

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Licking Heights Local School District, in association with the Ohio High School Athletic Association promotes interscholastic events and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an essential part of any competition and is expected from participants, coaches, officials and fans.

As a **fan/spectator** of the Licking Heights Local School District we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our students, officials and coaches/advisors/directors. Our behavior should be positive, respectful and encouraging of the participants, coaches, advisors, directors, officials and the game.

Failure to be an example of these practices and/or ejection from a contest will result in the following procedures to be taken:

First Offense – Removal from the next two home contests and/or one calendar week (7 days) of the same sport. A letter will be sent by the Assistant Athletic Director and/or designee of the respective school to the spectator in question notifying them of the ejection and the dates that they must be absent from the contests.

Second Offense – Removal from all home contests for that season. If applicable, relinquishing their season pass to the Athletic Department. A letter of ejection will be sent from the office of the Superintendent and/or designee notifying the spectator of the ejection.

Third Offense – Removal from all home Licking Heights Local School District contests for the year. If applicable, relinquishing their yearly pass to the athletic department. A letter of ejection will be sent from the office of the Superintendent and/or designee notifying the spectator of the ejection. Any athletic official, including but not limited to, officials, Assistant Athletic Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, Site Directors and anyone else in an administrative role on the site, may uphold enforcement of an ejection.

As a **participant(s)**, athletes shall abide by a code of conduct which will earn him/her the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the participant, team, or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct include, but are not limited to, theft, vandalism, harassment, disrespect, hazing, or violations of the law as these behaviors tarnish the reputation of our school and district as well as all who are associated with our athletic programs.

Any student ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct, flagrant foul, or inappropriate language shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that program until two regular contests are played at the same level as the ejection occurred (one contest in football, OHSAA 14.2). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student will be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next activity in which the student

participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during, or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that activity. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student will be ineligible for two times the ejection penalty.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory.

This regulation shall apply to all season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with Bylaws 3-3-1, decisions for the contest officials are final.

As a **Coach**, you must demonstrate and apply leadership, integrity, responsibility, self-control, knowledge of the sport's rules and regulations, honesty and sportsmanship at all times on and off the playing field/court. It is necessary and important that coaches act in a responsible and professional manner at all times because he/she represents the school, community, profession, faculty and student body of our district. The coach must set a good example for all participants. While everyone wants to do their best and hopefully win the contest, coaches must remember that interscholastic athletics is an extension of the classroom and that the coach is probably the most influential person at the contest whose actions will be reflected in the behavior of others.

Any coach ejected or disqualified from an interscholastic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended from coaching in all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching for all contest at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests (one in football; two in wrestling OHSAA 14.2) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification and shall be fined \$100. In addition, the coach shall take the National Federation of State High School Association's "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" course, which must be completed within 30 days of the ejection and can be completed within the following link: www.nfhslearn.com.