

Philosophy and Code for Interscholastic Activities

The interscholastic activities program of Lakeland Joint School District is designed to involve students in wholesome, healthy competition; teach respect for rules and authority; teach respect for property and person of others; develop self-discipline through rigorous training; develop sportsmanship through winning and losing in competition; teach the fundamentals of each activity and develop the individual participant to his/her fullest potential; teach democratic values through participation; teach the students the values of participation; teach the student the value of working with others as a team: build physical and mental capacities; and to develop the attributes of cooperation and social adjustments, especially stressing high moral character.

Participation in interscholastic activities programs is a privilege to those students willing to agree to and abide by the rules and guidelines established by the coaches and advisors, the administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Idaho High School Interscholastic Activities Association.

To implement and teach the philosophy, the following rules are established for participants to observe and follow. The student shall:

1. Attend classes regularly, strive for academic achievement, and set positive examples in the school and community with his/her personal conduct.
2. Attend school the entire day before practicing or competing inter-scholastically unless special permission for absence has been granted in advance by the principal.
3. Confirm with the instructions, guidelines, and training rules established by the coach or advisor with reference to but not limited to the practice schedule, equipment use, physical conditioning, and practice activities.
4. Not use profanity or obscene language.
5. Maintain standards of dress set by the school and the coach or advisor.
6. Not be involved in the willful destruction and/or theft of school or personal property.
7. Maintain standards of scholastic eligibility establish by IHSAA and/or the school.
8. Not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during the school year, as defined in "B" under definitions, or be knowingly present while such activity is taking place.

DISCIPLINE

Violations of rules 1 through 7 or conduct that brings discredit to the participant, the school, or community, could result in temporary or permanent suspension from the activity with a subsequent loss of award. Such determination shall be made by the coach and/or the administration. A violation of rule 8 shall result in one of the following actions and other discipline as designated by the principal which may include the loss of letter or other award.

- A. The use or possession of tobacco shall result in an immediate 20 school days of suspension from all inter-scholastic activity participation and practice. Five days of practice must follow any suspension before participation in a contest.
- B. The use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs (as defined in Board Policy) shall result in an immediate suspension for 40 school days (plus five). A student may choose to reduce suspension under (B) to 20 days (plus five) by completing an approved substance abuse assessment and treatment program. A contract plus a minimum of 8 hours in the program must be successfully completed prior to reinstatement in any inter-scholastic activity.
- C. A student who voluntarily discusses his/her substance abuse problem with a coach, counselor, or administrator, and agrees to participate in an approved substance abuse assessment and treatment program shall not be subject to suspension if a violation has not been otherwise reported.
- D. A student who knowingly sells, delivers, or otherwise provides drugs, alcohol, or tobacco to another student or a student who has a second violation of rule 8 during the same year shall be suspended from all inter-scholastic activities for one calendar year.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Illegal Drugs – as defined in Board Policy #3300 or by State/Federal Law.
- B. School Day – Shall be any day within the adopted school year calendar plus any days prior to the opening of the school year which are allowed for inter-scholastic activities under IHSAA rules.
- C. Suspension – The student shall not be allowed to participate in practices or contests during suspension time. A minimum of five school days of practice (assuming the IHSAA required practice time has previously been met) will be required prior to any

involvement in any inter-scholastic contest after a suspension.

- D. Approved Substance Abuse Program – The program must involve an intake or assessment procedure followed by appropriately prescribed treatment. This may vary from “awareness education” to “addiction treatment”. The family and school personnel should be involved in the assessment and treatment if prescribed. The program should involve at least 15 hours of counseling beyond assessment over a minimum of 5 weeks. The student and his/her parent or guardian shall be responsible for all costs and arrangements for the program. Students choosing this option shall, with a parent or guardian, sign a contract agreeing to these terms. Failure to fulfill the contract and complete the program shall result in suspension from all interscholastic activities for one calendar year from the date of violation.
- E. Knowingly Present: for the purpose of this policy, “knowingly present” shall mean that a student attended a gathering of two (2) or more individuals (except religious church sponsored or family gatherings) at which one or more of the attendees (other than the student at issue) were using or in possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, drugs, or alcohol or tobacco and the student knew or reasonably should have known that such use or possession was occurring.

COMMITMENT TO THE CODE

Prior to participation in an activity, each student shall have a copy of this “Code” signed and dated by himself/herself and a parent on file in the school office. Failure to comply with this provision shall preclude any participation in any activity until such time as the student and parent/guardian have complied with this section.

ASSOCIATION WITH IHSAA

Upon payment of annual dues, Lakeland Joint School District assumes membership in the Idaho High School Inter-scholastic Activities Association and thereby recognizes and accepts the constitution, bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Association currently adopted, or thereafter amended (IHSAA "rules"), for the governing of all high school (grades 9-12) inter-scholastic activities for Lakeland Schools, which IHSAA "rules" are incorporated herein as a part of this Philosophy/Code. Said rules as appropriate for grades 7 and 8 shall by this policy also govern interscholastic activities and student participants in grades seven and eight.

ATHLETIC INSURANCE RELEASE

Lakeland Joint School District No. 272 does not provide medical and/or dental insurance coverage for students involved in extracurricular activities, nor does the Idaho High School Activities Association require a student to have athletic insurance.

Since parents assume financial responsibility for medical and dental expenses for injuries to their children for regular school or extracurricular related accidents, any policy obtained should be checked carefully if you have a child playing football or other activities, as many insurance companies exclude football or other activities.

The school can put you in touch with an inexpensive insurance plan made available through a private company which will cover students during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and while engaged in athletics. Coverage is also available for 24 hours per day and for 12 months if parents desire additional insurance. Forms are available in the school office (Lakeland Joint School District #272 is not an insurance agent).

Again, under most circumstances, Lakeland Joint School District is not liable for injuries to students who are engaging in extracurricular school activities. Parents also assume responsibility for injuries to students injured while traveling to and from all student activities (except injury directly resulting from an accident involving school district operated vehicles).

ATHLETIC INJURY WARNING

I give permission for my child to participate in organized school athletics. I acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death.

Parent/guardian and student signatures at the bottom of this page indicate knowledge and understanding of the Philosophy and Code for Interscholastic Activities, the Eligibility Policy, the Athletic Insurance Release, the Athletic Injury Warning, and IHSAA Rules and Regulations. (Complete IHSAA and District manuals are available in the school office for review upon request).

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date