



2430 STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

- (a) This policy outlines the eligibility criteria for grade 8-12 student-athletes in the Lightning Athletics Program. This policy aims to ensure that all student-athletes uphold the school's mission, conduct standards, Biblical values and academic expectations.
- (b) This policy aims to balance the academic responsibilities and athletic commitments of student-athletes while promoting their overall development within the framework of Christian values.

2. SCOPE

- (a) These guidelines apply to all students in grades 8-12 participating in athletics at Langley Christian School.
- (b) All rules outlined in BC School Sports Athlete Eligibility are in effect.
<https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/parents/student-athlete-eligibility>

3. STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (a) Academic Standards
 - (i) Student athletes must maintain a minimum standard of "meeting expectations" or 60% in all enrolled classes with no outstanding or incomplete assignments.
 - (ii) Teachers will notify the Athletic Director of any students failing to complete assignments and/or with incomplete assessments.
 - (iii) Student-athletes will be temporarily suspended from participation until there is evidence of improvement.
- (b) Behaviours and Conduct in class

- (i) Student-athletes must be in good standing on and off the field of play and may not participate in athletics for the duration of any disciplinary action deemed necessary by administration according to LCS policies.
 - (ii) Student-athletes are expected to adhere to all required school and program conduct standards at all times.
 - (iii) Student-athletes are expected to exemplify Christian values both on and off the field of competition. This includes honesty, integrity, and respect for self and others in all communication, including online and social media.
- (c) Community Service & Church Attendance
- (i) Student-athletes are encouraged to make it a priority to participate in their local church community and may risk eligibility for athletic achievement awards if there is evidence of low commitment.
 - (ii) All senior athletic teams are required to participate in service projects or trips to foster a sense of responsibility and service to others. Athletes unwilling to participate in service projects or trips scheduled for their team will not be selected to grade 11 and 12 athletic teams.
 - (iii) All grade 8-12 student athletes must complete a requisite number of athletic service hours as required by Athletic Directors and outlined in the handbook, or will be ineligible for regional and provincial championship participation.
- (d) Attendance
- (i) School Attendance: Student-athletes must maintain regular attendance. Absences must be excused according to school policy. Excessive unexcused absences may result in temporary or permanent ineligibility.
 - (ii) Practice Attendance: Regular attendance at all practices and games is mandatory unless excused by the coach for valid reasons (e.g., illness, family emergency).
- (e) Health and Wellness
- (i) Substance Abuse: Student-athletes under disciplinary action for substance use, including e-cigarette products, are ineligible for participation in school athletics for the duration outlined in the 2205 SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION POLICY.
 - (ii) Injury Management: Student-athletes are required to report all injuries to the coaching staff and seek appropriate medical attention. Clearance from a healthcare professional is required before returning to play.
- (f) Parent Conduct
- (i) Parents or caregivers in violation of any school policy or code of conduct risk impact on their child's eligibility for participation in athletics, and/or may be subject to a Behavioural Contract restricting physical attendance at school-related events.
 - (ii) Communication: Parents are encouraged to communicate regularly with coaches and school staff regarding their child's academic and athletic progress.

4. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

- (a) Regular Reviews: The Athletic Director, in collaboration with House Directors and/or administration and classroom teachers, will review each student-athlete's eligibility as needed.
- (b) Intervention Plans: For student-athletes who are at risk of losing eligibility, an intervention plan will be developed to support their academic and personal growth.
- (c) Disciplinary Actions: Violations of this policy will be addressed by the Athletic Director and may include suspension or removal from athletic participation.
- (d) Review Process: Any decision regarding a student-athlete's suspension of eligibility will be reviewed by the Athletic Director and a school administrator.

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RELEVANT POLICIES:

- 2201 Student Code of Conduct
- 2202 Student Dress Code
- 2203 Student Discipline
- 2204 Student Harassment & Bullying Prevention Policy
- 2205 Substance Use Prevention Policy
- 2206 Student Technology Use
- 2207 Academic Honesty
- 2208 Attendance Policy