 14 th 6:30pm | |
| Athletic Boosters Membership Drive: | Saturday August 12 th 9:00am | |
| Homecoming Parade and Bon Fire: | Thursday October 12th | |
| Homecoming Football game: | Friday October 13th | |
| Fall sports Senior Recognition: | Friday October 27 th | |
| Fall Sports Awards Program: | Wednesday November 7th | |
| 1 st official day winter sports practice: | Girls – October 30th Boys – November 6th | |
| Winter sports Meet the Team: | Monday November 13 th 6:30pm | |
| Winter sports Senior Recognition: | TBA | |
| Winter Sports Awards Program: | Tuesday March 6 th 7:00pm | |
| 1 st official day of spring sports practice: | Monday March 5 th | |
| Athletic Boosters Annual Mulch Sale: | Saturday March 10 th | |
| Athletic Boosters Mulch Delivery: | Saturday April 14 th | |
| Spring sports Senior Recognition: | Wednesday May 23 rd 7:00pm | |
| Spring sports Meet the Team: | Monday March 12th | |
| Spring Sports Awards Program: | Wednesday May 23 rd 7:00pm | |

2431.02 INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

File: IGDK

The term *interscholastic competition* is defined as a school-sponsored competition that involves more than one school or school district. Although differing in nature from the academic program, interscholastic competition activities provide beneficial educational experiences for participants.

In the conduct of interscholastic competition, the rules, regulations, and limitations outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Music Education Association, and other governing bodies shall be followed, unless they are contrary to board policy.

Eligibility Requirements

ALL student athletes must be officially enrolled in the Loveland City School District per district and OHSAA policies and procedures.

To participate in any interscholastic competition, students in grades 7-12 must meet the following requirements:

A. Students Enrolled in Grades 9-12

1. In the immediate preceding grading period, a student must receive a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation.
2. All grades from the previous grading period must yield a total grade point average of at least 1.0 on a four-point scale.
3. A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled and must yield a total grade point average of at least 1.0 on a four-point scale.

B. Students Enrolled in Grades 7-8

1. A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade seven or eight must have passed at least 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.
2. Those grades must yield a total grade point average of at least 1.0 on a four-point scale.

Any student who received a failing grade for any subject carried the previous grading period shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition provided he/she meets all of the requirements of (A) or (B) above.

Summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades relative to interscholastic competition eligibility.

All other eligibility requirements of this Board and, in the case of interscholastic athletics, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, must be met in addition to those declared in this policy.

R.C. 2305.23; 2305.231; 3313.535; 3313.66;3313.661;3315.062 A.C. 3301-27;3301-35-03(l) Cross References: Policies 2430, 2431, 5500

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LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletics should function as an integral part of the total curriculum. The Loveland City School District offers opportunities for student athletes to represent the district and participate in interscholastic programs while enrolled in school grades 7-12. The athletic program is designed to assist in the development of fellowship and good will, to provide positive role models for other students, to promote self-realization and all-around growth, and to encourage the qualities of good sportsmanship and citizenship.

The rules and regulations of the Athletic Department apply to all those students in grades 7-12 who elect to take part in any phase of the athletic program that falls under the jurisdiction of the athletic director. These students include, but are not limited to athletes, players, cheerleaders, mascots, managers, trainers, and statisticians.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PART I – GENERAL RULES

I am aware that:

- A. As a member of a Loveland athletic team, an athlete represents the Loveland City School District and is therefore subject to the Student Conduct Code while participating in the activity. Student athletes shall conduct themselves in a matter that reflects good citizenship. Any behavior deemed unbecoming of a Loveland athlete will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, both on and off school premises, include but are not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect or violation of the law. The principal or her/his designee reserves the right to review the severity of the citizenship offense and determine the appropriate level of disciplinary action to be taken.
- B. If an athlete is dismissed because of a violation of a squad rule, the athlete is not eligible to participate on any other current squad or organized training for an upcoming sport until the completion of that squad's schedule and any disciplinary process to regain eligibility. If an athlete fails to return issued equipment or make appropriate payment for lost items, that athlete will be deemed not eligible to participate in any future Loveland athletic team.
- C. If an athlete should quit a squad after the first scheduled scrimmage or contest, the athlete will not be eligible to participate on any other current squad or organized training for an upcoming sport until the completion of the athlete's squad's schedule. Exceptions may be considered by the athletic director after input from the coaches involved.
- D. If the athlete is not in attendance the day of a contest (or day prior in case of a week-end contest), the athlete will not be eligible to participate in that contest without the permission of the athletic director. A student participant must be present by 8:00 a.m.
- E. All athletes are to travel to and from away contests with the squad. In case of an emergency, the athlete may be released to his/her parent or guardian. I understand the Department Policy will be to provide transportation by school bus, but in the event a bus is not available, private transportation may need to be used. Responsible adults (coaches or athlete's parents) will drive vehicles and they cannot be held responsible for any accident or injury that might occur.

F. As a prospective candidate for a squad, the athlete must have the OHSAA Health Questionnaire and Physical Exam two-page form and the Emergency Medical Authorization form on file in the athletic office prior to any practice or try-outs. In addition to the physical exam forms, the following items must be properly completed, signed by the athlete and parent/guardian and returned to the athlete's coach prior to participation in the first game of the season:

1. Loveland Athletic Participation Fees – (Checks made payable to Loveland Athletics)
2. Loveland School District paperwork check-off sheet

Additional rules may be imposed by a coach with permission of the Athletic Director. In addition to the penalties outlined in this section, violations may also result in other disciplinary actions, including dismissal from the squad.

PART II - ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DRUG PROGRAM

- A. The Athletic Drug Prevention Program will consist of:
1. Education - The coaching staff will address the subject of drug, alcohol and tobacco use once per week with the team.
 2. Communication - The coaching staff will talk openly and honestly with athletes about the use of dangerous chemical substances.
 3. Lesson Plans - All coaches will have at their disposal a hand book containing lesson plans that may be used to inform all athletes about drug, alcohol and tobacco use.
 4. Parents - Parents are encouraged to become involved and cooperate in the drug prevention program.

PART III – DRUG POLICY

- A. The Loveland City School District Drug Policy is a twelve month year-round commitment for all high school and middle school student athletes.
- B. Athletic Rules and Regulations Regarding Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Controlled Substances
1. A student who is or has been a member of any district athletic squad, who at any time during the year engages in the types of conduct either specifically or generally like the kinds listed below, whether on or off school property, is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with due process procedures.
 - a) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing, having the odor of, or being under the influence of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.) or inhalants, or buying, selling, using, possessing or being under the influence of any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that is believed to be a controlled substance).
 - b) Buying, selling, transferring, using, or possessing any drug or alcoholic paraphernalia to include instruments, objects, papers, pipes, containers, etc.
 - c) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing, having the odor of, or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.

- d) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any drug, medication, inhalant or other controlled substance which can be taken internally where the students involved cannot show a legitimate health or other reason for the use of such substance.
- e) Buying, selling, transferring, using or possessing any substance containing tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, a clove cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff and dip, or using tobacco in any form.

C. **Violations** - A student athlete who has violated the Athletic Department Rules and Regulations regarding drugs, alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco will be subject to the following penalties:

1. **First Offense**

- a) Denied game participation for 40% of scheduled games/contests. The athletic director and/or building administrator consider date of incident as the initial date of involvement and the following punishment would be administered over the next 12 months.
 - 1) If the violation occurs with less than 40% of the scheduled games remaining, or if a student is not participating on a team at that time, the penalty (or remaining percentage) will carry over to the next sport season that the student participates in, even possibly into the next academic school year.
 - 2) The athlete may be permitted to participate in practices during the time period when the student is denied game participation.
 - i. The athlete will travel with the team to games, sit on the bench, but will not dress in uniform for games/contests.
- b) The student athlete will seek an **assessment** from a certified agency specializing in team drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse education/intervention and treatment. The student athlete must provide **written documentation** indicating completion of any follow-up counseling and/or treatment prescribed by the assessing agency.
- c) The student must seek an educational component regarding the harmful nature of drug/alcohol/tobacco use. This educational component must be delivered by a certified agency, specializing in teen drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse education/intervention treatment.
- d) Prior to being reinstated to a team the student athlete and his/her parents will meet with a committee consisting of: the Athletic Director, Principal, Assistant Principal, school resource officer, head coach and school nurse. This committee will determine when a student may return to game participation. The student will be asked to sign a new drug/alcohol/tobacco commitment pledge card.

2. Self-Referral

- a) This procedure may only be used ONE time during a student's high school academic and athletic career by the student or by the parent of the student, in order to seek help for their problem. A self-referral to an administrator must be initiated by a student-athlete or parent of a student athlete and may not occur as a result of information from another source. This self-referral will still be considered a first offense as far as the policy is concerned and may not be used after the first offense.
 - 1) The student athlete will be denied participation for 20% of their sports season. If they are not in season, then this will carry over to their next sports season, possibly into the next academic school year.
 - 2) The student athlete must complete the assessment and educational component as outlined in #2 under first offense.
 - 3) The student and his/her parents will meet with the committee noted in #4 under first offense prior to his/her reinstatement.

Failure to follow through with the assessment process and education component shall result in dismissal from all athletic teams for the remainder of their high school academic and athletic career, or until the assessment process and education component is completed. The cost of any such assessment shall be the responsibility of the student-athlete/parent/guardian.

3. Second Offense

- a) An athlete shall be denied game participation and practice for one calendar year from the date of the incident.
- b) The student must complete the assessment and educational components outlined under First Offense.
- c) At the end of the one-year period, written documentation indicating completion of the assessment and educational component must be submitted to the athletic director for an athlete to be reinstated to the athletic program.
- d) The student athlete and his/her parents will meet with the same committee noted under First Offense to determine whether or not this student may return to the athletic program.

4. Third Offense

- a) An athlete will be denied participating in athletics for the rest of his/her high school career.

D. Grades 7-8

1. Will abide by the following policy regarding drugs/alcohol/tobacco and controlled substances.
2. Discipline resulting from violations will carry over to his/her high school career.

Failure to follow through with the assessment process and educational component shall result in dismissal from all athletic teams for the remainder of his/her high school academic and athletic career, or until the assessment process and educational component is completed. The cost of such programs shall be the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian.

Notes:

- A ninth grader who violates this policy during the summer prior to his/her freshman year will be considered a high school student and the violation will be treated as such.
- A middle school student who has two or more violations at the middle school level will enter high school with the understanding that any drug/alcohol/tobacco/ or controlled substance violation will be considered the 3rd infraction and he/she will be denied athletic participation for the rest of his/her academic or athletic career.

Drug/alcohol/controlled substance discipline records will become a part of the student-athlete's permanent cumulative file at the high school and middle school. This file is made available to the school in which the student-athlete may transfer/enroll.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Whenever necessary and appropriate, the following words may be interchanged and/or substituted: squad--team; contest --activity; coach--advisor .
- B. These rules and regulations are supplementary to the student code of conduct found in the Loveland City School District student handbook.
- C. The sport season shall start with the Ohio High School Athletic Association's adopted starting date and continue through the Awards Night, or until the completion of competition, whichever is the latter.
- D. Practice is defined as but not limited to: drills, conditioning, weight training, classroom instruction, film sessions and preseason scrimmages.
- E. Eligibility - To be able to participate in any sport, a student must meet the age, enrollment, and scholastic requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association in Bylaw 4 of the constitution and rules of that association. The student must also abide by all the rules and regulations of the OHSAA Constitution and Rules Handbook. Copies of the handbook are available in the athletic director's office and each athlete is advised to familiarize him/herself with these rules and regulations set forth in this book.
- F. The Loveland Board of Education has approved a 1.0 minimum grade point average on a 4.0 scale for participation in extracurricular athletics in the grading period prior to the sport season.

PARAMETERS

In cases of alleged violations of the Loveland student code and/or Loveland Interscholastic Athletic code, the following guidelines will prevail:

- A. The investigation of the allegations shall be a right of the school and/or athletic department administration.
- B. This investigation may include, but not be limited to: student questioning, witness information gathering, and other pertinent input.
- C. If the findings of such investigation should indicate an apparent violation, the administration will notify the parent, provide an opportunity for a hearing and determine a penalty.

ATHLETES CODE OF CONDUCT

The coach or advisor may supplement the Loveland City School District board approved student athlete code of conduct with additional team rules and consequences. A written copy will be submitted to the building administrator and the athletic director. After approval by the building administrator and the athletic director, a copy will be distributed to each athlete. Any infraction of these rules during the school year (August 1st thru the last day of school for students) may result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the team. The coach or advisor may request help from the building administrator or athletic director in determining appropriate disciplinary action.

Offenses may include but are not limited to:

- Violation of the school and/or athletic policies concerning drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Disruptive behavior or misconduct at practices, games or on the team bus
- Disrespect to officials or other school personnel before, during or after an athletic contest, performance or activity
- Failure to maintain or return equipment owned by the athletic department or Loveland City Schools
- Failure to maintain the academic requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Loveland City Schools
- Failure to attend required practices, performances or athletic contests at a specified time
- Conviction for a violation of any state or community law

The coach will distribute to the student athlete all athletic paperwork, which is to be completed and signed by both the parent and athlete and returned to the coach prior to the first practice. This paperwork shall include copies of the physical, parent/athlete information sheet (which includes code of conduct, warning of injury, state eligibility, media and transportation info), pledge card and the medical emergency forms. Other forms may be added as necessary.

COACH'S TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) The coach or advisor will determine the consequences and administer them within the limits of reasonable judgment.
- 2) The coach or advisor may request help from the building administrator or athletic director in determining outcome.
- 3) When the consequences are determined, the coach or advisor will submit a written report to the principal and the athletic director.
- 4) Consequences for the first-time offender may not exceed denial of participation for the duration of that sport or season.
- 5) Subsequent offenses may result in denial of participation from the activity.
- 6) Offenses:
 - A. violation of any rules contained in the code of conduct approved by the Board of Education or the coach's supplemental rules
 - B. disruptive behavior or misconduct at practices, games or on the team bus
 - C. disrespect to officials or other school personnel before, during or after an athletic contest, performance or activity
 - D. failure to maintain or return equipment owned by the athletic department or Loveland City Schools
 - E. failure to maintain the academic requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Loveland City Schools
 - F. failure to attend required practices, performances or athletic contests at a specified time
 - G. disregard of reasonable directions or commands by school authorities
 - H. conviction for violation of any state or community laws
- 7) Additional rules may be imposed by the coach with the permission of the athletic director
- 8) The breaking of these rules may result in other disciplinary actions, including dismissal from the team.

PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS REGISTERING A CONCERN

Communication with a coach is important. Some situations may require a conference between coach and parent. This conference should not take place immediately before or after a practice or contest. Parents should allow 24 hours after a contest to contact a coach and request a conference. The Loveland Athletic Department asks that you observe the following line of communication if you elect to pursue a concern you may have in regard to your athlete.

- 1) Coach
- 2) Athletic Director
- 3) Principal

OTHER SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC POLICES

MEDICAL INSURANCE NOTICE:

In order to participate in any Loveland athletic program all athletes must either:

1. Provide proof of primary medical insurance or
2. Provide signed Waiver of Liability available from athletic department

All Loveland City School District athletes are covered by supplementary medical insurance provided by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company. This insurance IS NOT primary medical insurance, but does supplement existing insurance. The athlete's primary insurance carrier's policies and procedures must be followed in order to apply for supplemental coverage. Please direct any questions to sic@go-concepts.com.

INJURIES

All athletic injuries must be reported immediately to the coach or designated trainer.

ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO POLICY:

This policy is written out and explained in detail, which is given to the athlete by the coach. The pledge card must be signed by both parent and athlete and then returned to the coach prior to the 1st practice.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY:

All athletes must be in attendance by 8:00 A.M. in order to participate in practice or a contest held that day (Friday counts for both Friday and Saturday). Any student not in attendance by the time stated above will be declared ineligible for that day.

The exceptions to this policy are: serious illness of a family member, death of a relative, funeral, observance of a religious holiday, verified doctor or dentist appointment or an emergency situation that is excused by the athletic administrator.

OHSAA TRANSFER POLICY

The transfer bylaws apply to all students enrolled in grades 9-12 and in all schools, both public and non-public.

If a student transfers after the first day of the student's ninth grade year or after having established eligibility prior to the start of school by playing in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament contest), the student will be ineligible for one year from the date of enrollment in the school to which the student transferred. A student is considered to have transferred whenever the student changes from that school in which the student was enrolled as a ninth grader to any other school regardless of whether the school from which the student transferred or to which the student transfers is public or non-public, member or non-member or whether the high schools are within the same school district.

Exception 1. If the parents or legal guardian have made a bona-fide legal change of residence from one public school district to another public school district, the student may enroll in either the public school with the boundaries of that public school district that includes the new residence of the parents or legal guardian or an non-public school, and be immediately eligible insofar as transfer is concerned.

Exception 2. If the student is the ward of a court-appointed guardian, and there is a subsequent change in that guardian, the student shall be eligible in the district of residence of the new guardian or at any non-public school provided the student lives with the guardian. Likewise if the student is the child of parents who are either divorced or have had the marriage dissolved or annulled and there is a court ordered change of custody, the student shall be eligible in the district of residence of the new custodial parent or at any non-public school provided the student lives with the new custodial parent. For purposes of this exception, the term "parent" means the rights and responsibilities have been allocated pursuant to court order. In the event a student has been temporarily or permanently removed from the home, "parent" means the person or government agency with legal or permanent custody.

When a change of residential parent or legal custodian results in a change of school district, the student is ineligible until ruled eligible by the Commissioner.

Exception 3. If, and only if, either of the parents in a Shared Parenting plan, notwithstanding any provision therein to the contrary, makes physical change in residence that results in the student's transfer, the student shall be immediately eligible insofar as transfer is concerned.

Exception 4. The school closes.

Exception 5. Subject to the provisions of exception 6 below, a student may transfer to a different school and be eligible provided the superintendents of both districts enter into a written agreement that consents to the attendance and specifies that the purpose of such attendance is to protect the student's physical or mental well-being. Only one such exemption shall be permitted in any four school years. The student shall not be eligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner upon submission of the exemption form.

Exception 6. A student shall be entitled to one transfer back to the public school district within which the student's parent residence is located regardless of from where the student is transferring. However, if the student utilizes this exception, the student will not longer be able to utilize the superintendent's agreement exception set forth in Exception 5 above.

Exception 7. A student transferred to the State School for the Blind or State School for the Deaf shall be eligible upon enrollment

ADDITIONS – June 2005

OHSAA Board of Control Adopts Penalty For Athletes Involved in Unsporting Behavior With Fans

COLUMBUS, Ohio –

Given the recent incidents of irresponsible fan and player behavior in professional, collegiate and high school contests that have drawn national headlines, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control has adopted penalties for athletes who enter a spectator area to participate in unsporting behavior during an athletic contest.

The exact text of the language adopted by the board of Control follows:

“No member of any school-sponsored interscholastic athletics squad shall leave the “playing area” in which a contest is being conducted and enter the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of conflict – verbal or physical. If a student-athlete leaves the “playing area” and enters the spectator area of a facility to so engage a person, the minimum penalties shall be:

- 1. The student-athlete’s privileges to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be revoked and the student-athlete shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year.*
- 2. The school shall be immediately placed on probation pending an investigation (and report) into what happened, what caused it to happen, what was done by the school to diffuse what happened and what “safe guards” have been implemented by the school to prevent future happenings.”*

TRY-OUTS

The athletic director may excuse a student-athlete from the designated try-out period due to illness, school suspension or other extenuating circumstance.

ADDITIONS - JUNE 2005

5516 HAZING

Hazing means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of intimidation to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and are prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member or other employee of the District shall encourage, permit, condone or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, may plan, encourage or engage in any hazing.

Administrators, faculty members and all other District employees are particularly alert to possible conditions, circumstances or events which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, involved students are informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and are required to end all hazing activities immediately. All hazing incidents are reported immediately to the appropriate administrator.

Administrators, faculty members, other employees and students who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in compliance with Ohio law.

R.C. 2307.44; 2903.31, 3313.661
Cross References: Policies 3362, 4362, 5516.01, 5517

STUDENT-ATHLETE PLAYING TWO SPORTS

A student-athlete wishing to play two sports during the same season (example: soccer and cross country) must discuss this with the head coaches of the two teams involved. If both coaches are in agreement that the practice schedules and game schedules can be worked out for the student-athlete to play two sports, and the student athlete feels that he/she is willing to commit to this demanding schedule, then that student-athlete may participate in both sports during the same season. The coaches involved must make sure that the parents of this student-athlete are well aware of all practice and game arrangements prior to the season beginning. The coaches involved must discuss this situation with the Athletic Director at the time of the initial request by the student-athlete.

SPORTSMANSHIP

A major goal of the Athletic Department is to develop athletes who demonstrate good sportsmanship. We believe in order to accomplish this goal all athletes and spectators should:

- Show respect for the opponent at all times
- Show respect for the officials and their decisions
- Maintain self-control at all times
- Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation

The Athletic Department believes that being a spectator is a “privilege” and not a “right”. It is our expectation and our obligation to hold all spectators accountable for good sportsmanship.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Loveland City School District continually promote good sportsmanship at all game sand contests. Parents and fans are reminded that they are guests at athletic contests and they too must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The Loveland High School and the Loveland Middle School reserve the right to remove a spectator from an athletic event and/or facility for inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior.



NCAA INFORMATION

Student athletes who plan to pursue athletics in college may go on-line at www.ncaa.org to get answers to many questions regarding college athletics such as eligibility, financial aid, scholarships and recruiting as well as an explanation on how to register with the Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. This registration should take place at the end of the junior year in high school. The phone number for the NCAA, located in Kansas, is 913-339-1906.

Loveland City Schools

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program

12 Month Year-Round Commitment

(Effective upon signing throughout LMS/LHS enrollment)

Student Pledge

As a participant in the Loveland City Schools Athletic Department, I agree to abide by all training rules regarding the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substances. Chemical dependency is a progressive but treatable disease, characterized by continued drinking or other drug use in spite of recurring problems resulting from that use. Therefore, I accept and pledge to abide by the drug, alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substance policy stated in the athletic handbook, as well as, all other training rules established by the coach.

To demonstrate my support and commitment, I pledge to:

1. Support my fellow students by setting an example and abstaining from the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances.
2. Not enable my fellow students who use these substances. I will not cover up for them or lie for them if any rules are broken. I will hold my teammates responsible and accountable for their actions.
3. Seek information and assistance in dealing with my own or my fellow students' problems.
4. Be honest and open with my parents about my feelings, needs, and problems.
5. Be honest and open with my coach and other school personnel when the best interests of my fellow students are being jeopardized.

LOVELAND ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT REVISIONS

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVE: (10/06)

- 1. Standardized handbook for both LMS and LHS**
 - Loveland Athletics replaces LMS or LHS
 - School information contains both LMS and LHS

- 2. Increase parent awareness of policies and procedures**
 - Awareness Acceptance Pledge

- 3. Incorporate new wording of board policies 2430 and 2431**
 - Page 15 Parameters
 - Page 18 Procedures for Parents Registering Concerns

- 4. Inclusion of new student insurance policy**
 - Page 18 Medical Insurance Notice