LONDON ISD

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook is designed to provide a successful experience for student-athletes and the efficient operation of the London Independent School District Athletic Program. The LISD school board has approved the policies, procedures, and regulations in this handbook. The athletic handbook is designed to co-exist with the LISD Student Handbook and the LISD Student Code of Conduct. Student athletes in grades 7th-12th are accountable and responsible to the rules and requirements within this handbook. The Athletic Department will follow all of the rules and policies set by the State, the University Interscholastic League, as well as London I.S.D.

It should be noted that different sports might have additional rules and regulations that go beyond what is listed in this athletic handbook. These rules may be in addition to this athletic handbook, but they shall not alter the rules of this handbook.

MISSION

To build quality young men and women to be champions for life through the lens of athletics.

PHILOSOPHY

The athletic program at LISD is an integral part of the total educational program. Athletics are a vital part of the physical, mental, social, moral, and character growth of our student-athletes. Athletics are not designed to transcend the academic program but to supplement it. Athletic programs can provide valuable lessons for practical situations. Student-athletes experience daily victories discovering within themselves the ability to overcome adversity, to develop leadership skills, to develop winning attitudes, to be hard workers, and to be a part of a team that requires sacrifice and service to others. Many intangibles are taught in athletics that become lifelong lessons for the student-athlete. London ISD's goal is that the student-athletes will acquire the techniques and skills from our athletic program to help them become better husbands/wives, fathers/mothers, and productive members of our community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The London I.S.D. Athletic Department's purpose is to help student-athletes grow into productive and successful citizens. The coaches of London I.S.D. will help instill the values of teamwork, competition, dedication, commitment, and goal setting into each of our athletes. *Athletics is an extracurricular activity that is a privilege, not a right*. Our student-athletes will be leaders both in the classroom as well as during competition. Athletics are not designed to transcend the academic program but to supplement it. As a result, the student athletes of London I.S.D. are to be held to a higher standard and will represent our school system and community in a positive manner.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES EXPECTED OF LISD ATHLETES:

1. A student-athlete is required to be enrolled in an athletic class if they are representing London Middle School or London High School in a UIL sanctioned sport. This is at the discretion of the Athletic Director.
2. Maintain a satisfactory citizenship and behavior record in the classroom and on campus by treating teachers, administrators, and fellow students with respect.
3. Maintain passing grades in all classes.
4. Exercise self-control and display positive actions during competition and other school activities.
5. Have respect for the decisions of officials during UIL competition.
6. Refrain from juvenile behavior in and around the school buildings.
7. Be a law-abiding citizen both at school and away from school.
8. Display sportsmanship and class when representing London ISD.
9. Be committed to attend practices, contests, and meetings of any sport that you choose to participate in.
10. Abide by training rules established in this handbook and by their coach of their respective sport.
11. Complete required UIL and school paperwork prior to participation.

ATTENDANCE

It is the obligation and responsibility of student-athletes to attend school, academic classes, practices, contests, and meetings consistently & on time. Failure to attend school and academic classes could result in suspension/termination from the athletic program per the discretion of the Athletic Director, Campus Principal, and Head Coach per specific sport program. If an unavoidable conflict arises with a practice or contest, one of the coaches should be notified before the workout or game. Failure to make contact prior to the practice, contest, or meeting may result in the absence being considered unexcused.

***Excused Absences*:** (Athletic Period, Before/After School Workout)

It is the student-athletes' responsibility to communicate with the coaches when they will be absent ahead of time. No student-athlete shall participate in extracurricular games or practice while in ISS and/or D.A.E.P.

Excused absences will be made up. The make up for an excused absence is not a consequence but is administered so that the student-athlete can make up for any missed work and conditioning. Makeup conditioning workout and how much is up to the discretion of the head coach. Examples of excused absences are illness, a death in the family, school sponsored activities, medical appointments, or emergency situations. Student-Athletes should understand that when they have to miss, it is imperative that a coach be notified prior to the absence.

Student-Athletes should understand that habitual absences, even though they may be excused, become detrimental to their ability to perform and to their knowledge of team concepts. Habitual absences will result in disciplinary actions, including loss of playing time and/or possible suspension or dismissal from the team. Make up work and disciplinary action is at the discretion of the head coach.

Unexcused Absences: (Athletic Period, Before/After School Workout)

All unexcused absences will be made up so the athlete can make up for missed work and conditioning. Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary actions, including loss of playing time and/or possible

suspension or dismissal from the team. Make up work and disciplinary action is at the discretion of the head coach.

Excused/Unexcused Absences on Game Day

If a student-athlete is absent from school on a game day due to being at the doctor, dentist, funeral, etc., OR they are at another school-sponsored activity, they are eligible to play in their contest that day due to the excused absence policy. If a student-athlete is absent from school on a game day that is deemed an unexcused absence, per the LISD student handbook, may be ineligible to participate in the game/contest for that date per the coaches/athletic director discretion.

Tardy

All student-athletes must be on time for all scheduled functions. Make ups and/or extra work for being tardy is at the discretion of the head coach.

INJURIES

It is the student-athlete's responsibility to inform the coaches and District Athletic Trainer when injuries occur. The District Athletic Trainer will assess the injury and prescribe the treatment. We recommend that the student athlete talk to the District Athletic Trainer before seeing a doctor in a non-emergency situation. If a medical doctor restricts an athlete from participation, the student-athlete will not return to practice until there is written documentation from that doctor releasing the student-athlete and therefore allowing them to participate. The decision on whether a student can participate in a game will be made by the coach, trainer or doctor.

Injuries do not excuse a player from not being at practice. Communication between the injured player and the coach is required. Injured athletes who cannot actively participate in the workout must still follow all the attendance policies. Being injured is not an excuse to miss practice. The injured student-athlete will be expected to dress out and participate mentally. This is also a time in which the athlete may see the District Athletic Trainer for treatment. Some injuries may not allow the student-athlete to dress out or attend practice. If there is a question, the head coach will make the decision on the student-athlete dressing out or attending the workout. If a Pirate or Lady Pirate student-athlete is injured, it is their responsibility to attend treatments before or after school in coordination with the District Athletic Trainer.

TEAM SELECTION

Athletics is a privilege, not a right, therefore selecting members of athletic teams is the sole responsibility of the head coach and/or the assistant coaching staff. Teams and rosters will be selected at the discretion of the coaching staff of each athletic program through a tryout process. In order to ensure overall success there is a possibility of student-athletes being eliminated from a program if they do not meet the criteria/expectations of a tryout process set forth by an athletic program. All decisions are made at the discretion of the coaching staff with the best interest of the student-athlete, team, and program coming first.

Senior Student-Athletes

Student-athletes that are classified as a senior are not guaranteed placement at the Varsity Level/Team and are eligible to be eliminated from any sport specific program.

CLUB/SELECT TEAMS & 3rd PARTY ATHLETICS

The participation in Club/Select Teams or 3rd Party Athletics is at the discretion of the student-athlete and his/her parents. This is an avenue in which student-athletes can further their skills and enhance their playing ability as well as increase their exposure to collegiate athletic programs.

Although these are avenues in which a student-athlete can increase their skill level, Club/Select Teams or 3rd Party Athletic participation should never interfere or replace athletic competition at the school level. Participation in London ISD athletic events takes precedence over participation in external athletic events. Student-athletes who have conflicts with London ISD athletic events, including practices or competitions, should communicate these conflicts with their coaches well in advance. Absences from school athletic events for these reasons could result in disciplinary action by the coach and the possible dismissal from the team and/or program.

ACADEMICS

Student-Athletes must realize that they are students first and athletes second. The London ISD Athletic Program follows all academic procedures and policies set forth by London ISD and the UIL. Student-athletes must plan their schedule so they can give sufficient time and energy to their studies to ensure acceptable grades. Student-athletes must be passing all subjects at the six weeks grading period per UIL guidelines in order to be eligible to play. Student-athletes failing a course will be ineligible for competition for three weeks. They may regain eligibility after three weeks if they are passing all subjects at that time. If not, they remain ineligible for another three weeks.

Student-Athletes are encouraged to maintain all their grades throughout the school year. Tutorials are available for all student-athletes. Student-athletes are encouraged to take advantage of the tutorials and/or other resources that are available to ensure success in the classroom. Failure to take care of his/her grades will result in the student-athlete being placed on academic probation and/or removed from athletic competition or the athletic program.

Academic Eligibility A student in grades 9-12 may participate in extracurricular activities on or off campus at the beginning of the school year only if the student has earned the cumulative number in state-approved courses:

1. Beginning the 9th grade year – must have been promoted from the eighth to the ninth.
2. Beginning the 10th grade year – must have at least 5 credits towards graduation.
3. Beginning the 11th grade year – must have at least 10 credits towards graduation or during the preceding 12 months, he/she must have earned 5 credits.
4. Beginning the 12th grade year – must have 15 credits towards graduation or during the preceding 12 months, he/she has earned 5 credits.

Generally, a student who receives a grade below 70 at the end of a grading period in any academic class may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks. However, if a student receives a grade below 70 at the end of a grading period in an Advanced Placement (AP) or international Baccalaureate (IB), honors, or dual credit course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or languages other than English, the student remains eligible for participation in all extracurricular activities.
ln addition, the following applies to all extracurricular activities:
A student who receives special education services and who fails to meet the standards in the individualized education program (IEP) may not participate for at least three school weeks.

An ineligible student may practice or rehearse but may not participate in any competitive activity.
A student is allowed unlimited absences for extracurricular activities. All extracurricular activities and public performances, whether UIL activities or other activities approved by The board is subject to these provisions.
An absence for participation in an activity that has not been approved will be considered an unexcused absence.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

A student-athlete placed in ISS is not allowed to participate in practice and/or game/contest during the duration of ISS assignment. Once a student-athlete completes the ISS duration of the ISS assignment the student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practice and/or game/contest at the discretion of the athletic coaching staff. Make ups for missed practices and games will be at the discretion of the head coach.

DAEP

No student-athlete shall participate in extracurricular games or practice while in D.A.E.P. If a student-athlete is placed in DAEP, he/she is put on probation and suspended from participating in the athletic program during their time in DAEP. He/she is not allowed to participate in contests or practices during the time that they are in DAEP. They are not allowed to be a part of the team in any manner (pep rallies, presence on the sideline or bench, pre or post game meals, etc) during their time in DAEP. Re-Entry to athletics will be determined by the athletic director and head coach of the respective sport. There will be a return to play protocol that will be determined by the athletic director and the head coach of the respective sport. There will be a minimum of a one week grace period (7 calendar days) after returning to the school setting where the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in UIL/Non UIL contests. During this grace period, student athletes will be allowed to practice.

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING

Student-Athletes are expected to follow school dress code as outlined in the LISD Student Handbook & UIL policy.

GIRLS:

1. Hair should be conventional and of natural color. No designs allowed in hair or eyebrows.
2. No jewelry during workouts, practices, or competitions.
3. No exposed midriffs during practice, workouts, or competitions.
4. No facial piercings will be allowed during workouts, practices, or competitions.
5. Any tattoos must be covered at all times during competitions.
6. Jeans and/or pants must be free of holes, rips, and/or tears when dressing for team travel.
7. Student-athletes MAY NOT wear school issued equipment outside the athletic setting.

Continued infractions of these rules will result in disciplinary action on an individual basis. All of these rules apply to team travel to and from competitions.

BOYS:

1. Hair should be conventional and of natural color. No designs allowed in hair or eyebrows.
2. No jewelry during workouts, practices, or competitions.
3. No facial piercings will be allowed during workouts, practices, or competitions.

4. Any tattoos must be covered at all times during competitions.
5. Jeans and/or pants must be free of holes, rips, and/or tears when dressing for team travel.
6. Student-athletes MAY NOT wear school issued equipment outside the athletic setting.

Continued infractions of these rules will result in disciplinary action on an individual basis. All of these rules apply to team travel, to and from competitions.

CONTESTS, PRACTICE, LOCKER ROOM, AND WEIGHT ROOM:

Student-Athletes are expected to follow school policy and LISD Student Code of Conduct.

1. Profanity will not be tolerated.
2. Keep the locker room and locker neat at all times.
3. No horseplay in the locker room, field house, weight room, or at practice.
4. Do not borrow a teammate's equipment.
5. Put cups, cans, and trash in the proper place.
6. Insubordination will not be tolerated. **
7. Stealing will not be tolerated. **

Infractions will result in correction of the problem and could result in disciplinary action.
*** Will be handled on a case by case basis- Could result in dismissal from the program.*

DISMISSAL FROM A SPORT/ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Student-Athletes who engage in serious or persistent misconduct may be dismissed from a specific sport and/or the athletic program at the discretion of the head coach and/or athletic director. Student-Athletes are expected to follow school policy and LISD Student Code of Conduct.

If a student-athlete has given reason to be removed from a specific sport and/or the athletic program, the head coach of that sport and the Athletic Director must be notified, and reasons for removal are documented.

Some examples for, but not limited to, removal:

1. Excessive absences from school, academic classes, practice, and/or game/contest
2. Skipping an athletic event
3. Disruption of team and/or specific sport and/or athletic program
4. Disrespect to the any/all London ISD District staff/personnel/students or other ISD's District staff/personnel/students
5. Disrespect to any/all officiating personnel
6. Quitting a sport in season

THEFT

The athletic department will not tolerate stealing of any kind. Disciplinary action will include following the LISD Student Code of Conduct and could lead to suspension or dismissal from the team and/or athletic program at the discretion of the head coach and/or Athletic Director.

REINSTATEMENT TO ATHLETICS

Student-Athletes that have been removed from athletics due to misconduct or a discipline issue may be reinstated into athletics at the discretion of the Athletic Director. When student-athletes miss a year of

athletics, they are behind both mentally and physically. Students will be allowed to participate if they have completed the off-season training previous to that sport. Missing a year or several years from athletics may cause student-athletes to fail to make a team and/or roster.

QUITTING A SPORT

Commitment to being a Pirate and Lady Pirate team member is one of the most valuable lessons learned in athletics. Concerns and frustrations can often be worked out with proper communication between the student-athlete and coach. When a student-athlete is unable to resolve a concern or frustration and wishes to quit a sport, the following rules and guidelines apply.

1. Any student-athlete wishing to quit a sport should notify the head coach
2. The student-athlete will not be allowed to quit unless parents/guardians are aware of the decision.
3. Student-athletes will have a two-week trial period to try a sport. (This is not in supplement of the try-out process to earn a roster/team spot) Anyone quitting a sport after a trial period will not be allowed to start another sport until the first sport is completed.
4. A student-athlete quitting a sport and not wishing to participate in another sport will be removed from the athletic program and athletic class period. The schedule change will be made as soon as possible. In some cases, this change may not be possible until the end of the semester.
5. The Athletic Director may, at his/her discretion, may make an exception to these guidelines based on extenuating circumstances.

The student-athlete will have a 24-hour grace period to rejoin the team. This does not mean there will not be a consequence for any disrespectful behavior, or conduct unbecoming of a student-athlete.

ATHLETIC PERIOD PARTICIPATION

All London I.S.D. student-athletes will participate in the athletic period for all UIL/NON-UIL Sports (including powerlifting). Student-athletes are also encouraged to be involved in a sport both fall and spring semesters but not required. Athletic Period participation allows us to maintain a competitive edge and build cohesiveness within the overall athletic program.

Fall Sports	**Winter/Spring Sports**
Cross Country (boys/girls)	Powerlifting (boys/girls)
Volleyball (girls)	Basketball (boys/girls)
Football (boys)	Track and Field (boys/girls)
Team Tennis (boys/girls)	Baseball (boys)
	Softball (girls)
	Golf (boys/girls)
	Tennis (boys/girls)
	Wrestling (boys/girls)
	Soccer (boys/girls)

Any extenuating circumstance decisions will be made at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

EARNING A LETTER

The criteria for lettering in a sport are at the discretion of the head coach of that sport and the athletic director. These criteria should be shared with the members of their team at the beginning of each season. Trying out for a team does not guarantee a roster sport or a letter. If a team only has a varsity, and no JV team is offered, an individual may not qualify for a letter. This will be left up to the discretion of the head coach of each team and/or the athletic director.

ATHLETIC TRAVEL

When a team has to travel from London ISD to compete in an athletic event, the travel time is considered a team function, just as a contest/practice. Therefore, all of the members will travel to and from the contest together in an LISD vehicle. In the event that an extenuating circumstance arises where a student-athlete needs to arrive or leave a contest separate from the team, arrangements need to be made with the coach responsible for his/her team before leaving for the contest. A district release/travel sign out sheet must be signed by the parent/guardian and turned into specific sport program coaching staff 48 hours in advance for the student-athlete to be released. Student-athletes will only be released to their parents/guardians exclusively. Team travel/Student-athlete release with parents/guardians on out-of-town trips is solely left to the discretion of the coaching staff of the specific sport program. Cell phones could be taken up from student-athletes at the discretion of the program head coach.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Once equipment or uniforms are issued to a student-athlete, it becomes the student-athlete's responsibility to take care of the equipment that is issued to them, and each student-athlete is responsible for returning the equipment in good condition (not including normal wear).

Once the contest and/or season is completed, it becomes the student-athlete's responsibility to make sure that the equipment or uniform is returned to the coach at the appropriate time. All lost equipment will be charged to the student-athlete at replacement cost. The student-athlete will be held financially responsible for any equipment that has been damaged, not deemed as normal wear. All equipment must be turned in before that student-athlete can enter another sport. This includes in-school practices.

LOCKER ROOMS

The locker room is a restricted area solely for the use of the members of an athletic team and the coaches responsible for that team. No one else is permitted inside of the locker room.

For the safety of all student-athletes, the locker room must be kept clean and sanitized at all times. The only items that should be kept in the locker are items issued to you for use in your sports. Horse play and/or other activities deemed detrimental to the athletic program could result in suspension and/or removal from athletics.

SPORTSMANSHIP – STUDENT-ATHLETES

We expect our student-athletes to display sportsmanship at all times. If a student-athlete receives a technical foul, unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, or is ejected from an athletic contest the student athlete will do extra conditioning, left up to the discretion of the head coach of that program. Any student-athlete ejected from an athletic contest is subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the student code of handbook, UIL Rules & guidelines, and this athletic handbook.

COMMUNICATIONS / PARENT CONFERENCES – CHAIN OF COMMAND

In order for our Athletic Department to be successful and run efficiently, there needs to be an open line of communication between coaches, parents, and student-athletes. If a situation arises where the parent/guardian feels that a conference needs to be set up with the coach of their child, the following guidelines should to be followed:

Parent conferences need to take place during the conference period of the coach with an administrator or head coach available to facilitate the conference.

Under no circumstances will a coach have a conference with you immediately following a contest. All conferences must follow the chain of command. We will follow the UIL Rules & Guidelines, UIL Parent Information Manual, LISD Athletic Handbook, LISD Student Code of Conduct, and LISD District Policy.

SPORTSMANSHIP – PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

All spectators are encouraged to remember that school athletics are a learning experience for student-athletes and that mistakes are sometimes made. LISD expects and encourages its sports spectators to:

1. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people, just as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
2. Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place
3. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
5. Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
6. Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during, and after the game on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).
7. Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
8. Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

Parents and spectators should be aware that the school can (and should) remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests due to undesirable behaviors. Game officials can ask school administrators to have unruly fans removed from a contest facility. The school is responsible for the behavior of sports spectators and will enforce its own standards of conduct as well as the University Interscholastic League's standards of conduct at all sporting events.

Spectator Rules of Conduct

Fans/Parents UIL Parent Handbook can be found at:

https://www.uiltexas.org/files/athletics/manuals/2024-25_Parent_Info_Handbook.pdf

- Parents and spectators should be aware that the school can (and should) remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests due to undesirable behaviors.
- Game officials can ask that school administrators have unruly fans removed from a contest facility.
- There is no such thing as a "right" to attend interscholastic athletics. Interscholastic athletics are considered a "privilege" and the spectator who avails themselves of it is expected to conduct himself or herself accordingly.
- Keep in mind that you are a guest of the school, and that while winning is certainly an admirable goal, it is hollow if it comes at the expense of morals, ethics, and just plain common sense.
- The school is responsible for the behavior of their spectators. The school district can be and will be punished for actions of patrons in violation of UIL standards and rules.
- Spectators may not enter the court/field of play during the game. Spectators further understand that failure to comply with the above rules will result in the offending spectator being ejected from the game. Game officials and school personnel are authorized to eject spectators from the stadium

FAN / PARENT MISCONDUCT

Adults who do not abide by the UIL's spirit of good sportsmanship will be subject to the following levels of discipline and/or sanction to protect the district from UIL discipline or sanction. The degree of the offense, history, etc., are factors that come into the decision-making process.

Any adults or non-LISD student fans that are ejected or reprimanded for unsportsmanlike behavior at any district event will be subject to the following sanctions:

- An ejection from an event, whether by an official or an administrator on duty, that results from unsportsmanlike behavior that is deemed not to pose a serious threat will result in a written reprimand and a two week ban from all London ISD sponsored events. If that individual is ejected again, then he/she will be sanctioned with an extended ban from all LISD sponsored events for the remainder of the school year. If the subsequent ejection occurs 45 days after the second semester begins, the ban shall extend through the fall semester of the next school year.
- Ejections resulting from cursing, threatening, physical contact, or berating of students, coaches or sponsors, will result in the person being banned from all London ISD sponsored events for the remainder of the school year. Should the issue arise 45 days after the second semester begins the adult will also be banned for the fall semester of the next school year. (The administration has the right to enact this ban for reasons not stated above if the actions of the adult are deemed serious and pose a threat to the safety of students and patrons at events.)
- Non-LISD students will be treated as if they were our own students.
- A Criminal Trespass Warning may be issued, if deemed necessary, for short-term bans. A Criminal Trespass Warning shall be issued in the event of an extended ban.
- An individual's first letter of reprimand will remain in effect through the remainder of the current school year and all the following school year.
- An individual that has received an extended ban will be placed on a zero-tolerance thereafter and subject to an immediate extended ban.
- The process of appeal shall be through the existing disciplinary appeal or complaint processes.
- Employees that are sanctioned under this policy may also face additional disciplinary action according to the Employee Code of Conduct.

Disorderly Conduct Texas Penal Code §42.01 defines disorderly conduct as when a person intentionally or knowingly:

- Uses abusive, indecent, profane or vulgar language in a public place, and the language by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
- Makes an offensive gesture or display in a public place, and the gesture or display tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
- Creates, by chemical means, a noxious and unreasonable odor in a public place;
- Abuses or threatens a person in a public place in an obviously offensive manner;
- Makes unreasonable noise in a public place
- Fights with another in a public place.

An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor unless committed under Subsection (a) (9) or (a) (10), in which event it is a Class B misdemeanor

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Student-athletes are expected to maintain high standards in academic performance and comportment at all times. They serve as positive role models for the student body and in the community as representatives of our school and school district. One of the primary pedagogical purposes of athletics is to impart knowledge and skills to student-athletes so that they will learn and model the District's 10 Ethical Principles: honesty, integrity, promise-keeping, loyalty, concern for others, law-abidance/civic duty, respect for others, fairness, pursuit of excellence, and accountability. It is the goal of the athletic program to teach student-athletes to work successfully with others. This program helps student-athletes learn to build relationships, advocate for themselves in a socially appropriate manner, and work toward common goals- while having fun at the same time.

Cyberbullying, slander, threats, and harassing behavior targeting other athletes, school staff, and other members of the student body will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the team.

Being a member of the team is a privilege, not a right. Any student-athletes who represents himself/herself, other team members, school staff, or members of the student body through electronic media (e.g., websites, personal home pages, blogs, text messages, chat rooms/applications) or using electronic communication devices (e.g., camera phones, digital phones, electronic descriptions) in a way that causes school officials to reasonably anticipate substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the activities of the organization or school will be subject to disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and coach. Disciplinary action may include probation, suspension, or dismissal from the team. Furthermore, student-athletes may not engage in association such as retweeting, sub tweeting, favoriting, liking, reposting, etc. of materials involving lewd materials, obscene materials, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, hazing, harassment targeting other students or staff members based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender, including gender identification or sexual preference.

Incriminating photos, videos, or statements depicting any of the following will result in disciplinary action, up to and possibly including removal from the team.

1. violence;
2. hazing;
3. prohibited harassment (based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender);
4. lewdness including full or partial nudity;
5. inappropriate or profane gestures while in uniform and wearing other school insignia;

6. vandalism;
7. stalking;
8. underage drinking;
9. selling, possessing, or using controlled substance;
10. or any other criminal act or act punishable by law.

COVID POLICY

COVID Guidelines Based on CDC Requirements, Texas Governor's Requirements, Nueces County Requirements, and London ISD's Requirements

*London ISD will adhere to requirements as outlined by above entities.

DRUG POLICY

Drugs, tobacco, vape products, and alcohol violations as stated in the London ISD Code of Student Conduct procedure will be followed.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

We will enforce school district policy based on citation or arrest by law enforcement, or any act witnessed by a coach, school employee or administrator. This policy is in effect from July 23rd until July 31 each year. All incidences that are brought before the athletic director, coaches or administrators will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

Alcohol:

1. 1st Offense – 1 week of suspension from competition and disciplinary action at discretion of the head coach and/or athletic director.
2. 2nd Offense – 2-week suspension from competition and disciplinary action at discretion of the head coach and/or athletic director.
3. 3rd Offense – Suspended for one entire calendar year. Suspensions run from the date of offense to that date the following year.

Tobacco:

1. 1st Offense – 1 week of suspension from competition, Disciplinary action at the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director.
2. 2nd Offense – 2 week suspension from competition, Disciplinary action at the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director.
3. 3rd Offense – the student/athlete will be suspended from athletics for 1 calendar year. Suspensions run from the date of offense to that date the following year.

DISCLAIMER

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LONDON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC POLICY

Please sign the Parent Square / Student Square link** - - Digital Form**

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Student Name _____

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Signature_____Date _____

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