



Parent and Student Athletic Conduct Policy

Purpose

Pike Liberal Arts School Athletics exists to promote character, teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, and school pride. Participation in athletics is a privilege, and all student-athletes and their parents/guardians are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior and conduct.

This Code of Conduct applies to all athletic activities, practices, competitions, travel, meetings, and events sponsored by Pike Liberal Arts School.

Student Athlete Expectations

Student athletes are expected to:

1. Represent Pike Liberal Arts School with integrity, respect, and good sportsmanship at all times.
2. Demonstrate respect toward coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, school personnel, and spectators.
3. Follow all team rules, school policies, and directions provided by coaches and administrators.
4. Exhibit self-control and appropriate behavior before, during, and after athletic events.
5. Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, fighting, profanity, or disrespectful actions.
6. Maintain academic eligibility and meet classroom expectations.
7. Use social media responsibly and avoid comments or posts that negatively impact teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, or the school.
8. Accept coaching decisions with respect and address concerns through appropriate channels.

Parent/Guardian Expectations

Parents and guardians are expected to:

1. Serve as positive role models for all student-athletes.
2. Support the mission and values of Pike Liberal Arts School athletics.
3. Demonstrate respect toward coaches, athletes, officials, opposing teams, spectators, and school personnel.
4. Encourage good sportsmanship and positive behavior at all athletic events.
5. Allow coaches to coach and refrain from attempting to direct players during practices or games.
6. Address concerns respectfully and through established communication procedures.
7. Avoid confrontational discussions with coaches, officials, players, or other parents before, during, or immediately following contests.
8. Refrain from the use of inappropriate language, threatening behavior, harassment, or public criticism of athletes, coaches, officials, or school personnel.
9. Model appropriate social media conduct and avoid posting negative comments regarding student-athletes, coaches, officials, or school-related matters.
10. Work a minimum of two concession shifts per student-athlete. A required fee of \$1,000 per athlete assessed if concession requirement is not met.

Sportsmanship Expectations



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The following behaviors are prohibited for both students and parents:

- Disrespectful or abusive language.
- Harassment, bullying, intimidation, or threats.
- Physical aggression or fighting.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, coaches, athletes, or spectators.
- Public criticism of players, coaches, or officials during or after contests.
- Behavior that disrupts practices, games, meetings, or school-sponsored events.

Communication Guidelines

To promote healthy relationships between families and athletic staff:

- Concerns regarding playing time, team strategy, game decisions, or other coaching judgments are not appropriate topics for public discussion.
- **Parents should request a meeting with the coach when concerns arise.**
- A minimum 24-hour cooling-off period is encouraged following contests before discussing concerns with coaches. Coaches are not obligated to meet during the 24 hour period game time period.
- If a concern cannot be resolved with the coach, parents may contact the Athletic Director.

Violations and Consequences

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in corrective action, including but not limited to:

1. Written warning.
2. Required meeting with school administration.
3. Restriction from participation in specific school activities or events.
4. Temporary or permanent restriction of campus access.
5. Removal from school-sponsored events or activities.
6. A penalty fee may be assessed for each missed concession shift.
7. **Additional action deemed appropriate by the Head of School, Administration, and Board of Directors.**

Pike Liberal Arts School reserves the right to address any behavior that negatively affects the safety, well-being, educational environment, reputation, or operation of the school.

Acknowledgment

We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Pike Liberal Arts School Athletic Parent & Student Code of Conduct.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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