



LAUDERDALE LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

Lauderdale Lakes Middle Athletics Athlete/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct and Information Packet

Participation in before and after school extracurricular activities is a privilege extended to students and not a right and is dependent upon compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. A minimum requirement of all students for participation is good citizenship. Student athletes are expected to abide by all school and team rules, policies and regulations and to comply with state and federal laws.

Eligibility for Participation

- Your primary reason for attending Lauderdale lakes middle is to get an education! Participation in a sport is a privilege of academic success. One of our responsibilities as coaches is to help you maintain the perspective between school and sports. SCHOOL ALWAYS COMES FIRST! If you are having difficulties in any class, let us know. We can see to it that you get the help you need to be a successful STUDENT-athlete.
 - **Middle school:** Student athletes must pass all four core content area classes (Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science) the previous nine-week grading period to be eligible to participate in athletics.
- Students must be in attendance at school a minimum of one-half day to be eligible to participate that day.
- The following consequences are common occurrences, however, will not be tolerated. We as a coaching staff hold our student athletes to a higher standard of conduct.
 - Disciplinary Referral: the acquisition of 2 referrals may result in a one-game suspension. Any beyond 2 may result in additional game suspensions and potential removal from the team.
 - In-School Suspension (ISS): The acquisition of an ISS may result in a 1-game suspension. Any beyond 2 will result in removal from the team.
- **Penalties for On-School Premises Policy Violations**

On-school premises is on-school grounds, on a school bus, or while at the school bus stop and includes all school sponsored events and activities.

- **First Violation for Athletics and Activities: Out of School Suspension**
The student shall be suspended from play for a period equivalent to that number of games representing no less than 20 percent of the total number of games scheduled to be played during the regular season (ex: 2 games of a 10-game schedule, 3 games for an 11-15-game schedule, 4 games for an 18-20-game

schedule). The penalty will be applied to the immediate next game(s), including playoffs, and/or the next sport season in which the student-athlete participates within the current school year. During the suspension from play, the student will be able to attend practices and games; however, the student will not be permitted to dress in team uniform or for games or competitive events.

First violation consequences do not run concurrently with an out-of-school suspension. Athletic consequences will begin when the student returns to school.

- ***Second Violation for Athletics and Activities: Out of School Suspension***

A second violation during the same school year, even if in another sport or activity, may permanently exclude the student from all extracurricular activities for 365 days upon review.

Game suspensions connected to this policy are not to be confused or substituted for game suspensions levied by the Middle School Athletic Association (MSAA) for game ejections and unsportsmanlike behaviors.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is really nothing more than good manners and extending common courtesy to ALL athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and fans regardless of their affiliation. A losing team that demonstrates good character is held in much higher esteem than a winning team that is rude and discourteous. We do not tolerate any display of poor sportsmanship for any reason. We ask that you always control tempers and keep negative comments to yourself. For our parents, it's middle school – let the kids play. For our students, it's middle school – just play. Failure to comply with our sport sportsmanship policy may result in removal from the team.

Social Media

Broward County Public Schools encourages the appropriate use of social media sites. The inappropriate use of social media sites associated with any extracurricular program offered by BCPS that is deemed to be hurtful, inappropriate, derogatory, or harassing will not be tolerated. In addition, threats, inappropriate pictures, teasing, and racist or sexist comments will not be tolerated.

Students, parents/guardians, and other spectators associated with this type of negative behavior is subject to warning, suspension, or dismissal from that activity. Parents engaging in this type of behavior will be asked to cease; If the behavior continues, their attendance and participation as a spectator will be revoked.

Attendance

Attendance at practices and games is mandatory. The following are acceptable absences:

- Excused absences from school.
- Family emergency. Please bring a note from parent/guardian (we do not need to know the details).

- Medical/Dental appointment. Please bring note from the parent/guardian, or caregiver (we do not need to know details unless participation will need to be modified).
- Tutoring!!! Please bring a note from the teacher.
- ***Please do your best to communicate with your coaches if you know you are going to be gone from practice or meet.***

Practices

Practices will be Mondays through Thursdays after school on non-game days.

- 2:40 p.m. athletes will be released from their classes at dismissal to report to the cafeteria to meet their coaches and participate in the supper program.
- Practice runs from 3:15 – 5:30 p.m.
- All student athlete rides must be at the school at 5:30 p.m. for pick up at the front of the school. Athletes picked up after 5:45 PM will be considered late.
- Athletes who are habitually picked up late can potentially be removed from the team.
- Practice will not be held on days that school is closed.

Game Day

- Make sure you have everything you need the night before and pack it with your stuff for school so you will remember it.
- Home Games (*Schedules are forthcoming. Dates/Times are subject to change).
- Away Games: the bus will depart from the school when scheduled depending on the away location. Athletes are dismissed from class usually at 2:40 PM
- All team members must ride to games in school provided transportation. Team members may only ride home from away games with a legal parent or guardian. Any other pick-up must be prearranged with and approved by the principal or coach.
- **YOU MUST SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT AT AWAY GAMES.**

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (Please Print) _____

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