

CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletic Statement

This athletic booklet is designed to inform athletes and their parents or guardians of the rules, regulations, and information that helped develop the rich tradition of competition at Lanesville Junior-Senior High School. Participation in athletics is a privilege which carries with it varying degrees of honor, responsibility, and sacrifice. Since athletic competition on school teams is a privilege and not a right, those who choose to participate will be expected to follow the Code of Conduct established by the administration, and other specific coach's rules for their sport. Athletes represent their school and student body. Athletes are to conduct themselves in a manner that is becoming to their family, Lanesville Junior-Senior High School, and the community.

Athletic Philosophy

The goal of the Lanesville Junior-Senior High School Athletic Department is to provide the best opportunities for student-athletes to excel in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and moral character. The purpose is to provide each participant with experiences that will be positive and memorable and that help the athlete develop the capacity for commitment to a cause, acceptance of responsibility, and loyalty towards any chosen endeavor.

Athlete Defined

The Lanesville athlete is defined as and includes all young men and women who represent a team that engages in interscholastic competition and further includes cheerleaders, student managers, student trainers and statisticians.

Athletic Program Profile

Lanesville Junior-Senior High School supports eight (8) sports that offers 27 different teams to 280 students in grades 7-12. Student-athletes are coached by well-qualified men and women and participate in over 200 contests per year.

ELIGIBILITY

Residency Requirements

Student athletes must be residents of the Lanesville Community School's Corporation school district as defined in Indiana Code 20-8.1-6.1, a cash tuition student subject to IHSAA rules, or be sanctioned through court mandate in order to participate in athletics at Lanesville.

Academic Eligibility

Senior High student-athletes must be passing six (6) credits each grading period (Semester grades take precedence) in order to continue to participate as a team member. All classes count toward eligibility with the exception of Teacher Aide. Junior High students must pass four (4) subjects (English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) in order to continue to participate as a team member. Progress reports of Junior High students will also be used to declare a student eligible or ineligible to participate. Coaches may check progress of students by talking to teachers, issuing periodic grade checks and checking progress reports. It is the policy of the athletic department to work closely with the academic progress of each participant. Athletic eligibility is determined as of 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday following the close of each grading period. Students with failing grades may attend practices during periods of ineligibility at the coach's discretion.

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The following Lanesville Junior-Senior High School athletic rules are in accordance with the Indiana High School Athletic Association Constitution. The conduct of participants in athletics at Lanesville Junior-Senior High School, in or out of school, shall be such as 1) not to reflect discredit upon our school, and 2) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in our school. Any such misconduct violating these principles shall be subject to disciplinary measures.

Enforcement of the Code of Conduct

The principal shall enforce all rules and regulations as described in the Code of Conduct (hereafter the Code) for athletes. All rules regarding behavior and/or training as outlined in IHSAA regulations apply. The Code will be enforced 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 measures should he/she violate the Code.

Any alleged violation of the Code shall be reported first to the principal and his/her designee and then is to be followed by an investigation by any or all of the following people: coach, athletic director, principal or his/her designee.

Expected Standards of Conduct for Athletes

The good of the team is first and foremost. Once a team is eliminated the individual becomes the most important.

No player will ever employ illegal tactics to gain an undeserved advantage. All players will devote themselves to being a true sportsman.

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 doing negative things. 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 doing these things.

Athletes should be careful in not being in attendance at social events in which illegal activities are occurring such as under-age drinking or use of chemical substances.

Athletes should be a positive influence in all they attempt to do. They are to work for the betterment of Lanesville and set a good example by doing what is right and good.

Officials deserve courteous respect. All must realize that officials do not lose a game or contest. They are there for the purpose of insuring both teams a fair contest.

Athletes should appreciate that coaches, teachers, and school officials have the best interests of all athletes in mind as they equip, schedule, and conduct the athletic program.

All Lanesville 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 Lanesville Junior-Senior High School.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS IN FORCE EVERY DAY

RULES of the CODE of CONDUCT

The following rules are specific examples of conduct that would violate the Code of Conduct. Conduct that is not covered by specific examples but that violate the principles of the Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary measures.

Rule 1. Athletes (hereafter student athletic trainers, managers, cheerleaders, statisticians and other student support staff are included in the term “athletes”) shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, stimulant, depressant, anabolic steroids, marijuana, or counterfeit caffeine pills nor possess, use, or transmit paraphernalia for use of such substances. (Use of an authorized drug as prescribed by a registered physician shall not constitute a violation of this rule.) Athletes shall not partake in any degree or be in possession of alcoholic beverages. Athletes shall not use or be in possession of tobacco products at anytime.

Consequence: Any athlete knowingly violating any part of the above rule on the **First Offense**, will be automatically suspended from participation in athletic contests and from the team or squad in which the student is participating for **25% of the contests** for the season for such team or squad. Penalties may carry over to other sports or to the following season. Practice for an athlete who is under suspension is at the discretion of the coach. The **second** or **succeeding offense** will result in suspension from participation in athletics for a minimum of **one (1) calendar year (12 months)** from the day the infraction is confirmed with no practice allowed with any squad or team.

Rule 2. Athletes shall not commit felonies, misdemeanors, or acts of delinquency.

Consequence: Any athlete arrested or detained as a juvenile or adult on such a charge will be suspended from participation pending investigation of the incident. **Conviction of a felony** at any time shall exclude the student-athlete from athletic participation for **one full year (12 months)** from the day the violation is confirmed. **Succeeding felony convictions** will disqualify an athlete from any participation for the **remainder** of his/her **high school career**. **Conviction of a misdemeanor** shall be subject to athletic suspension for **25% of the contests** for the season on the **first offense** with practice at the discretion of each coach. Penalties may carry over to other sports or to the following season. **Succeeding misdemeanor offenses** will bring an athletic suspension of **one (1) calendar year**.

Rule 3. Athletes shall not commit acts of vandalism, and/or theft.

Consequence: The **first offense** will result in automatic suspension from participation in athletics and from the athletic squad for **25% of the contests** for such season for such team or squad. Penalties may carry over to other sports or to the following season. Practice for the athlete is at the discretion of the coach. **Succeeding offenses** will result in athletic suspension for a minimum of **one (1) calendar year (12 months)** from the day the violation is confirmed.

Rule 4. Violation of school rules such as truancy, suspension, or classroom disruptions.

Consequence: Any athlete who is in **violation of school rules** such as truancy, suspension, classroom disruption, or other punishable acts will be disciplined by the already-established school rules. The athlete may further be dealt with within the structure of each coach’s rules for their sport. If an athlete is suspended out-of-school for any reason they will be ineligible for all contests during the term of his/her suspension. Out-of-school suspended athletes cannot practice during the suspension time. Practice is at the discretion of the coach for any in-school suspended athlete. In-school suspended athletes are eligible for practice and/or games. Any in-school suspended athlete may be dealt with within the structure of each coach’s rules for their sport.

Rule 5. Specific **team rules** may be set forth by the coach of each sport. These rules and the penalties for breaking them will be given to the athletes by the coach at the first meeting or practice of that sport. These written regulations will be on file and approved by the Athletic Director.

Self-Report Clause

It is the intent of Lanesville Junior-Senior High School Athletic Department to assist students with developing responsibility for their actions and to encourage honesty. Therefore, any student who voluntarily reports on him or herself as to a violation of the Code of Conduct before being reported by some other means will be permitted leniency. This student will pay a lesser penalty for the infraction than stated: they will serve **one half (½) of the penalty** for the first offense only. In cases of substance abuse, the self-reporting student must participate in substance abuse awareness session(s) with a qualified professional to receive the benefit of this clause. This Self-Report Clause can be used only once during the student’s four year career.

Forfeiture of Awards

If the violation of the Code of Conduct occurs in the latter part of a sport season and the athlete is serving a suspension at that time, the athlete will not be considered in good standing and therefore will forfeit all points and awards for that sport season.

Carry-over Suspension

If the violation of the Code of Conduct occurs in the last part of a sport season and the violator cannot fulfill the terms of his/her violation in that sport the suspension does carry-over until the suspension is fulfilled. This includes their next sport or the same sport next year. If a typically one-sport athlete elects to participate in a new sport in order to serve a suspension, he/she will be required to complete this season in good standing.

Completing a Suspension

When serving a suspension, the athlete is expected to be present at all athletic contests and practices involving his/her team or squad. The athlete is a member of the team and is expected to fulfill this responsibility. If the athlete does not attend the contests, credit will not be given toward fulfilling the requirements of the suspension.

Suspension Time-Span

If a student-athlete is suspended only one time in a school year, his/her record is cleared at the end of that particular school year. For example: If a student-athlete violates the Code of Conduct one time his/her Sophomore year, then his/her Junior year violates the Code of Conduct again - his/her Junior year violation is deemed his/her **First Offense**.

Athletic Appeals Committee

The Athletic Appeals Committee is composed of the principal, athletic director and a coach not involved with the athlete in question. The coach involved in the exclusion will present his/her reasons for the exclusion, but will not be involved in the Appeals Committee decision. The Athletic Appeals Committee is in existence to hear appeals of athletes from decisions of exclusions by the coach and athletic department. Recommendations, different from the already stated consequence, may or may not be made. Following the hearing the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified within five (5) days by the principal or his/her designee of the decision of the panel. The panel’s decision may accept, reduce or revoke the exclusion decision for violations, but may not invoke a more severe penalty.

Appeals/Hearing

An athlete and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) has the right to a hearing on an exclusion by so notifying the principal in writing within five (5) school days after the exclusion decision. The right of appeal is forfeited if a hearing is not requested within this five day limit.

The purpose of the appeal hearing is to inquire into the athlete’s alleged violation and to allow the athlete and parent(s) or guardian(s) to present evidence on the student’s behalf. The appeal is to determine whether or not the accused student has forfeited his/her privilege to be in athletics. The student-athlete remains ineligible

to participate while the appeals process is ongoing. This process has no legal implications or requirements.

Physical Examinations

Every student athlete is required by Lanesville Junior-Senior High School and the IHSAA to have a physical examination completed and on file with the athletic office *before* practicing in any sport. This includes any conditioning program for that sport. Physical exams are the responsibility of the athlete and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s).

Athletic Trainer

The Lanesville Junior-Senior High School Athletic Department provides an Athletic Trainer through an agreement with Progressive Health Rehabilitation Center. The trainer is available for consultation by coaches and athletes by phone, or through free screenings.

Attendance: School and Game Day

Daily attendance to school and practice is expected. All student-athletes must be in school **Four (4)** periods to be eligible to participate in a contest on that date. If an athlete leaves school because of an illness, they may not participate in a contest on that date. Approved field trips or school activities constitute attending school. Any exceptions must be approved through the principal's office and/or athletic office.

Conference Affiliation

Lanesville High School belongs to one of most prestigious conferences in Southern Indiana. The Southern Athletic Conference is made up of the following schools: Borden, Crothersville, Henryville, Lanesville, New Washington and South Central.

Conflicts Between Activities

Activities at Lanesville Junior-Senior High School share many students. From time to time conflicts may occur between activities. If a conflict occurs the student-athlete is expected to attend the co-curricular activity. For example: Band and/or Chorus. Participation in many of these programs is counted as part of the grade for the students. Communication between coaches and sponsors of conflicting activities is a must.

Lanesville Junior-Senior High School Athletic Award System

Sport	Determination
Tennis (Boys & Girls)	Participate in 5 Varsity matches Coaches/AD discretion.
Volleyball	Participate in a least ½ of varsity matches. Coaches/AD discretion.
Basketball (Boys & Girls)	Participate in at least ½ of varsity games. Coaches/AD discretion.
Baseball & Softball	Players, except pitchers, participate in at least 30 innings. Pitchers must pitch in at least 15 innings. Coaches/AD discretion
Golf	Participate in 5 varsity matches Coaches/AD discretion
Track (Boys & girls)	Participate in Sectional Track Meet Coaches/AD discretion
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	Average in the top 7 runners during the season. Coaches/AD discretion
Cheerleader, Student managers, Statisticians	Complete season in good standing.

Student-athletes must be in good standing at the end of Sport Season to receive 1 point.

6 Points - Vinyl sleeve jacket or leather sleeve jacket (students pay the difference for the sleeves)

Any athlete who earns Varsity points in a sport for four (4) years is eligible for the Vinyl Sleeve Jacket.

Patch Policy

The School through the athletic department or team account will purchase honor jacket patches for the following Varsity accomplishments:

Individual

- Conference Player of the Year (no additional All Conference patch)
- All-Conference
- County Champion (Awarded in Tennis, Track & Cross Country if team doesn't win title)
- Regional, Semi-State, State Qualifier (highest level reached)
- Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, State Champion (highest level reached)
- All-American (Cheerleaders)

Team

- Conference Champions
- County Champions (sports where it is recognized)
- Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, State (highest level reached)
 - Letter winners or coach's discretion
 - It is the coaches' responsibility to turn a list of eligible recipients to the AD.
 - Coach, Players, or Parents may purchase additional letters through the school at their own expense.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND RELEASE

I have read the Lanesville Athletic Handbook of Student-Athletes. I believe I am eligible to represent my school in athletics and agree to abide by said rules and regulations of my school and the IHSAA. To the best of my knowledge I have suffered no injury or illness in the past that would hinder my participation in my chosen sport(s).

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the athletic Code of Conduct, been informed of and read the Code of Conduct for Lanesville Junior-Senior High School athletes. I understand the Code applies to me all the time (365 days a year) and realize that I am subject to disciplinary measures should I violate the Code. I do agree to participate and conduct myself in accordance with the rules of our athletic code and with any other specific rules of my coaches. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I further understand and have been told that there is a risk of being injured that is inherent in all sports. I realize that the risk may be severe, including the risk of fracture, brain injury, paralysis, or even death, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. I also understand that travel is necessary and accident causing injury is a possibility.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY!

Student-Athlete **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Printed: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION OF CONSENT, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE

(to be signed by at least one parent; where divorce or separation, parent with legal custody must sign)

- A. In accordance with the rules of the IHSAA and Lanesville Junior-Senior High School, I hereby give my consent for the above student to participate in all athletics at Lanesville Jr./Sr. High School.
- B. I understand that travel is necessary and accident causing injury is a possibility.
- C. I/we know of and acknowledge that my son/daughter knows of the risks involved in athletic participation, understands that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation, and chooses to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I/we release and hold harmless my school, the schools involved, and the IHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation, and agree to take no legal action against the IHSAA or my school because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my son/daughter.
- D. As a parent and/or guardian of the above student-athlete, I have read the Student Handbook for Athletes and the Lanesville Code of Conduct and discussed it with my son/daughter. I understand the Code and realize that it applies all the time (365 days each year). I also realize that my son/daughter is subject to disciplinary measures should he/she violate the rules of the Code or the specific rules of the coaches.
- E. I/we authorize Lanesville Junior-Senior High School to investigate and obtain information from police agencies, the probation department, or any other source regarding events leading up to an arrest or filing of charges for an act which would be in violation of any of the rules and regulations as stated in Lanesville's Athletic Handbook.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY!

Parent/Guardian **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Printed: _____