

**LOVELAND
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATHLETIC AND EXTRA-
CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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**MASCOT: TIGERS
COLORS: ORANGE AND BLACK**

"MANY STRIPES. ONE TIGER"

**Loveland City School District
Athletic and Extra-Curricular Handbook
Acknowledgment**

I have read the handbook online at lovelantigers.org and reviewed the policies, rules, regulations and informational items found therein. I realize I am responsible for being aware of the total contents of the athletic handbook.

Student/Parent Code of Conduct Pledge

As a Loveland student/athlete, I will live by the Loveland City School District Student and Athletic Codes of Conduct. As such, my behavior will reflect the values of respect for myself, respect for others, respect for authority, respect for property and honesty and integrity.

As a Loveland student/athlete, I understand that I am privileged to be a representative of the school district and my conduct must reflect accordingly. I realize that my actions reflect on me, my team and my school; therefore, I accept responsibility to be held to a higher standard.

I accept that as a Loveland student, I have a responsibility to my teammates/classmates to support and assist them when they are in need, in both academic and social situations.

Student Name (Please print)

Graduation Year

Student Signature

Date

(Sports/Extra-Curricular in which you participate)

As a parent of Loveland City School District student/athlete, I pledge to uphold the policies and procedures as established and printed in the athletic handbook.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOCUS STATEMENT

The Loveland City School District provides the experiences that empower each student to develop and use personal strengths to maximize individual potential.

Loveland Schools will continue to:

- **Foster individual achievement according to desire, needs, interests and abilities**
- **Demonstrate flexibility in creatively meeting the needs of the school community**
- **Prioritize the allocation of resources accordingly**

This is demonstrated by designation of academic “excellence”, success of individual students and continued financial support of the community.

This handbook was written to comply with and conform to the policies of the Loveland Board of Education. If any provisions in this handbook contradict these policies, then the policies of the Board of Education shall supercede the provisions of this handbook.

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2021-2022 School Year

To Loveland Student Athlete and Parents/Guardians:

The Loveland City School district believes that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational development of the student. The Loveland City School District Athletic Program strives to provide a variety of sports experiences to our overall student population.

Athletics play an important part in the life of students in the Loveland City School District. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of each team in our athletic program. We also implement and model our 4 Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Pride.

Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to our school spirit and helps all students, spectators and participants develop pride in their school. This handbook originated for prospective athletes and their parents/guardians to become familiar with the Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct and the policies of the Loveland Athletic Department.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 697- 3714 or check online for information at lovelandtigers.org. Also, please feel free to e-mail us: Brian Conatser, District Director of Student Athletics- conatsbr@lovelandschools.org, Kristy Brulport, Admin. Assistant to the Athletic Department- brulpokr@lovelandschools.org, Clay George, Athletic Facilities Coordinator/Site Manager- georgecl@lovelandschools.org, Jayson Bruce, Middle School Athletic Director- bruceja@lovelandschools.org
For the most up-to-date information for schedules & events, please follow us on Twitter at @LovTigers_AD

Our best,

Athletic Department
Loveland City Schools

LOVELAND HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Principal: Adam Reed
Assistant Principal: Eric Fry
Assistant Principal: Rebecca Griffin
District Director of Student Athletics: Brian Conatser
Admin. Assistant to Athletic Department: Kristy Brulport
Facilities Coordinator/Site Manager: Clay George
Athletic Trainer: Tara Handley/Megan Fox, Bryan Jett
Address: #1 Tiger Trail, Loveland, Ohio 45140
School Telephone Number: 513-683-1920
School Fax Number: 513-677-7952
Athletic Office Phone Number: 513-697-3714
Athletic Office Fax Number: 513-697-3725

LOVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Principal: David Knapp
Athletic Director: Jayson Bruce
Address: 801 South Lebanon Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
School Telephone Number: 513-683-3100
School Fax Number: 513-677-7986
Athletic Office Phone Number: 513-697-3675

LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Superintendent: Michael Broadwater
School Mascot: Tiger
School Colors: Orange and Black

Loveland School Board Members

President: Dr. Kathryn Lorenz
Vice President: Kevin Dougherty
Ms. Michele Pettit
Dr. Eric Schwetschenau
Eileen Washburn

Loveland Athletics

Athletic Department/Extra-Curricular Activities Mission Statement

The Loveland City School District Athletic Program will provide a wide variety of athletic opportunities that will aid in the overall development of our students. Participation in athletics will provide students with a significant opportunity to become involved with other students and their coaches in an educational experience that takes place outside of the classroom.

Athletic Department Philosophy

The Loveland City School District believes that a dynamic program of student activities is significant to the educational development of the student. The Loveland City School District Athletic Program provides a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that prepare them for adult life in a democratic society.

Athletics play an important part in the life of the Loveland City School District student athletes. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of team goals in our athletic department. We also implement and model our 4 Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Pride.

Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to school spirit and helps students, spectators, and participants develop pride in their school.

The Loveland Board of Education further encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in all phases of the educational process in all segments of the community, including administrators, participants, adult supervisors, parents, fans, spirit groups and support/booster groups.

Athletic Department/Extra-Curricular Activities Goals

- Promote the development of favorable habits and positive attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.
- Promote academic excellence in the classroom.
- Recognize and promote the lessons learned regarding good sportsmanship, ethics, teamwork and the value of competing - win or lose.
- Ensure a safe and secure environment for practice and competitions.
- Recognize and promote the accomplishments of athletic teams and individuals.
- Encourage coaches to be leaders, role models and persons of character.
- Emphasize and encourage positive lifestyles that will assist in striving to be the best.
- Promote cooperation throughout the athletic department, while supporting all athletic and extracurricular programs.
- Ensure that everyone involved with the athletic department adheres to the rules and policies of the Loveland City Schools, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Fort Ancient Valley Conference and the Loveland Athletic Department.

The Influence of a Coach

The Loveland City School District believes that an ATHLETIC COACH is a major influence in the lives of young men and women. Because of this, we expect our coaches to be a good example in all areas of life. Athletics are an extension of our academic classrooms. As “teachers” of our athletes, coaches should provide a positive learning environment through their language and actions, both on and off the playing field. Remember the great influence that you have — it is your greatest responsibility.

EASTERN CINCINNATI CONFERENCE

SCHOOL	NICKNAME	COLORS
Anderson	Raptors	Black & Orange
West Clermont	Wolves	Navy Blue/White/Silver
Kings	Knights	Red/White/Blue
Loveland	Tigers	Orange & Black
Milford	Eagles	Red & White
Turpin	Spartans	Maroon & Gold
Walnut Hills	Eagles	Blue & Gold
Lebanon	Warriors	Maroon & White
Little Miami	Panthers	Green & Gold
Winton Woods	Warriors	Blue & Green

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER:

Ray Spicher

ECC LEAGUE WEBSITE ADDRESS:

eccsports.com

2020-2021 HEAD COACHES

	<u>High School</u>
Academic Team	Ian Klingler
Baseball	Ty Neal
Basketball (boys)	Rob Reis
Basketball (girls)	Darnell Parker
Bowling (boys)	Steve Adams
Bowling (girls)	Kyle Grogan
Cheerleading	Emily Christman
Cross Country (boys)	Steve Nester
Cross Country (girls)	Steve Nester
Football	Andy Cruse
Golf (boys)	David Allan
Golf (girls)	Barb Orsinelli
Lacrosse(boys)	Mike Riggall
Lacrosse (girls)	Andrea Setser
Soccer (boys)	Mike Dunlap
Soccer (girls)	Todd Kelly
Softball – fast pitch	Andrea Rohlfis
Swimming	Alex Lewis
Tennis (boys)	Jenny Kapszukiewicz
Tennis (girls)	Jenny Kapszukiewicz
Track (boys)	Jim Vanatsky
Track (girls)	Herb Laughman
Unified Track	Kevin McCarty
Volleyball (boys)	Terri Swensen
Volleyball (girls)	Kelly Berling
Wrestling	Chris Switzer
Dive (boys and girls)	TBA

INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The term *interscholastic competition* is defined as a school-sponsored competition that involves more than one school or school district. Although differing in nature from the academic program, interscholastic competition activities provide beneficial educational experiences for participants.

In the conduct of interscholastic competition, the rules, regulations, and limitations outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Music Education Association, and other governing bodies shall be followed, unless they are contrary to board policy.

Eligibility Requirements

ALL student athletes must be officially enrolled in the Loveland City School District per district and OHSAA policies and procedures.

To participate in any interscholastic competition, students in grades 7-12 must meet the following requirements:

A. Students Enrolled in Grades 9-12

1. In the immediate preceding grading period, a student must receive a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation.
2. All grades from the previous grading period must yield a total grade point average of at least 1.0 on a four-point scale.
3. A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled. All grades from the previous grading period must yield a minimum 1.0 GPA on a four point scale.
4. A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades. All grades from the previous grading period must yield a minimum 1.0 GPA on a four point scale.
5. For eligibility purposes, all grades will become official once technical support verifies grade accuracy on or about the Tuesday after each grading period at 12:00pm.

Any student who received a failing grade for any subject carried the previous grading period shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition provided he/she meets all of the requirements of (A) above.

Summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades relative to interscholastic competition eligibility.

All other eligibility requirements of this Board and, in the case of interscholastic athletics, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, must be met in addition to those declared in this policy.

R.C. 2305.23; 2305.231; 3313.535; 3313.66;3313.661;3315.062 A.C. 3301-27;3301-35-03(l) Cross References: Policies 2430, 2431, 5500

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
4080 ROSELEA PLACE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43214
(614) 267-2502

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR 2010 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OHSAA
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

RESULTS:

798 SENT
452 RECEIVED
18 INVALID

(Ballots were counted by Dr. Daniel B. Ross, Commissioner, Molly Downard, ExecutiveAdministrative Assistant, Angie Lawler, Administrative Assistant and Kip Witchey, AthleticDirector, Dublin Scioto High School.)

BALLOT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OHSAA BYLAWS (GRADES 7-8)

<u>FAVOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
<u>308</u>	<u>126</u>	1 B <u>BYLAWS — Amend 4-4-4 and 4-4-5— 7.8th Grade Scholarship</u>

4-4-4- A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

4-4-5 — A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades.

Voted on by the 7/8th grade principal

LOVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletics should function as an integral part of the total curriculum. The Loveland City School District offers opportunities for student athletes to represent the district and participate in interscholastic programs while enrolled in school grades 7-12. The athletic program is designed to assist in the development of fellowship and good will, to provide positive role models for other students, to promote self-realization and all-around growth, and to encourage the qualities of good sportsmanship and citizenship.

The rules and regulations of the Athletic Department apply to all those students in grades 7-12 who elect to take part in any phase of the athletic program that falls under the jurisdiction of the athletic director. These students include, but are not limited to athletes, players, cheerleaders, mascots, managers, trainers, and statisticians.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PART I – GENERAL RULES

I am aware that:

- A. As a member of a Loveland athletic team, an athlete represents the Loveland City School District and is therefore subject to the Student Conduct Code while participating in the activity. Student athletes shall conduct themselves in a matter that reflects good citizenship. Any behavior deemed unbecoming of a Loveland athlete will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, both on and off school premises, include but are not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect or violation of the law. The principal or her/his designee reserves the right to review the severity of the citizenship offense and determine the appropriate level of disciplinary action to be taken.
- B. If an athlete is dismissed because of a violation of a team rule, the athlete is not eligible to participate on any other current team or organized training for an upcoming sport until the completion of that team's schedule and any disciplinary process to regain eligibility. If an athlete fails to return issued equipment or make appropriate payment for lost items, that athlete will be deemed not eligible to participate in any future Loveland athletic sport.
- C. If an athlete should quit a team after the first two weeks of official practice, the athlete will not be eligible to participate on any other current team or organized training for an upcoming sport until the completion of the athlete's team schedule nor will athlete be eligible for a refund of previous paid athletic participation fee. Exceptions may be considered by the athletic director after input from the coaches involved.
- D. If the athlete is not in attendance the day of a contest (or day prior in case of a week-end contest), the athlete will not be eligible to participate in that contest without the permission of the athletic director. A student participant must be present by 8:00a.m. unless they have an excused tardy.
- E. All athletes are to travel to and from away contests with the team. In case of an emergency, the athlete may be released to his/her parent or guardian. I understand the Department Policy will be to provide transportation by school bus, but in the event a bus is not available, private transportation may be needed to be arranged by the parent (guardian).

- F. As a prospective candidate for a squad, the athlete must have the following updated forms on file in the athletic office
1. Loveland Athletic Participation Fees – (Checks made payable to Loveland Athletics)
 2. Loveland School District Athletic Handbook Awareness Receipt Pledge
 3. Athletic emergency medical authorization form – if no insurance , waiver must be attached
 4. State mandated OHSAA Preparticipation Physical Evaluation – 6 pages front and back
 5. State mandated OHSAA Concussion Form
- G. Policies and procedures regarding required practice attendance and subsequent consequences will be made by each individual team and coach.

Additional rules may be imposed by a coach with permission of the Athletic Director. In addition to the penalties outlined in this section, violations may also result in other disciplinary actions, including dismissal from the team.

PART II - ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

- A. The Athletic Drug Prevention Program will consist of:
1. Education - The coaching staff will address the subject of drug, alcohol and tobacco use once per week with the team.
 2. Communication - The coaching staff will talk openly and honestly with athletes about the use of dangerous chemical substances.
 3. Parents - Parents are encouraged to become involved and cooperate in the drug prevention program.

PART III – DRUG POLICY

- A. The Loveland City School District Drug Policy is a twelve month year-round commitment for all high school and middle school student athletes.
- B. Athletic Rules and Regulations Regarding Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Controlled Substances
1. A student who is or has been a member of any district athletic team, who at any time during the year engages in the types of conduct either specifically or generally like the kinds listed below, whether on or off school property, is subject to disciplinary action.
 - a) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing, having the odor of, or being under the influence of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.) or inhalants, or buying, selling, using, possessing or being under the influence of any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that is believed to be a controlled substance).
 - b) Buying, selling, transferring, using, or possessing any drug or alcoholic paraphernalia to include instruments, objects, papers, pipes, containers, etc.
 - c) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing, having the odor of, or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.

- d) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any drug, medication, inhalant or other controlled substance which can be taken internally where the students involved cannot show a legitimate health or other reason for the use of such substance.
- e) Buying, selling, transferring, using or possessing any substance containing tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, a clove cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff and dip, or using tobacco in any form.

C. **Violations** - A student athlete who has violated the Athletic Department Rules and Regulations regarding drugs, alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco will be subject to the following penalties:

1. **First Offense**

a) Denied game participation for 20% of scheduled regular season games/contests or 10% of scheduled regular season games/contests plus community service as developed and assigned by school administration. The athletic director and/or building administrator consider the date of the incident as the initial date of involvement and the following consequences would be administered over the next 12 months.

- 1) If the violation occurs with less than the agreed to suspension of the scheduled games remaining, or if a student is not participating on a team at that time, the penalty (or remaining percentage) will carry over to the next sport season in which the student has previously participated, even possibly into the next academic school year.
- 2) The athlete may be permitted to participate in practices during the time period when the student is denied game participation.

The athlete may travel with the team to games, sit on the bench, but will not dress in uniform for games/contests.
- 3) If an athlete's suspension falls during either Meet the Team or Awards Night, the athlete will not be permitted to participate in that event.
- 4) If an athlete fails to complete any portion of the assigned community service in the allotted time, he/she will be denied participation in an additional 10% of scheduled regular season games/contests.
- 5) Prior to being reinstated to a team the student athlete and his/her parents/guardians will meet with the Athletic Director to determine if all requirements have been completed for reinstatement.

2. **Self-Referral**

- a) This procedure may only be used ONE time during a student's Loveland City School District academic and athletic career by the student or by the parent of the student, in order to seek help for their problem. A self-referral to an administrator must be initiated by a student-athlete or parent of a student athlete and may not occur as a result of information from another source. The principal and/or principal designee reserves the right to make final determination concerning acceptance of a self-referral. This self-referral will still be considered a first offense as far as the policy is concerned and may not be used after the first offense.
- 1) The student athlete will be denied participation for 10% of their sports season or 0% if they agree to community service as developed and assigned by school administration. If they are not in season, then this will carry over to their next sport season, possibly into the next academic school year.
 - 2) The student and his/her parents/guardians will meet with the Athletic Director as noted in First Offense prior to his/her reinstatement.

3. Second Offense

- a) An athlete shall be denied game participation and practice for one calendar year from the date of the incident or 50% of their sport season if they agree to the following:
 - 1. The student athlete will seek an **assessment** from a certified agency approved by school administration specializing in teen drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse education/intervention and treatment at the student's expense. The student athlete must provide **written documentation** indicating completion of any follow-up counseling and/or treatment prescribed by the assessing agency.
 - 2. The student and his/her parents must agree to random drug and alcohol testing throughout the following calendar year at the expense of the student. These tests will be administered by an authorized independent agency agreed to by school administrators. If the student fails a test during this time period it will be considered a third offense to the policy.

- b) The student athlete and his/her parents will meet with the Athletic Director as noted under First Offense prior to his/her reinstatement.

4. Third Offense

- a) An athlete will be denied participating in athletics for the rest of his/her Loveland City School District career pending a hearing of a committee composed of the Superintendent of Loveland City Schools, the Principal and the Athletic Director.

Failure to follow through with any required assessment or education process component shall result in dismissal from all athletic teams for the remainder of his/her school academic and athletic career, or until the missing component is completed. The cost of such programs shall be the responsibility of the student/parent/guardian.

D. Grades 7-8

1. Loveland Middle School student athletes will abide by the same policies as Loveland High School regarding drugs/alcohol/tobacco and controlled substances.
2. Discipline resulting from violations in the Middle School will carry over to his/her high school career.

Notes:

- A ninth grader who violates this policy during the summer prior to his/her freshman year will be considered a high school student and the violation will be treated as such.
- A middle school student who has two or more violations at the middle school level will enter high school with the understanding that any drug/alcohol/tobacco/ or controlled substance violation will be considered the 3rd infraction to the policy.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Whenever necessary and appropriate, the following words may be interchanged and/or substituted: squad--team; contest --activity; coach--advisor.
- B. These rules and regulations are supplementary to the student code of conduct found in the Loveland City School District student handbook.
- C. The sport season shall start with the Ohio High School Athletic Association's adopted starting date and continue through the Awards Night, or until the completion of competition, which ever is the latter.
- D. Practice is defined as but not limited to: drills, conditioning, weight training, classroom instruction, film sessions and preseason scrimmages.

Eligibility - To be able to participate in any sport, a student must meet the age, enrollment, and scholastic requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association in Bylaw 4 of the Constitution and Rules of that association. The student must also abide by all the rules and regulations of the OHSAA Constitution and Rules Handbook. Copies of the handbook are available in the athletic director's office. Each athlete and parent/guardian must become familiar with the rules and regulations set forth in this handbook.

- E. The Loveland Board of Education has approved a 1.5 minimum grade point average on a 4.0 scale for participation in extracurricular athletics in the grading period prior to the sport season.

PARAMETERS

In cases of alleged violations of the Loveland student code and/or Loveland Interscholastic Athletic code, the following guidelines will prevail:

- A. The investigation of the allegations shall be a right of the school and/or athletic department administration.
- B. This investigation may include, but not be limited to: student questioning, witness information gathering and other pertinent input.
- C. If the findings of such investigation should indicate an apparent violation, the administration will notify the parent, provide an opportunity for a hearing and determine a penalty.

ADVISOR/COACH'S TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

The coach or advisor may supplement the Loveland City School District board approved student athlete code of conduct with additional team rules and consequences. A written copy will be submitted to the building administrator and the athletic director. After approval by the building administrator and the athletic director, a copy will be distributed to each athlete. Any infraction of these rules during the school year (August 1st thru the last day of school for students) may result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the team.

- 1) The coach or advisor will determine the consequences and administer them within the limits of reasonable judgment.
- 2) The coach or advisor may request help from the building administrator or athletic director in determining outcome.
- 3) When the consequences are determined, the coach or advisor will submit a written report to the principal and the athletic director.
- 4) Consequences for the first-time offender may not exceed denial of participation for the duration of that sport or season.
- 5) Subsequent offenses may result in denial of participation from the activity.
- 6) Offenses:
 - A. violation of any rules contained in the code of conduct approved by the Board of Education or the coach's supplemental rules
 - B. disruptive behavior or misconduct at practices, games or on the team bus
 - C. disrespect to officials or other school personnel before, during or after an athletic contest, performance or activity
 - D. failure to maintain or return equipment owned by the athletic department or Loveland City Schools
 - E. failure to maintain the academic requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Loveland City Schools
 - F. failure to attend required practices, performances or athletic contests at a specified time
 - G. disregard of reasonable directions or commands by school authorities
 - H. conviction for violation of any state or community laws
- 7) Additional rules may be imposed by the coach with the permission of the athletic director.
- 8) The breaking of these rules may result in other disciplinary actions, including dismissal from the team.

OTHER SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC POLICIES

Athletic Medical Procedures

Participation in interscholastic sports can lead to possible injury to student athletes. Although most injuries are minor in nature, it is possible that an injury can occur that is severe enough to cause a person to become paraplegic, quadriplegic, or result in death. Loveland Schools and staff take every precaution to prevent such injuries, but risk does exist.

It is the responsibility of any athlete competing in interscholastic activities in the Loveland School District to understand and comply with the following medical and injury procedures:

1. In the case of an athletic injury, it is the athlete's responsibility to notify their coach of the situation immediately.
2. While Loveland School district provides professional ATC trainers, they are not meant to replace a physician of the athlete's choice. If an injury requires a visit to a physician's office, a written release from that office is required before an athlete is permitted to return to competition.
3. While injured, athletes are required to follow procedures as laid out by the individual coach including attendance at practice and injury rehabilitation.
4. Parents are encouraged to contact the Athletic Training staff regarding questions or concerns related to their child's injuries and care.

Procedures for Parents Registering a Complaint

Communication with a coach is important. Some situations may require a conference between coach and parent. This conference should not take place immediately before or after a practice or contest. Parents should allow 24 hours after a contest to contact a coach and request a conference. The Loveland Athletic Department asks that you observe the following line of communication if you elect to pursue a concern you may have in regard to your athlete:

1. Athlete speaks with Coach
2. Parent and Athlete meet with Coach
3. Parent and Athlete meet with Coach and Athletic Director

Try-outs

The athletic director may excuse a student-athlete from the designated try-out period due to illness, school suspension or other extenuating circumstance.

School Attendance and Participation Policy

All athletes must be in attendance by 8:00 A.M. in order to participate in practice or a contest held that day (Friday counts for both Friday and Saturday). Any student not in attendance by the time stated above will be declared ineligible for that day.

The exceptions to this policy are: serious illness of a family member, death of a relative, funeral, observance of a religious holiday, verified doctor or dentist appointment or an emergency situation that is excused by the athletic administrator.

Hazing

Hazing means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of intimidation to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and are prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member or other employee of the District shall encourage, permit, condone or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, may plan, encourage or engage in any hazing.

Administrators, faculty members and all other District employees are particularly alert to possible conditions, circumstances or events which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, involved students are informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and are required to end all hazing activities immediately. All hazing incidents are reported immediately to the appropriate administrator.

Administrators, faculty members, other employees and students who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in compliance with Ohio law.

Student Athlete Playing Two Sports

A student athlete wishing to play two sports during the same season (example: soccer and cross country) must discuss this with the head coaches of the two teams involved. If both coaches are in agreement that the practice schedules and game schedules can be worked out for the student athlete to play two sports, and the student athlete feels that he/she is willing to commit to this demanding schedule, then that student athlete may participate in both sports during the same season. The coaches involved must make sure that the parents of this student athlete are well aware of all practice and game arrangements prior to the season beginning. The coaches involved must discuss this situation with the Athletic Director at the time of the initial request by the student athlete.

Locker Room Rules

1. Roughhousing of any kind is not permitted in the locker rooms.
2. The harassment or hazing of others is not permitted. Incidents are to be reported to the coaching staff or Athletic Director immediately.
3. No glass containers will be permitted in the locker rooms.
4. All spiked or cleat shoes must be taken off before entering any school building.
5. Equipment must be removed from all lockers by the end of the first school day following the conclusion of each sports season.
6. Locker rooms are unsecured areas – athletes must lock their locker at all times.
7. Athletes must check and wear all protective equipment every day during practice and games. Do not loan your equipment to other student athletes. If an athlete's equipment is missing or damaged, it must be reported to the coaching staff immediately. Do not use damaged or faulty equipment.
8. Stealing or taking anything that does not belong to you from a locker or locker room area is Prohibited.

Cancellation of Contests/Practices Due to Weather

If the Loveland City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, a decision on the status of games and practices will be made by the Central Office. If possible, all decisions will be made by 12:00 noon and the head coach of each team will contact team members.

Diet/Strength Supplements

Loveland City Schools do not support the use, sale or possession of Diet and/or Strength supplements by student athletes. These include but are not limited to:

Drug Supplements including Anabolic Steroids, Human Growth Hormone, etc. These are controlled substances which fall under the Loveland Drug and Alcohol Policies and the Student Code of Conduct.

Nutritional Supplements that are classified by the FDA are strongly discouraged. These include Creatine Monohydrate, Chromium Picolinate, Amino Acids, etc. **No member of the athletic department, no matter his/her personal opinion or belief will promote the use of these nutritional supplements.**

The use of diet aids in an effort to lose weight for increased athletic performance is strongly discouraged. **No member of the athletic department, no matter his/her personal opinion or belief will promote the use of these diet aids.**

Transportation

All athletes must travel with their team to and from away contests. If a special situation occurs, the athlete and parent/guardian must discuss the circumstance with the individual coach 24 hours prior to the contest. No athlete will be released to anyone other than their parent/guardian. Athletes who miss a team bus will not be permitted to participate in the contest unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the individual coach.

Lettering Guidelines/Awards

The criteria for earning a letter may vary from sport to sport because of the different characteristics of each program. Each head coach will be permitted to determine the criteria necessary for earning team awards and will make athletes aware of these criteria at the beginning of the season. The following are team award levels:

Freshman/JVB	numerals and certificate	
Junior Varsity	1 st year	JV letter and certificate
	2 nd year	certificate
Varsity	1 st year	varsity letter and certificate
	2 nd year	certificate
	3 rd year	certificate
	4 th year	award

SPORTSMANSHIP

A major goal of the Athletic Department is to develop athletes who demonstrate good sportsmanship. We believe in order to accomplish this goal all athletes and spectators should:

- Show respect for the opponent at all times
- Show respect for the officials and their decisions
- Be responsible for self-control at all times
- Be respectful and responsible for skills in performance regardless of affiliation

The Athletic Department believes that being a spectator is a “privilege” and not a “right”. It is our expectation and our obligation to hold all spectators accountable for good sportsmanship.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Loveland City School District continually promote good sportsmanship at all games and contests. Parents and fans are reminded that they are guests at athletic contests and they too must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The Loveland High School and the Loveland Middle School reserve the right to remove a spectator from an athletic event and/or facility for inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior.



OHSAA

A Summary Of The Rules

SCHOLARSHIP

High school students (grades 9-12) must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in 75 percent of subjects in which enrolled.

- You may not use summer school grades for failing grades received or lack of courses taken in the final grading period.
- Your semester and yearly grades have no effect on OHSAA eligibility.
- Those taking postsecondary school courses must comply with OHSAA scholarship regulations.
- The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective.

RESIDENCE AND TRANSFER OF SCHOOLS

You may attend any public or non-public high school in which you are accepted when you enter high school (grade 9) from a 7th-8th grade school. Eligibility at that school is established by:

1. Participating in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season game) prior to the first day of school, or
2. Attending the first day of school at any high school.

Once you establish eligibility at a high school, a transfer to a different high school will mean **you will be ineligible for athletics for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.**

- There are eleven (11) exceptions to this regulation. To see if you qualify for an exception, you and your parents should arrange a meeting with your principal or athletic administrator.
- If your parent or legal guardian lives outside of Ohio, you are ineligible unless one of the five (5) exceptions to the regulation is met. These exceptions to the out-of-state residency rules are found in Bylaw 4-6 at www.ohsaa.org. **Note:** Changing custody to a person in Ohio will not provide eligibility to a student whose parents live in another state.
- If additional questions concerning these regulations remain, school principals or athletic administrators should contact the OHSAA.

SEMESTERS OF ENROLLMENT

After establishing ninth-grade eligibility, you are permitted eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility.

- The semesters are taken in order of attendance once ninth-grade eligibility has been established.
- Semesters are counted toward eligibility whether you participate in interscholastic athletics or not.
- Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with the principal or athletic administrator to review the exception.

AGE LIMITATIONS

High school students (grades 9-12) who turn 19 years of age prior to August 1, 2006, are ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students who turn 15 years of age prior to August 1, 2006, are ineligible for 7th-8th grade athletics but are eligible to participate in high school athletics.

- Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with the principal or athletic administrator to review the exception.

AWARDS

You may receive awards as a result of athletic participation in interscholastic athletics from any source. However, the value cannot be more than \$200 per award.

AMATEUR STATUS

You will lose your amateur status and forfeit your eligibility if you:

- Compete for money or other monetary compensation.
- Capitalize on your athletic fame by receiving money, merchandise or services.
- Receive expenses or compensation from a sponsor unless that sponsor is a recognized amateur governing body or organization, recognized by a member school, or is your parent or guardian.
- Sign a contract or make a commitment to play professional athletics.
- Receive services, merchandise or any form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization.
- Compete with a professional athletics team even if no pay is received.
- Enter into an agreement with a sports or marketing agent.

FALSE INFORMATION

If you compete under a name other than your own or provide a false address, you immediately become ineligible.

OPEN GYMS/FACILITIES

School officials may designate open gyms or facilities and the sports to be played. You may participate in open gyms or facilities provided:

- No one is limited from participating.
- No-one is required to attend.
- No school officials invite selected students, determine the teams or transport students.
- No timing or written scoring is kept.
- No coaching or instruction is provided.
- No-one is restricted from observing.

Violating these rules may result in your being declared ineligible for a maximum of one (1) year.

STUDENT CONDUCT and EJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION POLICIES

You are expected to accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community while participating in interscholastic athletics. As a student-athlete, you are expected to:

- Treat opponents, coaches and officials with respect.
- Display no behavior that could incite fans or other participants in the contest or which is intended to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.
- Remember that winning isn't everything. Having fun, improving your skills, making friends and doing your best are also important.

The OHSAA has established a policy for students ejected or disqualified for unsporting behavior or flagrant fouls. If you are ejected or disqualified, you:

- Will be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day.
- Will be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football).

If you are ejected or disqualified a second time in a season, you are subject to additional, stiffer penalties, including suspension from play for the remainder of the season in that sport.

The complete OHSAA ejection/disqualification policy for unsporting behavior can be found in the *OHSAA Handbook* and is posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org).

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