



2021 LPS Lion Flag Football
High School and Middle School
Team Policies and Contract



1. Athlete must pass all their classes and treat all teachers and staff with respect. This includes respecting your student handbook and dress code.
2. Athletes are expected to be positive leaders in the school. Repeated referrals, ISS, or OSS are not acceptable and will result in further consequences and possible dismissal from the program.
3. Bullying/Cyber Bullying/Hazing will not be tolerated and will result in consequences and possible dismissal from the program.
4. No alcohol, vaping, smoking, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
5. The behavior of the athlete that is exhibited in the community must also represent our program and school in a positive manner. Behavior that is deemed illegal, sexual, and/or negative by community and LPS culture standards may also result in suspension or removal from the team. Social Media, text messages, email, etc., are not a good source to vent your frustration and will not be tolerated. Please remember that everything you write is a source of documentation. If this becomes an issue it could result in consequences and possible dismissal from the program.
6. Practice is mandatory. "Early is on time, on time is late." If you are not able to attend a practice due to illness or emergency the player needs to inform their coach and let them know of the absence.
7. Punctuality in pickup and drop-off is required. Please pick up your athlete within 15 minutes of the end of practice and games.
8. Parents may observe practice from the parking lot, never coming on the field during practice unless it is an emergency. Practices are closed to visitors unless prior approval has been given.
9. As parents, it is your job to ensure that your young athlete is getting enough sleep, gets enough of the proper kinds of food and drink, and gets to and from the gym/school on time. As a player, it is your responsibility to have the proper clothing and equipment at all practices and games.
10. Nutrition plays a key role in any athlete's success. Our policy is: "What you put in your body is what you will put out on the field."
11. Coach **WILL NOT** discuss playing time with parents. The player needs to approach the coach with his concerns if he is unhappy with her role on the team. Playing time is the coach's discretion and will not be discussed with the parents. Please feel free to contact the coaches about any other concerns.
12. We are a family and we will support all players and coaches involved. Parents need to have the same mentality in the stands. Please do not bad mouth the coach, the players, the opposing team, opposing coaches, or referees while in the stands while attending your athlete's competition.

13. Parents perform their roles at home and off the field area. Within the field the coaches play their role. Please DO NOT coach your child. Your comments distract from what the coach is doing, they give the athlete other things to think about and it interferes with the development of the coach/athlete relationship, which is critical for long-term success.
14. If your child has an issue throughout the year, please encourage them to proceed in the following order: Athlete's Coach, then Coach Wessner with parent, then Coach Blankenship (Athletic Director) with parent and athlete. It is imperative that the athletes begin taking on the responsibility of talking to their superiors if there is an issue as this is a great opportunity to grow.
15. Please do not talk negatively about or to your athlete's coach after a game. If you would like to request a conference, please wait 24 hours before contacting the coach. Any positive comment after the game would be greatly appreciated. Other athletes in the program will not be discussed during a conference, as well as other coaches, if they are not present in the meeting. Emails sent to the coaches about their own child will be shared with that athlete, please don't ask us "Not to share". All conferences will have at least 2 coaches, the athlete, and parent/s present.
16. Do not argue with the officials. Our captains have the responsibility of relaying information from the officials to the bench. Captains and players are expected to give the officials respect. The coaching staff has the responsibility of dealing with the officials.