

Appendix K – Athletic Code of Conduct

STATEMENT

A student who represents Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High School must exhibit, at all times, the highest standards of personal behavior. When the student becomes an athlete, he/she takes on a special responsibility for exemplary conduct because there will be times when he/she will be representing the school to other communities as well as his/her own. Therefore, he/she should follow all the rules established for the sport in which he/she is participating which go above and beyond what is written here. All Tecumseh athletes will adhere to the following rules and expectations:

EXPECTED STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES

- The good of the team is first and foremost. While individual needs are important, teamwork is an expectation.
- No player(s) will ever employ illegal tactics to gain an undeserved advantage. All players will devote themselves to being a true sportsman.
- All athletes will care for all equipment as though it were their own personal property. If equipment is destroyed through normal wear and tear during practice, the school will replace the item(s). If equipment is lost or stolen the athlete(s), will fulfill his/her responsibility by paying for replacement of item(s).
- All athletes will obey the specific training and practice rules of their team as given to them by the coaching staff.
- Athletes should not engage in negative activities. Drinking alcohol, taking controlled drug substances, using tobacco products, using profanity and being disobedient are harmful to athletes and their team. Maximum effort and performance cannot be attained by participation in these activities.
- Athletes should be a positive influence in all they attempt to do. They are to work for the betterment of Lafayette Tecumseh and set a good example by doing what is right and good.
- Officials deserve courteous respect. The purpose of officials is to insure both teams a fair contest; they are not responsible for losing games or contests.
- Athletes should appreciate the fact that coaches, teachers and school officials have the best interest of all athletes in mind as they purchase equipment, schedule contests and conduct the athletic program.
- All Lafayette Tecumseh athletes must comply with the standards of our athletic Code of Conduct and school rules or be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal from a team as determined by the rules, coaching staff, athletic director, and/or principal of Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High School.

RULES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Athletic Director or his/her designee shall enforce all rules and regulations as described in the Code of Conduct (hereafter the Code) for athletes. While Tecumseh does not belong to the IHSAA, we use their rules as guidelines for our athletes. The Code will be reinforced by the coach of each sport during the year. Parents/Guardians and athletes are required to sign the acknowledgment, consent, injury awareness and disclosure document stating that they understand the Code and the athlete is subject to disciplinary measure should he/she violate the Code.

Any alleged violation of the Code shall be reported first to the coach or his/her designee and then is to be followed by an investigation by any or all of the following people... athletic director, principal or his/her designee. If a violation of the Code has been determined to have occurred, a meeting will take place between the Athletic Director or his/her designee and the athlete in question.

The Code is in force twelve (12) months a year, grades seven and eight (7-8).

CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTIES

First Offense:

*Intoxicating Beverage	Loss of the next four official contests
*Illegal Drugs	Loss of the next four official contests
*Tobacco or Vaping	Loss of the next four official contests
"Hazing"	Loss of the next four official contests
"Student Arrested"	Loss of the next four official contests

Self-reporting will result in a reduction of the consequence of by two contests.

Self-Report Clause: Can only be used one time while a student at Tecumseh and must be within 48 hours of incident. Report must be made to an administrator or LSC Athletic Department Athletic Director.

Second Offense: Student-athlete will be suspended from all athletic participation for the current season and the season immediately following.

* The student may have to undergo formal **Drug/Alcohol Assessment** which may be provided by the school. If it is determined that the student needs assistance in this area, the student will follow the appropriate recommendation of either intervention or education. The parent/guardian will be responsible for all costs associated with services of the recommended program.

General School conduct (ISS or OSS)

1st School Suspension	Loss of the next official contest during the current season
2nd School Suspension	Loss of the next five official contests during the current season
3rd School Suspension	Loss of athletic eligibility for the rest of that season.

All conduct related suspensions will be applied to the contest immediately following the communication of the suspension from the Athletic Director, or designee, to the head coach.

The Tecumseh Athletic Department reserves the right to use a variety of methods to investigate potential Code of Conduct violations. These include, but are not limited to, information from law enforcement and the probation system, internet websites, parent communication, and other personal contacts. Violations of the Code of Conduct have no statute of limitations and will be dealt with as discovered by coaches or administrators. **Violators of any of the above rules will be dealt with under the "Code of Conduct".**

ACADEMIC POLICY

Grade checks are conducted every two weeks during the season. Student athlete eligibility will be reassessed during each grade check window. During each grade check window, student athletes are placed in one of two categories: Full Eligibility or Academic Probation. Student athletes that are on Academic Probation can continue to practice with the team but can't participate in any contests. Students athletes that are on Academic Probation can regain Full Eligibility during the next grade check if they have no more than one "F".

Full Eligibility: A student athlete has no more than one F. Fully eligible athletes may participate in practices and games with no limitations.

Academic Probation: A student athlete with more than one F during the grade check window is placed on Academic Probation. Student athletes on Athletic Probation may practice with the team but may not participate in games. Student athletes that are Academically Ineligible may practice with the team, at the discretion of the coach, but may not participate in games for the rest of that season.

Athletic Attendance: Students must be in the building by 10:55 am in order to practice or play that day.

If a violation of one or more Tecumseh athletic rules and expectations occur the student/athlete will be granted proper due process procedure.