

LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL

Sportsmanship Policy for Athletes & Parents

(Adapted from NYPHSAA Sportsmanship Guide)

Whereas good sportsmanship is a major concern among member schools of the Frontier League, a season commitment with the student athletes, their coaches, and their parents/guardians, is being made for the purpose of promoting good conduct among all players, coaches, cheerleaders, and fans of the member schools.

Therefore, we are asking all team members (Varsity, Junior Varsity and Modified), coaches, and parent/guardians, to certify and honor the following contest sportsmanship guidelines.

The home school Athletic Director will collect and maintain the records certifying each team member to the Lyme Central Sportsmanship Policy.

All Concerned Agree:

1. To live up to a high standard of good sportsmanship at all times.
2. To be a good host – treat visitors with respect.
3. To treat opponents with respect.
4. To respect the judgment of the contest officials.
5. To avoid profane and abusive language and obnoxious behavior.
6. To always set a good example for others to follow.
7. To accept both victory and defeat with Pride and compassion, never being boastful, or bitter.
8. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game, not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, official, fan or community.

Print Player Name: _____

Team: _____

Player signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____

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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONTRACT

Interscholastic athletics play a wholesome part in a student's educational program. Participation on a Lyme Central School Athletic Team is a privilege and a responsibility which requires extra commitment when deciding to wear school colors and representing teammates, coaches, school and community. Athletes must be willing to live up to a higher standard of behavior. Therefore, each team member is required to sign this statement of personal commitment indicating they and their parents recognize and understand their responsibilities and are willing to adhere to the basic concepts of good citizenship and the Basic Rule of Athletic Conduct.

BASIC RULE OF ATHLETIC CONDUCT: NEVER do anything which could bring embarrassment or an unfavorable view to your teammates, coaches, family, school or community.

EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER BEHAVIOR:

1. The possession or use of any controlled substance including alcohol, any form of tobacco or illegal drugs or being in a place where such substances are in use.
2. Poor academic performance or lack of sincere effort.
3. Cutting classes or illegal absences. Student athletes must arrive on time and be in school the entire day in order to practice or play an interscholastic game that day.
4. Theft, vandalism or property destruction of any kind including clothing and equipment belonging to our school or any other school.
5. Any action that disobeys the laws or regulations of the school, state or community.
6. Any violation of health diet or training rules.
7. Any violation of the standards of good sportsmanship, fair play or good conduct including negative statements or actions towards opposing players or officials.

CONSEQUENCES:

1. A coach may temporarily deny participation to a team member whenever the coach feels that the student is not contributing to good team discipline, morale or behavior.
2. A coach, with the approval of the Athletic Director, may remove a player for the remainder of the sports season which starts at the first practice and ends at the conclusion of the last scheduled game.
3. The Athletic Committee, consisting of the Principal/Athletic Director, the Director of Student Services, and the coach, may render an athlete ineligible for up to one calendar year from the date of the infraction.
4. All decisions may be reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools.

I have read and understand the above rules and regulations and agree to follow all provisions of this contract.

Student Athlete

Date

Parent

Date