



Student-Athlete Code Of Conduct

The Athletic Program will be conducted in accordance with existing Baltimore Lab School policies, rules, and regulations; further BLS code of conduct information can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook. At all times, the Athletic Program will be conducted as an educational activity while encouraging good health and sportsmanship. Participation is regarded as a privilege and not a right. Please be advised that with all athletic competition, there is a risk of injury and a student-athlete's safety and well-being are top priorities.

Objectives of the Baltimore Lab School Athletic Program

1. The student-athlete learns the values of teamwork, self-discipline, and work ethic through consistent attendance at practices and games. Contribution to the team is more important than personal goals or individual achievement.
2. The student-athlete practices sportsmanship while developing self-control, honesty, and honoring the spirit of the game.
3. The student-athlete learns to be a good winner as well as a gracious loser. The student-athlete learns to play by the rules and to cope with the competitive nature of athletics.
4. The student-athlete learns to appreciate the skills and abilities of his/her teammates and opponents.
5. The student-athlete learns the value of physical fitness, leading to lifelong healthy habits and a love of sports.

Athletic Participation Rules

1. All Baltimore Lab School rules apply to every student-athlete.
2. All Middle and High school student-athletes must have a GPA of at least 2.5.
3. Fighting, taunting, targeting, bullying, or other forms of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated and may be cause for dismissal.
4. A student-athlete should always notify a coach before missing practice or taking alternate transportation. Multiple missed practices may result in reduced playing time. Student-athletes should try to avoid conflicts with other extra-curricular activities and must notify both coaches and teachers when a conflict occurs.
5. Student-athletes who are absent from school or serving in-school suspension will not be permitted to participate in a practice or game on that day. Exceptions may only be made by the Athletic Director and Division Head with prior notification.

6. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to notify teachers if there is an early dismissal due to a game. All work should be made up.
7. All injuries should be reported to the head coach and the school nurse. If an injury causes a student-athlete to miss practice, a doctor's permission is necessary to return to practice.
8. Any student-athlete using or possessing alcohol, e-cigarettes, or drugs will be dismissed from the team.

If there is a violation of the rules, the coach must notify and meet with the Athletic Director and Division Head to determine the consequences.

Resolving Athletic Issues

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, you should:

1. Email the coach to set up an appointment.
2. Do not confront a coach or volunteer in anger. If necessary, wait 24 hours.

If the meeting with your coach did not resolve your concern:

1. Email/Approach the Athletic Director to set up an appointment.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step will be determined.

BLS Student-Athlete Contract

- Follow the rules of this Code of Conduct and of the game.
- Work hard for yourself and your team. This includes being prepared and ready for practice before departure from school. Remember to bring your equipment/practice gear.
- Be a good sport and be accountable for your actions. Applaud or compliment all good plays by your team and opponents. A positive attitude goes a long way.
- Cooperate with your team, coaches, officials and other competitors. Give encouragement freely and often.
- Participate for your own enjoyment, willingness to improve, and health, not just to please your parents or coaches.
- Give the respect you expect.
- Maintain self-control. Verbal abuse of officials, coaches, teammates, or opponents is unacceptable, and will result in expulsion from the practice/game.
- Show gratitude to all staff members, officials, and teammates.

_____ Date: _____
Student-Athlete's Signature

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Parent/Guardian's Signature