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## **LBA Sports Athlete/Spectator Guidelines**

Athletic Department 2023-2024

LBA offers a complete program of interscholastic athletics for boys and girls in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, as well as intramural basketball for LBA girls and boys in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sports offered for the current school year will be the following:

Girls J.V. & Varsity Volleyball, Girls/Boys JV & Varsity Basketball, and Intramural Basketball.

### **Practice and Game Guidelines:**

1. Athletes are expected to attend all practices and inform their coach when they cannot attend a practice or game.
2. Dress code for all practices will be determined by the individual coaches, but may not violate the decency guidelines of the LBA dress code. P.E. uniforms will be allowed or required for sports practices. This policy extends to all managers, scorekeepers, and assistants, whether or not the individual is a school student.
3. All athletes, parents, and spectators are expected to maintain the highest standards of behavior and testimony both on and off the playing field or court.

### **Sporting Events:**

1. Visiting teams are to be treated as our guests. They should be shown the same courtesy as if the Lord Jesus Himself were visiting your own home.
2. At all sporting events, pep rallies, etc. there is to be no whistling, booing, or throwing of items by the athletes or spectators. Violators will be asked to leave. Courtesy demands applause for excellence, regardless of which team the player represents.
3. Though school uniforms are not required, all standards of decency consistent with the dress code policy will be enforced.
4. All students participating on sports teams must travel to games in vehicles provided by the school. Depending on the situation, special permission to drive their child to a game may be afforded a parent upon request. If transportation is not able to be provided by the school, parents will be permitted to drive their child(ren) to the games.
5. Each coach will establish rules of team behavior that will engender team camaraderie among players. School uniforms or approved dress clothes are to be worn to all games unless the opposing school does not have a locker room for athletes or the athlete is the

first team to play upon arrival. Students may wear school uniforms/dress clothes, their game uniforms (if approved by the coach), or casual clothes that meet the dress standards of LBA.

6. Parents of athletes must volunteer for concession stand and gate receipt responsibilities per the season's posted schedule. Parents of athletes may also be asked to serve at fundraising events such as tournaments, sales, and other activities like the annual sports banquet.

#### **Academic Requirements for Sports Participation:**

1. A student's academic performance is very important, and good grades must be maintained while participating on a sports team. Because of this, athletes are required to keep at least a "C" average in all their classes. Participating on a sports team is an extracurricular activity that requires extra effort on the part of the athlete. This will build character as the athlete learns to manage the physical and mental aspects of the season.
2. At the beginning of each school year, every student of LBA is eligible to play sports. Any student desiring to play on a sports team must maintain a "C" average during the entire season. Each Monday, an automated grade report will be run by the administrative school staff. If an athlete's grade is below a "C" average, then the coaching staff and players will be informed by Monday afternoon.
3. A player that does not have a "C" average in any given subject will be placed on *academic practice probation*. The player will be allowed to participate in all games and practices; however, each practice will begin with 30 minutes of school work. This "academic practice probation" will take place for a minimum of one full week or until the player's grades have improved (per the weekly grade report the following Monday).
4. A player that has an "F" average in any subject will not be permitted to play in any games; however, he will be permitted to attend practice. Each practice will begin with 45 minutes of school work. This kind of "probationary practice" will take place for a minimum of one full week or until the player's grades have improved (per the weekly grade report the following Monday).
5. Home School Division athletes will be required to follow the same procedure. Each parent must contact the administration each Friday during the sports season to give a grade report. (Contact can be made through phone/voicemail, fax, or e-mail.)
6. These academic requirements and reporting will not apply to the intramural sports teams; however, each teacher will keep in contact with the administration concerning academic deficiencies of the participants.

#### **Sports Fee(per student):**

\$50 for the first sport, \$35 per sport thereafter, with a limit of \$100 for the entire school year. The \$100 limit applies no matter how many sports a student participates in for the year. This fee does not apply to the intramural program. Intramural sports fees will be determined a month or two before the intramural season begins.