

LINTON – STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ATHLETIC POLICY

(ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON DECEMBER 17, 2012)

ATHLETES, PARENTS, AND COACH/SPONSORS:

PLEASE READ THIS POLICY HANDBOOK THOROUGHLY AND SIGN THE CONSENT FORM FOUND AT THE END. RETURN THE CONSENT FORM TO YOUR COACH WHO WILL TURN THEM INTO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TO BE KEPT ON FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. PLEASE KEEP THE HANDBOOK FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.

ALL SIGNED DOCUMENTS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE ELEMENTARY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.

LINTON – STOCKTON ELEMENTARY ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The primary purpose of the athletic program at Linton – Stockton Elementary School is to promote the physical, mental, social, and moral well being of the participants and, as such, the athletic program is an educational function. It is hoped that athletics in our school will be a positive force in preparing youth for an enriching and vital role in American life.

The athletic program is an integral and important part of the total school program and the privilege to participate is available to all student-athletes. Through voluntary participation, the student-athlete gives time, energy, and loyalty to the program. He/she also accepts the training rules, regulations, and responsibilities, which are unique to a student-athlete, and he/she must willingly assume these obligations, as the role demands that the individual make sacrifices not required of other students. The student-athlete is a role model and must conduct himself/herself at all times with that responsibility in mind.

In addition to the rules and regulations covered in the student handbook, athletic participants are also governed by the Linton-Stockton Elementary School Athletic code.

LINTON-STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

1. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

A student must meet the Indiana High School Athletic Association Scholastic Standards in order to participate in extracurricular activities. Students must receive passing grades on the prearranged certification dates. A student-athlete who fails two or more classes on the certification date will not be allowed to participate in games, but is allowed to practice until they regain their eligibility at the next certification date. If for any reason the athlete is still ineligible on the second certification date, they will be dismissed from the team. This requirement is for both basketball players and cheerleaders.

Each sponsor/head coach is responsible for checking student member eligibility and notifying students, parents and the athletic director of their eligibility status. Also, sponsors/head coaches are responsible for structuring assistance to student-athletes in meeting eligibility requirements.

2. GENERAL BEHAVIOR (INCLUDES PLAYERS, COACHES/SPONSORS)

A. LANGUAGE

The use of profane or improper language is not acceptable. Extreme verbal outbursts show a lack of self-control and immaturity; these reflect on the school as well as the individual.

B. ATTITUDE

There is an expectation that all individuals be courteous, mature, cooperative and respectful at all times. Individuals should conduct themselves with the knowledge that they, alone, are responsible for their own actions.

C. SPORTSMANSHIP

➤ Student Athletes' Responsibilities:

- 1) Treat opponents with the respect they deserve as guests and fellow human beings.
- 2) Shake hands with opponents and wish them good luck before and after contests.
- 3) Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
- 4) Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials. No arguing or gestures.
- 5) Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion.

➤ Parents' Responsibilities:

- 1) Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support elementary activities. It is not a right to verbally assault anyone.
- 2) Realize that athletics are a part of the educational experience.
- 3) Respect the decisions made by the officials.
- 4) Respect and support the coaching staff.
- 5) Respect opponents.
- 6) Be a parent your child would be proud of!

➤ Coaches' Responsibilities:

- 1) Always set a good example.
- 2) Instruct players in regard to proper sportsmanship.
- 3) Respect the judgment of the officials.
- 4) Display no behavior that could incite fans.
- 5) Treat opponents with respect.
- 6) Shake hands with coaches and officials in public.
- 7) Develop consequences for those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

D. TEAM INITIATION – BULLYING

Team/Organization initiation often intimidates new members by forcing them to perform acts that are deemed offensive, unsafe, humiliating, or in poor taste. There shall be NO initiation of new team members at Linton-Stockton School Corporation.

REGARDING GENERAL BEHAVIOR POINTS (A – D):

Any player who violates the above sections, Language, Attitude, Sportsmanship, Team Initiation – Bullying, will receive the following action being taken:

- 1) First Offense – Suspension from the team for up to 5 calendar days. No practice during that time.
- 2) Second Offense – Suspension from the team for up to 10 calendar days. No practice during that time.
- 3) Third Offense – Removed from the team.

E. PLAYER APPEARANCE – DRESS CODE:

Remember that you are representing Linton-Stockton Elementary School at all times. You are expected to adhere to the following points of emphasis:

- 1) The dress code for home or away games will be to dress appropriately. Look neat, clean and as nice as you can.
- 2) Hair must be neat, trim and should be out of your eyes.

- 3) All head coaches/sponsors will be responsible and held accountable for these points to occur.
- 4) Coaches/sponsors are expected to dress appropriately to bring respect and dignity to our athletic program and remember you are role models.

F. TRANSPORTATION:

All student-athletes are expected to ride to and from school events in the means of transportation provided by the school.

A student-athlete may ride home from the game with their parent or legal guardian provided they fill out the proper paperwork before leaving the school. Forms are available from each coach.

G. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

A student-athlete must be in school the last half of the day (half means being present from 12:30 till the end of school) in order to participate in an activity that day. An exception would be made if the athlete had an approved excuse.

H. MEDICAL ABSENCE:

If a student-athlete is absent from the team due to illness or injury for a period of 3 or more days, a release form from the physician must be presented to the coach to resume participation.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Follow the elementary handbook at all times.
- 2) Demonstrate the Lifelong Guidelines that are posted on the gym wall.
- 3) Attend all practices and games unless excused by the coach.

3. A SPECIAL REQUEST TO THE PARENTS OF OUR ATHLETES:

- We strive to provide a safe environment for your son/daughter at all times in the elementary.
- When dropping off or picking up your son/daughter from practices or games, please escort them into and from the gym each night. Our administration and coaches would like to see you personally come into the gym and pick up your child. In today's society, we can't be too careful.

CONSENT FORM

PLEASE FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, SIGN, DETACH AND HAND INTO YOUR HEAD COACH/SPONSOR.

I/We acknowledge that the participant knows and appreciates the risks and dangers involved in all interscholastic athletics and is assuming all risks, injury, and damage incident to his/her participation in these events: Further, in consideration of the permission granted to the participant to participate in all interscholastic athletic events and the insurance under the insurance provisions hereinafter designated. I/We do hereby release, discharge and relinquish Linton-Stockton School Corporation, its employees and administration of and from all claims, demands, actions and causes of any sort of injury sustained by the participant while participating in athletics.

PLEASE CHECK

_____ He/She has adequate medical insurance coverage.

Name of Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

In my absence, I hereby give permission to the coaching staff, athletic director, principal, or other school staff officials to seek medical treatment for my child in the event of an accident or sporting injury.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____

In addition, I/We have read and understand all policies contained in the Linton-Stockton Athletic Handbook.

Name of student (print): _____

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Grade for 2012-2013 School Year: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ECA CODE OF CONDUCT

SIGNATURE PAGE

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the ECA Code of Conduct for the Linton-Stockton School Corporation.

Printed Student Name

Signature of Student

Date

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the ECA Code of Conduct for the Linton-Stockton School Corporation.

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date