

# LAKE MILLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITY CODE

**\*The complete handbook is available at [www.lakemills.k12.wi.us](http://www.lakemills.k12.wi.us).**

This code applies to all Lake Mills Co-Curriculars including athletics and clubs.

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR ATHLETICS

In order to be academically eligible for athletics, a student must maintain a 1.5 grade point average (GPA) and have no failing grade(s) in the previous marking period.

Any student-athlete who falls below the 1.5 grade point average or has one failing grade in the previous quarter will immediately be declared ineligible for further participation in competitive interscholastic events for a period of ten (10) school days beginning on the days that have been designated by the school as eligibility/ineligibility dates, but remains eligible to continue practicing with the team. At the semester, the **quarter grade** will be used to determine the eligibility of the student.

Following the first ten (10) school days of ineligibility (or 15 if the student has more than one F), an ineligible student can be reinstated if teacher reports indicate that the student is doing academic work at the passing level or above (applicable only after first and third quarters). Second and fourth quarter ineligible students will be immediately eligible after the 10 or 15 days, due to a new semester beginning.

The eligibility check will be completed by the Athletic Director. Upon verifying with the student-athlete's teachers that academic work is satisfactory, the Athletic Director will clear the student to return to participation on the **eleventh (16<sup>th</sup> day for students with more than one F) school day**.

**NOTE: A student who fails 2 or more classes must be ineligible for a minimum of 15 school days, per WIAA standard.**

- **For Fall sports, a student's ineligibility period will be adjusted as follows: For students with 1 F, the ineligibility period shall be 14 calendar days from the start of his/her sports starting date; students must miss a minimum of 1 contest.**
- **For students with 2 or more F's, the ineligibility period is determined by the WIAA as follows—the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction). See WIAA handbook for earliest allowable competitions and game/meet maximums.**

If any student-athlete receives a mid-quarter progress report, at the designated report time, or after, which indicates a D/F or failing grade, s/he will be assigned to a study hall or work with that teacher, or be required to work on that class work for thirty (30) minutes (30 minute rule) *immediately after school on days when the study hall is offered until the below average grade improves to a C. It is recommended that students attend study hall on days where there is a home event. When there is an away event, the student is not required to attend the study hall. The player will report to the designated area for monitoring of this requirement. The student-athlete may obtain a recent grade slip from the teacher showing C- work or better, turn this in to the Athletic Director, and then will be excused from this requirement.*

Student-athletes who receive incomplete grades for a course remain eligible until the incomplete time limit expires. If, when the grade is determined, the student-athlete receives an F, s/he will immediately become ineligible for a period of ten school days and the 30 minute rule will go into effect.

## ATTENDANCE

Students must be in school on the day of a contest, practice, or performance and not be truant during any part of a class or study hall in order to participate in that day's practice or event. A student must be in school by 8:30 a.m. and attend school the remainder of that day. Students must be in attendance in the morning on the day following a contest/performance, unless an absence is excused by the administration, per usual school rules. A first offense will lead to a warning for the athlete; a second offense-miss the next practice. Exceptions must be approved by the Athletic Director, or the Principal after a parental request following typical attendance guidelines. Students may not compete, perform, or practice on the same day that he/she has to serve an in-school or out-of-school suspension. An excused absence from school is also considered to be an excused absence from practice.

## CO-CURRICULAR/ATHLETIC CONSEQUENCES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS (\*Includes Middle School)

**NOTE: The Co-Curricular code is in effect for twelve months of the calendar year and governs the behavior of students whether school is in session or not, and at both in-school events and events not sponsored by the school.**

Consequences for violations of the Co-Curricular code will apply to all sports or co-curricular activities (clubs) in which the student is involved. Falsification of information given during an investigation, or falsification of any records under investigation, or used to obtain eligibility, **will subject the student to a double penalty (i.e., 25% up to 50% suspension or extension of community service hours)**

**HOSTS OF PARTIES LOSE THE MOST: There shall be a greater consequence for any student, if it is determined they were involved in the organization, facilitation, promotion or hosting of any gathering or social event where alcohol or drugs were available or use occurred. Students will be subjected to a double penalty (i.e., 25% up to 50% suspension or doubling of community service hours).**

Parent(s)/guardians(s) will be contacted immediately by the Athletic Director or Principal upon verification that a violation has taken place.

### A. Major Code Violations

1. Conduct Unbecoming of an Athlete/Co-Curricular Participant- Consequences for any questionable conduct will be determined by the Athletic Director and/or the Principal, and could include a warning or being issued up to event suspension.
2. Use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia or any other illegal or illicit substances; or not leaving a gathering (within 15 minutes) where the aforementioned are present in a timely matter. For these violations, see consequences below.
3. Violations of a Wisconsin state statute, with the exception of a traffic violation. A student receiving a citation would at minimum receive a 25% of the season suspension similar to the possession/use of alcohol, etc. or community service hours as assigned for co-curricular participants.

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## **First Offense (rule 2 & 3 above)**

Suspension for twenty-five percent (25%) of the current season's contests or up to 20 hours of community service for non-athletic co-curricular participants (**the WIAA maximum number of games of the level of the athlete will be used**) to be completed within the current season, or to be extended into the successive season if the entire suspension is not served within the season during which the offense occurs. Student athletes' consequences will serve as the consequence for the issue (students will not receive a "double" consequence for being in multiple co-curriculars).

If the offense occurs when the athlete is not currently competing in season, the consequence will be extended to the next season in which the athlete participates.

A written notification will be sent to the parents and student detailing the offense, the consequences, any special conditions, and the effective dates of suspension from athletics or need for community service hours.

Referral to the AODA Coordinator for an initial evaluation if the infraction involves alcohol, tobacco, drugs or any other controlled substances. Failure to undergo the evaluation and carry out the resulting recommendations satisfactorily could result in additional penalties.

\*Middle School – The student will miss two games.

## **Second Offense (rule 2 & 3)**

Suspension for fifty percent (50%) of the current season's contests (the WIAA maximum number of games of the level of the athlete will be used) to be completed within the current season, or to be extended into the successive season if the entire suspension is not served within the season during which the offense occurs. For non-athletic co-curricular participants, the consequence will be up to 40 hours of community service.

If the offense occurs when the athlete is not currently competing in season, the consequence will be extended to the next season in which the athlete participates.

A written notification will be sent to the parents and student detailing the offense, the consequences, any special conditions, and the effective dates of suspension from athletics or other consequence as assigned.

## **Third Offense (rule 2 & 3)**

The offending student will be suspended from all participation in athletics and co-curriculars for a period of twelve months from the date of the offense.

## **Fourth Offense (rule 2 & 3)**

The offending student-athlete's participation in the Lake Mills High School interscholastic athletic program or co-curricular will be forfeited for the remainder of his/her enrollment at Lake Mills High School.

## **SELF REFERRALS/HONESTY**

Students are encouraged to self-refer in all situations. The intent of this is to encourage student responsibility. Students should self-refer as soon as possible after the violation, and report this to the principal or athletic director. Once the school administration becomes aware of a violation through another source, there is no longer an option to self-refer. If a student self-refers, or is referred by a parent for a **first** code violation, the consequences will be as follows:

- a. Students involved in athletics will be suspended from ten (10%) percent of the contests based on the regular season of that sport. In the case of an AODA violation, an assessment and compliance with the recommendations are also required to receive this reduced consequence.
- b. For non-athletes, there will be a reduction of penalty consequence to be determined by the high school principal, based on the nature of the activity.

Students will not receive a reduction in consequence if there is legal action being taken as a result of their behavior (for example, if a student receives a drinking ticket there will be no opportunity for a reduction of the suspension).

## **VIOLATIONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR DURING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

LMHS seeks to promote a quality community environment for all. A student who violates the alcohol and other drug provisions of the code while at school or while engaged in a school-related activity will have his/her violation dealt with as follows: If a first violation, it will be treated as a second violation; if a second violation, it will be treated as a third violation.

*\*Violations of the Co-Curricular Code are cumulative during the student's entire enrollment at Lake Mills.*

## **EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL**

Co-curricular activities are made possible at a significant cost to taxpayers. As such, students are responsible for the care of school-issued equipment and apparel. Students who have not returned or paid for missing equipment will not be allowed to participate in future activities until that account has been cleared with the school administration.

## **FEES**

All district-required fees must be paid before students can participate in any activity:

High School Athletics	\$50	Middle School Athletics	\$30	Cap - \$250 family maximum per year
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**All decisions concerning the implementation of the code are to be made by the Principal.  
It is therefore stated that the decision of the Principal is final.**

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**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

We have read and understand the policies and rules described above and do agree to support and comply with their provisions.

We also understand there are risks involved and no injury insurance is provided by the School District of Lake Mills.

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION**  
**Lake Mills High School**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated hereunder (collectively known as "HIPAA"), I authorize health care providers of **ATHLETE NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_, **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_, to disclose medical information regarding the injury and treatment of named individual to the following representatives of Lake Mills High School: Athletic Director, Athletic Trainer, Team Physician, Team Coach, and Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director for the purposes of treatment, emergency care and injury record-keeping.

Medical Information, in this context, pertains only to patient health care records regarding a specific injury and the treatment thereof. The request for medical information includes all patient health care records regarding the care, evaluation, referral or treatment including, but not limited to, any and all records, reports, correspondence, radiographic films pertaining to the care and treatment of an injury sustained by the above-named student-athlete on \_\_\_\_\_. **(SCHOOL WILL INSERT DATE OF INJURY.)** This includes all portions of my medical records which my physicians, or other health care providers, or I have specifically designated as "confidential."

I understand that my signed authorization will be kept in a locked cabinet along with all medical information received and that said information will be available only to the individuals named above.

Treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility of benefits may not be conditioned on obtaining patient's authorization.

The purpose of disclosure of medical records is to facilitate treatment of injured student-athletes. I understand that the information obtained by the use of this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure and the information obtained is therefore no longer protected by HIPAA.

This consent is revocable by the patient at any time except to the extent that the provider listed above has taken action upon it. A revocation is effective by the Health Care Provider listed above upon receipt of a written request to revoke, and a copy of the executed authorization form. A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as valid as the original. This authorization shall remain in effect for one year from date of signing.

**This authorization specifically authorizes the health care provider named above to disclose records created at any time after the signing, regarding the specific injury, until the authorization expires one year from the date of signing.**

Due to a contract with Fort Health Care to provide a Certified Athletic Trainer to work with Lake Mills student-athletes, I hereby authorize that individuals from these programs, involved in the care and treatment of the above-named individual, also have access to the records. I understand that a confidentiality agreement, pertaining to any medical information released to them, will be signed by the individuals named in this paragraph and kept on file at Lake Mills High School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete's (Patient) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date Signed