

Parent Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Events

Lethbridge School Division is committed to providing safe, supportive, and enriching extracurricular opportunities that complement the educational experience of all students. To maintain a positive environment and ensure the well-being of all participants, parents and guardians are expected to adhere to the following code of conduct:

1. Prioritize Student Well-Being:

- Recognize that the physical, academic, social, and emotional well-being of all students is the highest priority.
- Support the school's emphasis on academics, life skills, and character development over the sole pursuit of athletic success.

2. Model Respect and Integrity:

- Treat all coaches, officials, student-athletes, and spectators with respect and fairness, regardless of team affiliation or outcomes of the event.
- Avoid using abusive, offensive, or derogatory language and gestures.

3. Encourage Positive Sportsmanship:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by cheering positively for all teams and encouraging fair play.
- Accept decisions made by officials without public criticism and refrain from criticizing coaches or student-athletes.

4. Support a Positive Environment:

- Promote a safe and inclusive environment for all students by refraining from behaviors that could be interpreted as threatening, intimidating, or discriminatory.
- Understand and respect the rules, policies, and guidelines set by the Lethbridge School Division, Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA), and other governing bodies.

5. Respect the Role of Coaches and Teachers:

- Acknowledge the important role coaches and teachers play as educators and mentors and trust their decisions in guiding the development of student-athletes.

- Communicate with coaches respectfully and supportively, focusing on the growth and learning opportunities for all student-athletes.

6. Promote Healthy Lifestyles:

- Encourage student-athletes to make healthy choices regarding nutrition, physical activity, and mental well-being.
- Refrain from promoting or condoning the use of performance-enhancing substances or any form of substance abuse.

7. Commit to Fair Participation:

- Understand that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and support equitable opportunities for all students.
- Avoid exerting pressure on coaches to favor certain students or make participation contingent on external programs.

8. Support Safe Practices:

- Encourage and support safe training and competition practices, including adherence to the school division's Concussion Care Plan and incident reporting protocols.
- Ensure that any injuries or safety concerns are promptly reported to the appropriate school authorities.

By adhering to this code of conduct, parents and guardians contribute to a supportive, respectful, and positive atmosphere for all students, fostering their overall growth and development. Failure to comply with the Parent Code of Conduct may lead to further sanctions or possible suspensions from being at students' activities.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____