



LAKEVIEW

Athletic handbook

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I. ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

Although academic achievement is the cornerstone of a valuable education, athletic involvement serves as a positive and healthy complement to the classroom experience. The Lakeview Local School District's athletic program provides a variety of experiences to aid the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.

Athletic competition can be one of the most rewarding activities students will experience in their junior and high school years. Honor, dedication, commitment, integrity, perseverance, interdependence, and self-reliance are several of the important life skills and virtues student athletes can strengthen by participating in the various sports programs at school.

ATHLETE MISSION STATEMENT: I compete with honor and integrity, representing my school, my team, and myself with pride and respect.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Our goals are:

- To enrich each individual as an athlete and as a person.
- To establish a knowledge, appreciation of, and respect for the practice and self-discipline required to perform well-executed skills in the participant's chosen sport.
- To stress fundamentals and team play throughout the program.
- To increase each participant's understanding and appreciation.
- To develop pride, competitive spirit and participation in sports to the fullest of one's ability.
- To put into effect and uphold all rules of good sportsmanship and conduct.
- To emphasize and encourage the importance of good scholarship.
- To encourage competition not only for the tangible rewards, but also for the development of positive attitudes that makes athletic competition valuable and worthwhile.
- To orient all athletic staff members to abide by the rules, regulations and officials' decisions that govern each sport.

III. SPORTSMANSHIP PHILOSOPHY AND GUIDELINES.

The Lakeview Local School District believes that interscholastic competition involving member schools of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) should be governed by the basic principles of good sportsmanship. This document has been prepared to insure that all participants have a common understanding of those basic principles.

We believe that participation is as important as winning. We believe that students should be coached to play to the best of their ability and to understand that to play well is to play honorably. The promotion of sportsmanship is the obligation of all school personnel (principals, athletic director and coaches) and is directed to the behavior of spectators, coaches and players. An additional component to consider is coaches' ethics. We believe the development of good sportsmanship through the practice of ethical behavior and moral reasoning is one of the acknowledged objectives of interscholastic athletics. We, therefore, expect school administrators, coaches, athletes, cheerleaders and spectators to know and embrace the following fundamentals of sportsmanship:

- Respect should be demonstrated for all athletic opponents and for their school at all times. Lakeview should treat visiting teams and their supporters as guests and accord the consideration everyone deserves. Visiting schools should respect the property and dignity of their host school and its athletic teams.
- Respect should be demonstrated for the officials at all times. As impartial arbiters who are trained to do their jobs to the best of their ability, officials should be given respect and an attitude of good sportsmanship regardless of the outcome of the contest.
- Knowledge of and a proper respect for the current rules of the contest should guide the behavior of all participants. Rules are essential for a fair contest. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the rules.
- All participants should maintain self-control at all times. The desire to win cannot be accepted as a reason for irrational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained by all if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized.
- All participants should learn to recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of school affiliation. Recognition of the good performance of an opponent is a demonstration of generosity and goodwill that is encouraged in all member schools. In order for good sportsmanship to prevail, it is essential that all participants understand their responsibilities and expected modes of behavior before, during and after contests.

Players – Because players are admired and respected, they exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behavior of spectators. It is important that athletes embrace the following behaviors:

1. Treat opponents with the respect that is due them as guests and as fellow athletes.
2. Shake hands with opponents and wish them a good game when appropriate.
3. Exercise self-control at all times, accepting the judgment of the officials as just that – the best judgment they could make given what they know and see.
4. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing the school and community.
5. Accept both victory and defeat with pride, compassion and good sportsmanship.
6. Players must follow team rules established by coaches as well as the Student Code of Conduct.

Cheerleaders - Cheerleaders are representative of the student body. By setting a good example, cheerleaders can influence and control the actions of the student spectators. Cheerleaders should embrace the following behaviors:

1. Demonstrate standards of desirable behavior in keeping with the fundamentals of good sportsmanship for cheerleaders and student body.
2. Use positive cheers which encourage their own team without demeaning their opponents.
3. Use discretion in deciding when to cheer and which cheers to use. Give encouragement to both sides.
4. Never attempt to distract opposing players or in any way to interfere with their performance.
5. Serve as hosts for visiting cheerleaders.
6. Must follow squad rules and Student Code of Conduct.

C. Spectators (fans, parents) - Spectators, by their behaviors and reactions, play an important role in their school's reputation for sportsmanship. Spectators should be reminded and should keep in mind that athletes are friendly rivals as members of the opposing amateur teams. Spectators should also remember that the contest should be between the teams engaged in the competition and not between their supporters. It is important that spectators embrace the following:

1. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship.
2. Be positive toward players and coaches regardless of the outcome of the contest.
3. Respect the decisions and judgment of game officials.
4. Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
5. Be a positive role model through your own actions.

D. Expectations for Athletes

1. There must be respect for authority both on and off the field of play.
2. Measures must be taken to prohibit the use of profane language and racial slurs.
3. The athlete shall attend all practices and shall be punctual unless he/she has a reasonable excuse. Since the athlete represents the school and community, he/she shall be neatly groomed and properly dressed.
4. Tobacco and drinking of alcohol or the use of any drugs is strictly forbidden.
5. Encourage your athletes to develop good study habits and work to their maximum academically.
6. Athletes shall be reminded that they are leaders and therefore must assume their responsibilities at home, in school and in the community.
7. Athletes shall inform the head coach of all injuries.
8. Athletes shall not engage in hazing.
9. In case of an injury:

E. Sportsmanship Guidelines from the OHSAA

Sportsmanship is Everyone's Responsibility!

The Role of Parents, Fans and Students – Athletic events are learning experiences for student athletes. A ticket to a contest is a privilege to observe tests of skill, not to verbally assault others or be obnoxious. Audiences may forget that high school athletes have not reached mature physical performance, so errors can be expected. Moreover, audiences who learn the rules of the sport are less likely to criticize officials, players or coaches.

- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, fans and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents before, during or after the game.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- Be a positive behavior role model through your own actions.
- Conduct yourself in an exemplary manner. Remember – you represent your school both home and away.
- Only use positive cheers in support of your team. Cheer for your team – and not against your opponents.

F. Coaches and Sportsmanship

The coaches bear the greatest responsibility for the development of sportsmanship as they have the greatest influence on the attitudes and behaviors of players, the student body and the community. Coaches must value sportsmanship and teach it through their words and through example. Therefore, coaches shall embrace the following appropriate behavior:

1. Shall establish and distribute team rules beyond the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Teach the value of conforming to the rules.
3. Instill team discipline and sportsmanship with appropriate consequences for team members who display inappropriate behavior.
4. Instruct their players in the fundamentals of sportsmanship.
5. Respect the officials' judgment and interpretation of the rules.
6. Demonstrate publicly the ideals of good sportsmanship by such acts as shaking hands with officials before contests and with opposing coaches before and after contests.

IV. PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE

Participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege and not a right. Participants become visible representatives of Lakeview School District, their fellow students and community. Therefore, they have additional responsibilities to exemplify the participation standards and philosophy of our extracurricular programs as stated in this publication. The building principal has the authority to restrict or revoke a student's privilege to participate in the extracurricular program.

V. COMMITMENT TO ATHLETIC PROGRAM

As a member of a Lakeview athletic team, all athletes are to understand and abide by the expected level of commitment for such membership. Attendance and participation at ALL practice sessions and contests, support for fellow teammates, as well as respect for coaches is an expected part of being a Lakeview athlete.

Students are expected to report for practice at the beginning of each sport season. Those who report late may jeopardize their chances for participation. Once the athlete decides to join a team, he/she must conduct himself/herself in such a way that he/she will reflect the athletic philosophy of Lakeview schools. Athletes are expected to adhere to the following participation guidelines:

A. Attendance at School

1500367552. On a regular school day, an athlete must be in school by the beginning of 4th period in order to be eligible to participate in a practice or contest.

1500367553. If an athlete is absent from school because of illness, the athlete shall not participate in practice or contest.

1500367554. If an athlete leaves school because of illness, the athlete shall not participate in practice or contest.

1500367555. If an athlete is absent from school for reasons other than illness, the decision of the eligibility will be left to the discretion of the Athletic Director or Principal.

1500367556. During a school suspension, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in contests, practice sessions or any other school event.

B. Attendance at Scheduled Athletic Contests

1. Athletes are to attend ALL scheduled athletic contests for their team.
2. If an athlete must miss a contest due to an emergency, the athlete shall contact his/her coach prior to the event.
3. For away events, student athletes must travel with the team to and from each contest on the school-provided transportation. Parents who find it necessary to transport their son/daughter home from the contest must notify the coach IN PERSON, with written notice, that they are taking their son or daughter home with them. Student athletes will NOT be released to any other adult other than their parents. Permission will NOT be granted to student athletes to drive to and from a contest nor will permission be granted for an athlete to ride with another student to or from a contest. Student athletes who miss the school provided transportation will NOT be allowed to participate in the contest. In the event of an emergency or school scheduling conflict, parents and student athlete must seek the approval of building principal or designee for alternative transportation.

VI. PRACTICE SESSIONS ON WEEKENDS

1. Practices are permitted on Saturday.
2. Practices are NOT permitted on Sundays. Under specific circumstances, (i.e. tournament) the building principal may authorize Sunday practices.

VII. WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

1. When school is cancelled because of inclement weather, practices or contests will not be scheduled unless the Athletic Director and/or Principal grant permission.
2. If school is cancelled for reasons that are not weather related, practices or contests are cancelled unless the principal grants permission.
3. If a game is postponed due to weather or any other factor not conducive to good game conditions, the following procedures will be followed:
 - a. The Athletic Director and coach will confer, but the following decisions rests with the Principal or designee:
 - b. Factors considered in the decision are:
 - League and OHSAA rules
 - Playing conditions of the playing surface
 - Safe travel of opponents, officials and fans
 - Damage to playing surface
 - Transportation arrangements
4. In the event of a school closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather, all league games will be cancelled. Participation in away events may or may not be permitted at the discretion of the Principal. In the event of school closing or early dismissals for reasons other than inclement weather, events may or may not be permitted at the discretion of the Principal.
5. Coaches shall not postpone or cancel games.
6. As soon as the decision has been made to postpone a game, the Athletic Director will notify the head coach, officials and bus drivers. The Principal and Athletic Director will notify the news media if necessary.

VIII. CONFLICTS/TWO SPORT PARTICIPATION

The administration recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities and, to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts. Students also have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid a continuous conflict. This would include being cautious about belonging to too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means notifying the faculty sponsors involved immediately when a conflict does arise.

Participation in more than one sport per season at the high school level is permitted pending the approval of the head coaches of the sports involved. Participation in multiple sports per season is not permitted for junior high athletes. Cheerleading is considered a sport for both junior high and senior high athletes.

IX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF LAKEVIEW ATHLETES

Being a member of a Lakeview athletic team is the fulfillment of an early ambition for many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained. A great athletic tradition is not built overnight; it takes the hard work of many dedicated people over the years. As a member of an interscholastic squad, you have inherited a wonderful tradition, a tradition you are challenged to uphold. Our tradition has been to win with honor. We desire to win, but only with honor to our athletes, our school and community. Over many years, our squads have achieved numerous league and tournament championships. In addition, many individuals have set records and won all-conference and all-state honors. Such a tradition is worthy of the best efforts of all concerned.

It will not be easy to contribute to such a great athletic tradition. When you wear your school colors, we assume that you not only understand our traditions, but are also willing to assume the responsibilities that go along with them. However, your contributions should be personally satisfying to you.

A. Responsibilities to Your School

1. Athletic Participation Forms shall be signed by both medical professional and by the parent/guardian once each calendar year. These forms must be on file before any candidate or any team may participate in a practice or tryout.
2. The athlete will be responsible for all issued equipment and will be ineligible to participate in any other athletic program until his/her account is cleared.

X. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF POLICY

1. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct. (Refer to student handbook.)
2. Violations of individual sport rules. (Refer to coach's handouts.)
3. Violations of Athlete Code of Conduct. (Refer to athlete agreement.)
4. Violations of Athletic Handbook.

The Coach has the Authority to Suspend Any Participant for One or More Contests for Any of the Following Reasons:

1. Violations of the student/parent handbook, athletic handbook or individual team rules.
2. Violations would include but not be limited to the following offenses:
 - a. Failure to attend practices or events
 - b. Unsportsmanlike behavior
 - c. Uncooperative and aggressive behavior
 - d. Improper attire

- e. Insubordination – (not following coach directives)

XI. PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION

As your son or daughter becomes involved in the sports programs in the Lakeview School District, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way your child wishes. This is the opportunity for your child to talk with their respective coach and discuss the situation. When your child handles the problem, it becomes part of the learning and maturation process. There may also be situations that require a conversation between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged. It is important that both parties have a clear understanding of the other's position. Please follow the following procedures to help promote a resolution:

1. Parent/guardian speaks directly to the coach to discuss the concern.
2. If the concern is not resolved, call the athletic director to arrange a conference. A meeting will be arranged with the coach, parent and athletic director.
3. At this meeting, the appropriate next step can be determined. Please refer to XVII.
4. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions.

XII. INDIVIDUAL SPORT RULE

Each coach is expected to set team/squad rules in addition to the rules in the Athletic Handbook. Rules and penalties for tardiness, curfew violations, inappropriate practice/game dress and misconduct are examples of a coach's guidelines. These rules shall be given in writing to all athletes, parents and the athletic director at the beginning of the season.

XIII. SELECTING A TEAM/SQUAD/CUT POLICY

Selecting the members of any particular squad within a program is the sole responsibility of the coaching staff of that program. A student who is cut from a team may be eligible to try out for another sport during that same season as long as they report to that team practice on the next regular scheduled day.

XIV. QUITTING A SPORTS TEAM AFTER THE ROSTER IS DETERMINED

It is unfair to teammates and the program if the coach is given no opportunity to counsel the athlete and provide reasonable assistance to solve the problem. Therefore, it is expected that any athlete who is contemplating quitting a sport will take the time to

discuss the problem with a member of the coaching staff. The student who quits a sport will be ineligible for another sport/team during that same season until the season has ended for the team from which they walked away.

XV. REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT ATHLETES

A. Students must fulfill all the regulations and requirements set forth by the OHSAA and the Lakeview School District. This includes compliance with specifications set forth in the Lakeview School District extracurricular participation policy.

B. Eligibility for Lakeview Athletes:

1. Must earn the equivalent of 5 or more credits for the preceding grading period.
2. Must earn the equivalent of a 1.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for the preceding grading period.
3. Must meet enrollment requirements.
4. Must be amateurs.
5. Cannot play under an assumed name.
6. Cannot receive money.
7. Cannot sign a contract to play for a professional team.

Athletes are ineligible after attending more than eight (8) semesters beyond the eighth grade, or played four (4) seasons beyond the eighth grade in any one form of interscholastic athletics.

D. Athletes must be in attendance during fourth period on the day of the event.

E. Behavior unbecoming an athlete could result in the Principal revoking the privilege of a student to participate in an athletic event. This behavior includes, but is not limited to, disciplinary sanctions imposed for misbehavior during school

F. If the age of nineteen (19) is attained on or after August 1, the pupil shall be eligible age wise to compete through that school year.

G. Athletes must be cleared of all equipment or other financial debt at the end of a sport season in order to participate in any subsequent athletic season.

H. Athletes in grades 7-12 that are involved with a sport are required to submit the following three (3) forms:

1. The first is the OHSAA physical card that must be signed by a physician and the parents. This card is submitted to the Athletic Director on or before the first day of practice.
2. The second is the emergency medical authorization form. This form must be on file with the coach for whom the student athlete is competing for and must be

- completed for each sport in which the athlete participates. Asthma Action Plans and any other medical information must be on file with the school if deemed necessary by a physician.
3. The third is the Lakeview School District Participation Agreement. This form must be on file with the athletic office before an athlete is permitted in interscholastic athletics at Lakeview High School.

Athletes will not be permitted to participate until all required paperwork has been completed and turned in to the head coach.

Required curricular events shall take precedence over athletic activities. No student shall be penalized for attending a required curricular event.

Bus Rules and Regulations

1. Lakeview School District bus rules apply to athletic trips.
2. Clean shoes and cleats before boarding the bus.
3. Do not leave personal items on bus.
4. Make sure each individual seat is clean upon departing.

Fundraising

1. Individual athletic teams are permitted to conduct fundraisers. However, these fundraisers MUST be approved by the Athletic Director and Principal.
2. All clubs and organizations outside the school conducting fundraising programs to be held on school grounds must submit applications to the building principal for approval prior to event.
3. Small games of chance are permitted only when sponsors are in compliance with all school district, local and state laws/ordinances.

Practice Starting Dates, Practice Schedule, Game Schedules, Scrimmages

1. All sports in the Lakeview School District have starting and closing dates established by the OHSAA. Dates are published each year on the athletic department's monthly calendar.
2. Coaches must submit a practice schedule to the Athletic Director including dates and times of practice.
3. Coaches shall adhere to practice start and ending times.
4. Game schedules – All scheduling will be done by the Athletic Director in conjunction with the head coach. As a member of various regions, we are naturally obligated to schedule all conference teams. Coaches are not authorized to reschedule an athletic event without administrative approval.
5. Scrimmages – All scrimmages must be sanctioned by the Principal and the Athletic Director prior to their being held. There will be no overnight scrimmages. All bussing to and from scrimmages must be arranged through the Athletic Director.

6. Team Camps must be sanctioned by the Athletic Director/Principal and shall comply with all of the District's required medical forms.

HOME-EDUCATED / NON-ENROLLED STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Eligibility for Chartered Nonpublic Schools & Home Schooled Students

All students enrolled in chartered or non-chartered nonpublic schools are permitted to participate in a particular extracurricular activity if the student is of appropriate age and grade level and: (1) the student is entitled by law to attend the schools of this district; and (2) the chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the particular extracurricular activity. Students who meet these criteria are permitted to participate in the particular extracurricular activity at the district school to which the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year provided that the student meets the eligibility requirements stated in the student and/or athletic handbooks.

It shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain appropriate documentation for the Superintendent, or designee, to verify the student's eligibility prior to the start of the first practice or other activity of the extracurricular activity in which the student chooses to participate. Thereafter, the parent/guardian of a student participating in an extracurricular activity under this policy shall obtain additional verification of eligibility every nine (9) weeks on or before 5:00 p.m. of the fifth school day of the beginning of the nine (9) week period until the conclusion of the extracurricular activity in which the student is participating. All documentation related to a student's eligibility shall be verified by the school in which the student is currently enrolled. A student will be deemed ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities until all eligibility requirements are met and verified. For purposes of this policy, "parent/guardian" also means a student that is eighteen years of age.

Student Release

It is the policy of the Lakeview School District to minimize the number of times a student is given permission to leave class for extracurricular activities. The time that students are to be dismissed for athletic activities will be decided by the Principal after conferring with the Athletic Director.

XVI. NCAA

NCAA Recruiting of High School Athletes

Any recruitment of a Lakeview athlete who is eligible for college or university athletic participation must be conducted within NCAA recruitment guidelines.

XVII. CHAIN OF COMMAND/PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Step One: Resolution of concern with the Head Coach and Athletic Director.

Step Two: If the parties concerned are not satisfied with the results of Step One, the **Principal** will make every attempt to resolve the concern. This may be accomplished by strategies decided by the Principal.

Step Three: If the parties concerned are not satisfied with the results of Step Two, the Principal will involve the **Superintendent** for guidance and direction. The Superintendent will make every attempt to resolve the concern. This may be accomplished by strategies decided by the Superintendent.

Step Four: If the parties concerned are not satisfied with the results of Step Three, the concern shall be shared with the **Board of Education** in the manner and time recommended by the Superintendent.

XVIII. WEIGHT ROOM (WELLNESS CENTER) PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

The use of the weight room facilities must be preceded by an authorized facility request. A certified weight room supervisor must be present at all workouts. The following rules and regulations are in effect at all times:

1. Staff supervision required.
2. Inappropriate or unsafe behavior is not tolerated.
3. Return all free weights to racks.
4. Spotters are required for free weights.
5. Individuals are responsible for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.
6. Appropriate attire is required.
7. Food and drink are prohibited.
8. Failure to follow rules will result in suspension from the wellness facility.
9. Work stations must be cleaned/dried after use.

XIX. ATHLETIC AWARDS

The coach shall recommend the members of his/her squad who have met the requirements for a letter with approval from the Principal and Athletic Director.

A. Types of Letters

1. Boys Varsity – 8” chenille letter
2. Girls Varsity – 8” chenille letter

B. Award Policy

1. A participant receiving his/her first letter in any sport shall receive a letter and pin (sport symbol).
2. If the participant letters in a different sport, he/she will receive a sport symbol pin.
3. If the participant letters in the same sport during future seasons, he/she will receive a bar. *Managers are eligible according to the above criteria.*
4. Participants not lettering due to injury during a particular season can be designated as a letterman by the coach with approval from the Athletic Director.
5. At the close of your season, all athletes who have met the requirements to earn a letter should be listed on the awards form and given to the Athletic Director.
6. Coaches will submit a season summary to the Athletic Director at the close of his/her season. The purpose of this summary is to keep on file the accomplishments, honors and awards received by your players as well as your team.

C. General Criteria in Meeting the Requirements for a Letter

1. Attendance – athletes should have attended all practices unless excused by the head coach.
2. Sportsmanship – athletes should have realized that they were representing their school and community and should have conducted themselves in such a manner that they were unquestionable assets to both.
3. Adherence to training rules - athletes must have abided by the training rules as set forth by the coach and athletic department.
4. Athletes who discontinued participation forfeit all awards and recognition they may receive.

D. Guidelines/Requirements – Earning an Athletic Letter

1. Softball
50% of the innings or appear in 1/2 of the regular season games
Pitchers – 25% of the innings or 1/3 of the games
2. Baseball
50% of the innings or appear in 1/2 of the regular season games
Pitchers – 25% of the innings or 1/3 of the games
3. Basketball (boys and girls)
50% of the quarters
4. Cross Country
Score in 50% or more of the meets
5. Football
Varsity – 50% of quarters
6. Track (boys and girls)
He/she scores 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in 50% +1 of the dual meets or scores one (1) or more dual meet points than the number of scheduled meets.
7. Volleyball
Varsity – 50% of the games
8. Cheerleaders

Must cheer one (1) year at the varsity level and have coach's recommendation.

9. Bowling
50% of regular season contests
10. Tennis
50% of regular season contests
11. Golf
50% of regular season contests

XX. CHEERLEADING

Athletic Participation Forms shall be signed by both medical professional and by the parent/guardian once each calendar year. These forms must be on file before any candidate for any team may participate in a practice or tryout.

A. Varsity Selection

XXI. Not more than eight or less than four cheerleaders will be selected from the Sophomore and Junior classes as Varsity cheerleaders for the following school year. They shall cheer at all Varsity football and basketball games, tournaments games, special events and pep assemblies.

B. Junior Varsity Selection

Not more than eight or less than four cheerleaders will be selected from the Freshman and Sophomore classes as junior varsity cheerleaders for the following school year. They shall cheer at all home Varsity football games, Junior Varsity football and basketball games, special events and pep assemblies.

C. 8th and 9th Grade Selection (Football)

Not more than eight or less than three cheerleaders will be selected from the 7th and 8th grade classes as 8th and 9th grade cheerleaders respectively for the following football season. They shall cheer for all football games played by their grade and any special events.

D. 8th and 9th Grade Selection (Basketball)

Not more than eight or less than three will be selected from the 7th and 8th grade classes as 8th and 9th grade cheerleaders for basketball season. They shall cheer for all basketball games played by their grade, special events and tournaments.

Alternates – There will be no cheerleader alternates.

Mascot

A mascot may be selected at the discretion of the cheerleading coach. The mascot shall

follow the same rules as the cheerleaders, wear the bulldog costume during the game, promote school spirit and add to the atmosphere of the game by “clowning around”, work with the cheerleaders, complement their efforts and assist the cheerleaders in getting the crowd to cheer. Mascots shall obtain written permission from their parent or guardian in order to be permitted to perform at a game.

Insurance

All cheerleaders who are selected shall be covered by health insurance. All athletes may purchase student accident insurance through an independent insurance company, contact Athletic Director’s office, to meet the insurance coverage requirement. Students not purchasing this insurance must have a signed statement from their parents stating that they have insurance coverage.

Team Selection

Students from the seventh, eighth, freshman, sophomore and junior classes will be chosen for their respective squads by the cheerleading coaches, who are hired by the Board of Education, based on their knowledge and expertise in the area of cheerleading.

Grades 9-12 Eligibility

All students enrolled in grades 7-12 in the Lakeview School District are eligible to try out for cheerleading providing they meet the eligibility requirements as defined.

1. Earn the equivalent of a 1.00 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale for the preceding grading period.
2. Earn the equivalent of 5 credits for the preceding grade period.
3. Not fail more than 1.00 credit for the preceding grade period.
4. Fulfill all eligibility requirements as set forth by the OHSAA.
5. For eligibility purposes, summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received from the final grading period of the regular school year.

Grade 7 & 8 Eligibility

All students enrolled in grades 7 and 8 in the Lakeview School District are eligible to try out for cheerleading providing they meet the eligibility requirements as defined. In grades seven and eight, the term credits are replaced by unit of study. Students must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in 75% of subjects in which enrolled.

Uniform – Alterations/Care

Uniforms may not be bought or altered in any way without permission of the coach.

Use of Uniform

Any part of the uniform or school property cannot be used for private use. Uniforms may only be worn on game days and by the cheerleaders only.

Duties and Responsibility

1. Cheerleaders shall be responsible for the fundraisers and spirit week.
2. Varsity cheerleaders cheer at previews, varsity football and basketball games, other varsity sport events, pep assemblies and tournaments.
3. Junior Varsity cheerleaders cheer at Varsity home games, Junior Varsity football and basketball games, pep rallies and at other events with the permission of the coaches.
4. Junior High cheerleaders cheer at Junior High football and basketball games, pep rallies and other events with the permission of the coaches.