

**LAUREL HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT-ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**  
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**2008-2009 Fall Sports**

**DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **student's name** **BIRTH DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPORT** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_ :

At its regular meeting of June 26, 1996, the School Board adopted the following policy:

**“The Laurel Highlands School District will not provide for any student medical coverage against any injury resulting from their participation in the district’s athletic programs during the 2008-2009 school year. Also, the district will not be liable for any medical costs or ambulatory services resulting from participation in such activities. It will be the district’s policy to require any student wishing to participate in athletics to provide the school district with proof of medical insurance, including their group and policy number. No student will be permitted to participate without providing the Laurel Highlands School District with the above mentioned information.”**

In order to comply with the Board’s directive, the following form must be completed and returned to your son/daughter Coach or the Athletic Director before he/she will be permitted to participate in any interscholastic sport. Please Note: Insurance coverage or schooltime insurance can be purchased through the school at a cost of \$30.00 per individual for the 2008-2009 school year. If you desire to purchase the school time insurance, please check the appropriate box below. The form is for all activities other than VARSIITY FOOTBALL. (24 Hour Coverage is also offered at approximately \$115.00 per student.) **ONE HAS TO BE MARKED. THIS AREA MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY.**

**I desire school time insurance at a cost of \$30.00 per student.**

**I do not desire the above coverage since my son/daughter is covered by MY PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE. ALL THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED.**

**INSURANCE COMPANY** \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP NUMBER :** \_\_\_\_\_

**POLICY#** \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH’S BEHAVIOR/ETHICS**

The following are sections of the Athletic Policy detailing the Coach’s Behavior/Ethics as approved by the Laurel Highlands Board of Education on February 3, 1993. These sections detailed below are those which pertain to the athletics’ conduct, as well as disciplinary measures and procedures which will be enforced should misconduct occur by an athlete. Please examine these items carefully, then sign and date this section indicating that you fully understand this policy and its ramifications.

**1. Section 8 :**Coaches must inform their athletes that if fighting occurs (or an athlete is ejected) during an event, discipline to the athlete involved will be as follows: **1<sup>st</sup> time - One (1) Game Suspension; 2<sup>nd</sup> time - Two (2) Game Suspension; 3<sup>rd</sup> time - Season Suspension**

**2. Section 9:**Coaches must fill our an incident report any time a fight takes place during an event. The completed form (including the action taken by the coach) must be given to the principal with a copy to the Athletic Director, Student, Parent, and a copy to the Coach’s file. The incident must be reported to the Athletic Director the following day, and the forms completed prior to the next contest; but submitted no later than three (3) days from the incident.

**3. Section 12:**Any taunting, misconduct, or flagrant action by an athlete during a game that leads to a technical foul, unsportsmanlike penalty, etc., must be reported on an incident report as outlined in Section 9. Appropriate discipline must be administered by the head coach at the point of infraction. However, if an athlete receives two technical fouls or penalties of a flagrant nature in one game, he/she will not be eligible to play the next game.

**4. Section 13:**Athletic Discipline Procedures must be explained to all athletes at the start of the season.

**5. Section 14:** The Athletic Director is responsible to review all items above.

**6. Section 15:**The Principal and School Superintendent will interpret the policy, when necessary. However, questions should be channeled through the Athletic Director.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES POLICY-COACHES/SPONSORS**

This policy has been adopted to provide clear guidelines to Parents, Teachers, Administrators and Board Members in regard to extra-curricular activities. It is the intent and specific direction of the Laurel Highlands School Board to clearly provide Coaches/Sponsors of organizations with latitude to operate and perform their respective duties. This in essence is a non-interference policy. The Coach/Sponsor is in charge of their respective program and should report to their immediate supervisor. Coaches/Sponsors have the final say as to whom is selected for teams, etc. They determine who plays Varsity, Junior Varsity, etc., who starts or does not start, and also ensures that students comply with all school rules and team rules.

Coaches/Sponsors have a responsibility to be fair and just to all students. We expect nothing but honorable and respectable behavior by all that represent the Laurel Highlands School District. They should place themselves above reproach in their character and actions because they serve as role models for our students. These people then deserve the respect and cooperation from Booster Groups, Parents, Teachers, Administrators, and Board Members. Discipline procedures are to be handled through the immediate supervisor. It is necessary to let Coaches/Sponsors make decisions that affect their teams. They are the ones responsible for their actions, therefore, they must have the discretion to make decisions. **Issues not appropriate to discuss with the coach: 1. Playing Time; 2. Team Strategy; 3. Play Calling; 4. Other students/athletes.** (REV. 10-19-05)

**Acknowledgment of Warning by Student and Parents/guardians, Coach’s Behavior/ethics, the Athletic Policy, and Are Willing to Comply with the Standards Set Forth by the Athletic Policy. We Hereby Acknowledge That We Have Been Properly Advised, Cautioned and Warned by the Proper Administrative and Coaching Personnel of the Laurel Highlands School District that the Student/athlete May Suffer Serious Injury, Including, but Not Limited to Sprains, Fractures, Brain Damage, Paralysis, or Even Death, by Participating in the Sport Of. Notwithstanding Such Warnings, and with Full Knowledge and Understanding of the Risk and Serious Injury to Myself/my/our Child Which May Result, I/we Give Our Consent to Myself/my/our Child to Participate in the above Mentioned Sport.**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_