

**LOUDONVILLE CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



“Aiming for Excellence”

GENERAL INFORMATION

Loudonville Christian School is a member in good standing with Section 2 of the NYSPHSAA. Loudonville Christian School is also a member of the Central Hudson Valley League. This league is made up of both private and public schools. Half of the schools in the league are in the “D” classification which means fewer than 192 students in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades as indicated by the yearly BEDS figures. Loudonville Christian School participates in post-season play (Sectionals) at the varsity level in all sports offered. Other members of our league are:

Berlin
The Doane Stuart School
Emma Willard School
Germantown
Heatly
Hawthorne Valley
New Lebanon
Rensselaer (girls' soccer & softball, boys' baseball)
Bishop Maginn

Sports currently offered are:

Varsity:	Soccer	(Boys and Girls)
	Golf	(Boys and Girls)
	Volleyball	(Girls)
	Basketball	(Boys and Girls)
	Softball	(Girls)
	Baseball	(Boys)

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Modified:	Soccer	(Boys and Girls)
	Volleyball	(Girls)
	Basketball	(Boys and Girls)
	Softball	(Girls)
	Baseball	(Boys)

Varsity Starting Dates:	Fall -	August 15, 2016
	Winter -	November 7, 2016
	Spring -	March 5, 2017

Modified Starting Dates:	Fall --	September 1, 2016
	Winter --	November 14, 2016
	Spring --	March 19, 2016

OBJECTIVES OF PARTICIPATION

1. To bring honor and glory to God through all aspects of our athletic program.
2. To provide a positive image of school athletics at Loudonville Christian School.
3. To strive always for playing excellence that will produce winning teams within the bounds of good sportsmanship, our Christian testimony and the mental health of the athlete.
4. To ensure growth and development that will raise the number of individual participants; that will give impetus to increasing attendance at each contest; that will build up gate receipts; and, that will enable a program of continuing upkeep and improvement of facilities.
5. To provide opportunities that will allow the program to serve as a laboratory where students may cope with problems and handle situations similar to those encountered under conditions prevailing in the contemporary world. The laboratory should provide adequate and natural opportunities for:
 - A. Physical, mental, spiritual and emotional growth and development.
 - B. Acquisition and development of special skills in activities of each student's choice.
 - C. Team play with the development of such commitments as loyalty, cooperation, fair play and other desirable social traits.
 - D. Directed leadership and supervision that stresses self-discipline, self-motivation, excellence, and the ideals of good sportsmanship that make for winning and losing graciously.
 - E. A focus of interests on activity programs for student body, faculty and community that will generate a feeling of unity.
 - F. Achievement of initial goals as set by the school in general and the students as an individual.
 - G. Provisions for worthy use of leisure time in later life, either as a participant or spectator.
 - H. Participation by the most skilled that will enable these individuals to expand possibilities for future vocational pursuits.
6. To provide a superior program of student activities that includes appropriate activities for every boy and girl.
7. To provide opportunity for a student to experience success in an activity he or she selects.
8. To provide sufficient activities to have an outlet for a wide variety of student interests and abilities.
9. To provide those student activities which offer the greatest benefits for the greatest number of students.
10. To create a desire to succeed and excel.
11. To provide for the students' worthy use of leisure time now and in the future.
12. To develop high ideals of fairness in all human relationships.
13. To be socially competent and operate within a set of rules, thus gaining a respect for the rights of others.
14. To develop an understanding of the value of activities in a balanced educational process.

LOUDONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

The philosophy of athletics at Loudonville Christian School is that we should be Christ-honoring in all that we do. As God has blessed each individual with different skills and abilities, we are to use these to be a witness and a testimony to all who see us. We are to give our best to God both on the field of competition as well as at practice. Our emphasis is to see spiritual growth in both the players and coaches, as well as to encourage good sportsmanship from the fans at the games. This growth does not come naturally, but must be cultivated by the Holy Spirit and watered and nurtured by spiritual leaders such as coaches, teachers, parents and peers.

The athletic program should serve as a conduit through which students can grow physically and intellectually, as well as spiritually. Team leadership, team unity and a sense of team pride are encouraged and sought after as well.

Although athletic participation at Loudonville Christian School is not required, it is highly encouraged. It helps the students to learn social skills such as getting along with each other, working together for the greater good of the team, problem solving, and learning to work and function while under stressful situations or conditions. It provides opportunities to exhibit sportsmanship and Christian conduct. It encourages hard work and perseverance. It allows the students to strive and fail, but provides opportunities to start again and achieve success. It also provides opportunities for handling success in a Christ-honoring way.

The goals and outcomes that are inherent in athletics provide for real-life learning that is necessary for functioning in life. Athletics is one avenue at Loudonville Christian School that maximizes the gifts and abilities of the athletes and prepares each to be salt and light in the world.

MINISTRY OVERVIEW OF LCS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

One of the eighteen “Objectives of Participation” in the Loudonville Christian School Athletic Handbook states that one objective is...

“To bring honor and glory to God through all aspects of our athletic program.”

In the Vision Statement of LCS five objectives are stated. One of the objectives reads as follows:

“The School seeks to maximize the gifts and abilities of every student to further God’s work by its students desiring and becoming the “salt and light” in the world. The School will be uncompromising in its dedication to producing “world-changers” for Christ - men and women who understand God’s pre-eminence, authority, and control in all things and who seek to glorify Him in their own lives.”

The Vision Statement of LCS provides the foundation for all our programs and endeavors, not only athletics. Within the athletic program, however, our paramount aim is to focus each program upon fostering Christian ministry to the community in which we are involved. Furthermore, our expectation is for each coach to instruct the students in their dual representative role:

1. As representatives of Loudonville Christian School within the athletic arena.
2. As representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ so that every practice and game be an opportunity to grow in faith and Christian ministry.

Head Coaches of each athletic program are expected to develop ministry goals and objectives that will be focused upon by the program during pre-season, season and post-season play. These expectations will be specific in character and focus upon how the program will serve to implement the two points noted above. A list of specific areas to be focused upon is encouraged to be developed for each program.

These expectations are to be presented in writing to the Athletic Director on a time frame determined by the director prior to the first day of turnouts.

School Board Policy 7.505.2 gives allowance, upon School Board approval only, for the school to participate on Sunday in events that are externally scheduled. Should such participation be scheduled, a formal request for permission to play, including the rationale to do so, will be prepared by the Head Coach and forwarded to the Athletic Director on a time frame determined by the director. The formal request should include, but not be limited to, the completion of ministry goals and objectives that the Head Coach developed prior to the first day of turnouts. The School Board at its own discretion will rule on Sunday participation upon receipt of the formal request.

LOUDONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT MINISTRY ASPECT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Athletic Department Ministry Aspect is to develop student/athletes who not only represent the Lord Jesus Christ in athletics, but also use every practice, every game and other opportunities to grow in faith and demonstrate the love of Christ to the greater community.

II. RESPONSIBILITY OF COACHES

A. Instruction of students to represent the Lord Jesus Christ through:

1. Sportsmanship

- a. Students will exhibit good sportsmanship on the sidelines.
- b. Students will learn good sportsmanship as instructed by the coach.
- c. Students will be challenged before games to be a witness and a testimony.
- d. Students will be encouraged to treat each other with respect in practice and in games.

2. Devotions

- a. Coaches will make time at each practice for a devotional time in the Word to be led by coaches and players.
- b. Coaches will make time for prayer at each practice.
- c. Coaches will encourage prayer for each other and sharing of concerns.
- d. Coaches will have prayer before each game, praying for the other team and the referees/officials.

B. Practices

1. Practices are looked upon as opportunities for players to grow in their faith.
2. Practices will include the following characteristics for the development of the individual faith of a student as well as the team as a whole, but not be limited to:
 - a. Learning how to work hard.
 - b. Learning from the devotionals of the coach and students.
 - c. Learning how to work together as a group of individuals with different personalities.
 - d. Learning good sportsmanship.
 - e. Learning about team rules.

C. Games

1. Games are looked upon as opportunities for players to grow in their faith.
2. Games will include the following characteristics for the development of the individual faith of a student as well as the team as a whole, but not be limited to:
 - a. Setting a good example in attitude.
 - b. Being a team player.
 - c. Playing fair and within the rules.
 - d. Using good sportsmanship.
 - e. Giving their best to bring honor and glory to God.
 - f. Showing respect to the officials, other teams, coaches and fellow players.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF TESTIMONY THROUGH EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

- A. Evidence of ministry to others in the greater community will include the following opportunities for involvement as an individual or team, but not be limited to:
 1. Preparation to share food with the visiting team after the game.
 2. Preparation to send food home on the visitors' bus.
 3. Preparation for the LCS Team Captains to greet the visiting team as they arrive at LCS.
 4. Preparation of the coach and his/her team to lead in the National Anthem as well as the Opening Prayer.
 5. Preparation of involvement in community service projects:
 - a. Raking leaves at a shut-in's or other community member's house.
 - b. Cleaning gutters at a community house.
 - c. Cleaning an attic or basement of a needy person's house.
 - d. Painting, weeding, cleaning as appropriate.
 6. Preparation of players to lead class devotions, particularly in the elementary grades.
 7. Preparation to clean the school busses at LCS.
 8. Preparation for community service at such sites as Camp Pinnacle, Habitat for Humanity, Alpha Pregnancy Center, Ronald McDonald House, etc.

- B. The objective of this listing is to show there are numerous avenues and opportunities for service to the community around us.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- A. The Athletic Director will work with individual coaches to encourage the development of a ministry aspect that meets the focus of this guideline but does not hinder the development of the team.
- B. Areas in which the Athletic Director will give guidance include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Arranging for use of the LCS bus.
 - 2. Arranging for the purchase and preparation of food.
 - 3. Arranging for contact with outside community agencies, individuals and groups.
 - 4. Arranging for athletes to become involved at LCS during school hours.
 - 5. Arranging for athletes to become involved at activities during home games.
 - 6. Other appropriate arrangements that enable this guideline to be implemented.

HIRING AND PLACEMENT OF COACHES

- General

It is the procedure at LCS, in the event a vacancy occurs at either/both the head or assistant coaching level, that personnel of LCS will be given first priority for selection. Criteria used to decide selection will be determined by, but not limited to the following:

1. Expertise in the field
2. Experience in the field
3. Accomplishment(s) in the field
4. Availability

The Athletic Director, in consultation with other personnel in the school, will select coaches.

- Head Position

The hiring and placement of head coaches at LCS is under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Director as noted above. General procedures include the following when a vacancy occurs:

1. Advertising of opening
2. Selecting a short list
3. Interviewing candidates from short list
4. Interviewing candidates with the Athletic Selection Committee
5. Athletic Selection Committee selecting one candidate from short list
6. Seeking Head of School's approval of candidate
7. Placing the successful candidate

Head coaches will be selected by a committee chosen by and chaired by the Athletic Director.

- Assistant Positions

The hiring and placement of assistant coaches at LCS is made by recommendation of the head coach with approval of the Athletic Director. General selection procedures are similar for those of the head position.

The Head of School must approve the hiring of all coaches, head and assistant, before placement is final.

COACHES' AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND SCHOOL LIABILITY

Coaches can be sued for failure to teach fundamentals and protective skills in their particular sports. Teach an athlete to protect himself. Teach proper fundamentals. If an athlete is praised or encouraged for doing something improperly, it may come back to haunt the coach. Assistant coaches or volunteers must be taught to be able to carry out a particular activity. Team captains must never supervise any drill.

Failure to properly supervise will lead to problems. If you are not there, you will be liable. The more hazardous or the more contact a sport requires, the more closely the activity must be supervised. You must be at least immediately accessible to all aspects of practice or activity. Head coaches should have a systematic overseeing of the practice or activity.

Coaches must know school procedures and policies in every situation. If there is no procedure or policy, see the Athletic Director. If you fulfill school procedures/policies, you automatically fulfill your duties as a reasonably prudent coach. Do not deviate from this principle!

All equipment must be periodically examined by the coach to determine its safety. Deteriorating or damaged equipment should be discarded. Once an injury does take place, fill out an accident report form and give it to the Athletic Director who will then turn it over to the school office for further action.

General reasons for coach liability:

- A. Failing to supervise an activity.
- B. Negligently entrusting a duty to an under qualified or unqualified individual.
- C. Failing to teach proper skills.
- D. Failing to teach protective skills.
- E. Failing to provide and maintain a safe coaching and playing environment.
- F. Failing to inspect, repair, and recondition equipment properly.
- G. Failing to teach athletes to inspect their own equipment.
- H. Failing to provide proper, effective equipment.
- I. Failing to properly play/perform an activity.
- J. Failing to create and set procedures for participation in an activity.
- K. Failing to follow and enforce such procedures.
- L. Failing to adopt safety standards.
- M. Failing to match or equate athletes.
- N. Failing to properly administer first aid.
- O. Failing to warn of inherent dangers of the activity.
- P. Failing to assess an injury or incapacity in an athlete.
- Q. Failing to keep adequate and accurate records.

Coaches Meetings

All coaches are required to attend the pre-season coaches meeting. These meetings cover essential information that is vital to the success of the sports program. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to find a date and time when all coaches can attend. Please be flexible and willing to work with the Athletic Director in the scheduling and the attending of this meeting.

SPORTSMANSHIP: THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACH

It is assumed that the coach of a Loudonville Christian School athletic team will be a positive role model for his/her athletes throughout all practice sessions and contests. This would include providing a proper example of a sportsmanlike attitude toward the opposing team and coaches.

Negative motivational techniques meant to inspire a team are considered detrimental to overall sportsmanship and to the preparation for a particular game. They are considered inappropriate at Loudonville Christian School.

The conduct of a coach at an athletic event must provide proper sportsmanship for and by his/her team.

Coaches should always remember that they represent not only the team and our school, but also Jesus Christ as well.

SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

At Loudonville Christian School, students who wish to participate in athletics must maintain a passing grade in all subjects.

A minimum grade average of 66% must be maintained in order to participate in Loudonville Christian School's interscholastic athletics. It is the responsibility of the coaches to communicate with their athletes to encourage them and to know the status of their athletes' academic standings.

Any student who is failing a course at the time of Progress Reports (four weeks into the marking period) will be ineligible to participate in their sport for a period two weeks. They may not participate in practices or travel to games with the team during this time. Following the two-week suspension, the *parent* will contact the academic teacher to see if the student qualifies to return to the sport. The teachers will also notify the Athletic Director who, in turn, will contact the coaches as to the eligibility status of the athlete. At the Report Card distribution, any student maintaining a 65% or below average, will not be eligible to participate in their sport until the next formal grading period.

Fall Season: Any student who has failed a course in the 4th quarter the previous June is ineligible to participate for two weeks in the fall. Suspension will commence when the game schedule begins. However, any student who failed a course for the academic year and passes that particular course in summer school is deemed eligible to participate in co-curricular activities.

In order for a student to participate in an athletic contest, he/she must be present at school no later than (8:30 AM). **This rule also applies to a teacher/coach.**

A legal note from the parent is needed to explain the excused absence.

A sports physical is needed each year for students to participate in all levels of athletics at Loudonville Christian School as per New York State regulations. Physicals are good for only one year and must be updated yearly. Contact your family physician to set up your child's physical. Plan this event early, as physicians' schedules fill up quickly.

For each new sport played during the school year, a Sports Recheck form must be filled out by the parent and returned to the LCS Health Office before the student will be allowed to participate.

SQUAD SELECTION

PHILOSOPHY: In accordance with our philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program while at Loudonville Christian School, we encourage coaches to keep as many students as they can without unbalancing the integrity of their sport. Obviously, time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport. However, when developing practice in this regard, we strive to maximize the opportunities for our students, without diluting the quality of the program.

CUTTING PROCEDURES: Choosing the members of athletic squads is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those squads. Lower-level coaches shall take into consideration the policies as established by the head coach in that particular program when selecting team rosters. Prior to trying out, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

- A. extent of tryout period
- B. criteria used to select the team
- C. number to be selected
- D. practice commitment if they make the team
- E. game commitments

PROCEDURES FOR CUTTING: When a squad cut becomes necessary, the process will include three important elements. Each candidate shall:

- A. Have completed a minimum of three practice sessions.
- B. Have performed in a least one intrasquad game.
- C. Be personally informed of the cut by the coach and the reason for the action.

Cut lists are not to be posted. Coaches will discuss alternative possibilities for participation in the sport, or other areas of the activities program. If a coach foresees difficulties arising as a result of squad cuts, he/she should discuss the situation with the Athletic Director **PRIOR** to squad cuts.

In the event an athlete appeals the cut as being unfair, he/she may be granted one day of additional tryout.

PRACTICE PROCEDURES

1. All athletes must be academically eligible before being allowed to practice.
2. The morning following the first official practice, each coach shall submit a “squad roster” of all candidates trying out to the Athletic Director.
3. Practice sessions shall be scheduled so as to create the minimum amount of daily conflict with normal family activities of the participants.
4. Practice sessions should be well planned, well structured and generally should not exceed two hours, excluding time for dressing and showering.
5. Coaches and managers must be the first to arrive and the last to leave practice sessions.
6. All equipment used in practice sessions shall be returned to its proper storage location at the end of each practice. The practice area must be policed and secure.
7. Upon completion of all afternoon classes, athletes are to take all needed items (coats, books, etc.) to the dressing room or their vehicles in order to avoid entering the hall areas after practice.
8. All practices are to be held on school days if at all possible. Saturday practices are to be discouraged. Sunday practices are only permissible under special circumstances and must have Head of School and School Board approval. Practices held during vacation days (Christmas break, Spring break, etc.) should take into account family commitments of the majority of team members, and should be scheduled with the Athletic Director.
9. In the event there is a scheduled early dismissal of school, after school practices will be cancelled. If emergency weather conditions result in an early dismissal or extended period of school closing, permission from the administration must be obtained before practices can be scheduled. It is recommended that these practices be at the varsity level only.

LCS INVOLVEMENT IN SECTIONAL PLAY

It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to instruct coaches prior to the beginning of the season regarding the criteria used for determining sectional play.

The objective of interscholastic athletics at Loudonville Christian School is captured in the wording on the cover page of the Athletic Handbook: “Aiming for Excellence.”

The Term “excellence” has several interrelated concepts including, but not limited to:

1. Bringing honor and glory to God through all aspects of our athletic program
2. Providing a positive image of athletics through Loudonville Christian School to the community
3. Striving to produce winning teams within the bounds of good sportsmanship and Christian witness
4. Creating a desire to succeed and excel
5. Providing an environment where student/athletes may learn skills whereby they may successfully encounter similar situations outside the athletic environment

Within this framework of excellence, Loudonville Christian School views athletic participation in sectional play as an incentive by which the five concepts above are to be obtained by all athletic teams.

Participation in sectional play is a decision made by the school through a committee chaired by the Head of School (Head of School, Principal, Athletic Director). Prior to confirming at the seeding meeting a commitment to participate in sectionals, this committee will meet to determine if participation in sectional play will be granted. The criteria used to determine sectional play will be determined by “yes or no” votes of the committee:

- Did the athletic team/coaching staff under consideration for sectional play bring honor and glory to God both on and off the court/field?
- Did the athletic team/coaching staff under consideration for sectional play provide a positive image of athletics through LCS to the community, both on and off the court/field?
- Did the athletic team/coaching staff under consideration for sectional play exhibit good sportsmanship and Christian witness on the court/field of play?
- Did the athletic team under consideration for sectional play have a minimum .500 win/loss record in league play?
- Did the athletic team/coaching staff under consideration for sectional play strive to create a desire to succeed and excel?

To compete at the sectional level, any athletic team must have a unanimous measurement of “yes” in all five criteria as determined by the committee. The committee also has the right to give permission to participate in sectional play when, as defined only by the committee, special circumstances arise.

The Athletic Director will communicate the decision of the committee to the athletic team and coaches.

SUNDAY PLAY

“LCS will not schedule any events that take place on Sundays, nor participate in any programs that regularly schedule events on Sunday. If a program whose schedule is not determined by LCS foresees a Sunday event on a non-regular occasion, all of the following conditions must be met for LCS to participate:

- The staff sponsor must notify the Head of School of the potential for a non-regular Sunday event as soon as it could reasonably know.
- The Head of School must give his/her approval based on consistent criteria as written in the LCS procedure manual.
- The staff sponsor must submit a written plan for how corporate worship will be made available for the LCS students and staff members planning to participate in the event.
- No student or staff **member** shall be obligated or compelled to participate in or attend a Sunday event. So that students and their families can choose ahead of time not to participate in a program that could include a non-regular Sunday event, every effort must be made by the staff sponsor to notify students and their families of the potential for Sunday participation prior to the beginning of a program for a given school year.”

ATHLETIC INJURIES

Injuries to athletes will occur in interscholastic athletics at all levels, regardless of the amount of precautions taken, such as safe playing conditions, proper coaching techniques, the best safety equipment and the required warnings of injury.

The Athletic Department will endeavor to cover all home games with proper medical personnel. In the event such personnel is not present, the coach in charge of the activity is to assume the responsibility. He/she must be prepared to recognize and properly administer first aid or refer injuries to the appropriate medical personnel.

No member of the coaching staff should overstep his/her bounds and attempt to diagnose or treat an injury. Since athletes are bound to have injuries, the coach must understand first aid and be ready to administer it. In addition to knowing what to do, he/she should know what not to do.

It is the responsibility of the coach of a team to have a complete first aid kit at every practice and contest. All necessary supplies are available from the Athletic Department.

When an athlete becomes injured during either a game or a practice, the coach will need to fill out an injury report form and turn it in to the Athletic Director or to the school office no later than 1 day after the incident. Injury report forms are located in the Athletic Director's office or in the school office.

WEIGHT ROOM USE

WEIGHT ROOM OBJECTIVES:

- A. To properly utilize the weight training facility in the best interest of all students.
- B. To provide adequate coaching technique in weight training.
- C. To provide program alternatives for specific results.
- D. To insure that the proper safety measures are being employed during all training sessions.
- E. To provide responsibility in the proper care of equipment.
- F. To make available opportunities for students to enjoy the benefits derived from a sound weight training program on a year-round basis.
- G. To attempt to reduce sport-connected injuries through well-developed conditioning.
- H. To help develop a program for self-improvement for all interested students, regardless of athletic affiliation (varsity, junior varsity, modified).
- I. To help students in sports-related skills that will aid them in their athletic performance.

WEIGHT ROOM RULES:

- A. Shirt and shoes are required at all times.
- B. Nobody is allowed in the weight room alone!
- C. All students must be under the supervision of the instructor assigned to the weight room.
- D. Lifters must work with a partner for heavy lifts.
- E. Replace all weights immediately following use.
- F. Know your limits! Work with the instructor in determining your limits.
- G. Do the lifts correctly. It is better to use lighter weights for correct lifting than heavier weights and run the risk of injury.
- H. Warm-up with proper stretching exercises.
- I. Remember, strength training is not only a supplement to other athletic programs, but also a highly skilled activity itself.
- J. Play appropriate music on the radio. Coaches must control the volume level so as not to disturb teams working out in the gymnasium.
- K. Students who are not working out should not be allowed in the weight room. Other students sitting and talking in the room may distract the lifters from their workouts.
- L. No food is allowed in the weight room unless necessary. Beverages should be properly disposed of after using the weight room.
- M. A clean weight room is a safer weight room.

PURCHASE PROCEDURE

1. All purchases for the Athletic Department must be approved by the Athletic Director. This includes items not only to be purchased from the regular budget, but also from the designated funds for each sport as well.
2. All purchases will be approved by the Head of School before the purchase order number will be issued.
3. When a coach finds it necessary to purchase an item for his/her sport, a description, including model numbers, price and other details must be turned in to the Athletic Director.
4. Items can only be purchased with an approved purchase order number. Any purchase outside these guidelines will not be honored. In other words: THANK YOU for personally buying the item for the program!
5. In general, the Main Office needs 24-hour notice for issuing purchase order and longer for issuing checks. Please plan accordingly.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

Loudonville Christian School shall provide transportation for all players, personnel and coaches of athletic teams in authorized school vehicles when the contest has been scheduled away from the school site.

Approved modes of transportation in priority order:

1. School Bus (large)
2. School Bus (medium)
3. Private Auto

Private automobiles can be used under the following stipulations:

1. Auto is driven by the coach or an adult approved by the Athletic Director.
2. Team members are strictly forbidden from transporting members of an athletic squad to a contest.
3. All athletes must present a "Release of Liability" signed by the parents permitting transportation by private auto.

All transportation for athletic teams is coordinated through the Athletic Director.

Procedures relative to the use of school vehicles:

1. The Athletic Director will construct and change, if necessary, the transportation departure times.
2. In the event of a breakdown or accident, it is the coach's responsibility to provide for the supervision and protection of the students. Coaches should remain with the students on the bus, and should arrange for calling the school and Athletic Director as soon as possible.
3. Under certain circumstances athletes may be excused from riding either to or from an athletic event on school-authorized transportation.
 - A. Travel release forms are available in the athletic office.
 - B. Parents must sign the sign-out sheet that every coach must have for every contest.
 - C. In no case will an athlete be allowed to ride home with a person under the age of 21.
4. A first aid kit must accompany all athletic trips and contain the emergency medical forms for each athlete.
5. A minimum of one coach must accompany the bus when a team is on the road.
 - A. The coach will assume all responsibility for the conduct and discipline on the bus, in conjunction with the driver.
 - B. It is recommended that athletes who miss the bus should not be allowed to start the game, or if the coach prefers, should not be allowed to play that game.

6. It is the responsibility of the coach and the team to see that the bus is left in a clean condition upon arrival back at LCS.
7. Only team members, coaches and team personnel will ride the team bus. Spectators will not be allowed to ride without previous approval from the Headmaster and/or Principal.
8. The coach must see to it that the locker room of the host school is left in a clean and orderly condition with no damage. Report any incidents involving team members to the Athletic Director as soon as possible.

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH PARENTAL CONCERNS

We believe God in His Word (Matthew 18:15-17) has outlined the proper procedure for such situations. The parent should set an appointment time with the coach to discuss the concern. The appointment should not infringe on the time of the responsibilities of the coach, nor his/her family time on weekends and in the evenings.

Concerns should not be dealt with on contest days.

If the concern still exists after a meeting, then the parent is encouraged to request an appointment with the Athletic Director and the coach. It is hoped that the concern will be eliminated at this level.

The procedure for parents to follow is to discuss their concern with the following school personnel in this order:

1. Coach
2. Coach with Athletic Director
3. Coach with Athletic Director and Principal
4. Head of School
5. School Board

At all times, Loudonville Christian School coaches should treat parents in a professional and respectful manner. If the parent approaches you during practice or a game, do not use that time to discuss the problem. Make an appointment for later. If a parent complains to you on the day of a contest, ask them again to make an appointment for later. It is important that all coaches follow this procedure in order for us to be consistent and fair to each other.

Please inform the Athletic Director immediately when you are aware of parental concerns so he can be prepared to deal with the problem if necessary.

GENERAL POST-SEASON COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Work with the Athletic Director on equipment and supplies to be ordered for the following year.
2. Inventory all equipment used for your sport immediately after the close of the season.
 - A. Head coaches will be responsible for the care, issuing and storage of athletic equipment and uniforms for their program.
 - B. The head coach shall provide to the Athletic Director an **EQUIPMENT-UNIFORM-CHECK OUT SHEET** showing the items issued to each team member at the start of each season. All uniforms shall be marked for permanent identification.
 - C. The head coach is responsible to make sure all these items are checked off as being turned in and in good condition, at the end of the season.
 - D. The head coach shall submit his/her athletic inventories to the athletic office within two weeks after the last contest.
 - E. The head coach shall notify the Athletic Director of any equipment needing repair.
 - F. The head coach shall have all equipment cleaned before storage.
 - G. The head coach shall notify the Athletic Director of any athlete(s) owing fines for lost or abused equipment/uniforms.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

The head coach of each sport shall be responsible for coordinating the awards format for his/her program at the Awards Banquet in the spring. The coach may choose to work with the parent support group or a group of selected parents in planning an end of season party.

1. The date of the end of season party shall be established as soon as possible when it is known when the season will conclude.
2. The head coach must inform the Athletic Director as to the date, time, location and type of party/ceremony.
3. It will be the responsibility of the head coach to inform the coaches and team personnel in their sports program of all details concerning the end of season gathering.
4. The head coach will extend a written invitation to each parent to attend the function. Let the Athletic Director know if you need typing/copying done on the invitations.
5. Since the Athletic Department is not in the banquet business, no athletic funds will be expended for any awards banquets/ceremonies, except for the authorized school awards presented.

Guidelines for Annual Awards Night:

2. Thank everyone who helped with your season.
3. Keep comments about the season brief and positive.
4. Make sure every player is introduced by name.
5. Comments about each player should be brief and positive.
6. Head Coach: do the talking for your team. You run the awards part of your program.
7. Do not announce captains for next year.
8. Unexcused, absent player - no comments, please.
9. There are parents in the audience who care only about their athlete. Play-by-play descriptions of a season make your presentation drag, and takes time away from honoring the teams.
10. Be positive - no excuses need to be made for anything.
11. Double check EVERYTHING: names, grade level, numbers, etc. People pick up on this.
12. Comments to avoid:
 - A. talking about the past players and/or coaches
 - B. predicting the future
 - C. recruiting for next year's team
 - D. talking about any other teams or schools on our level
 - E. if you plan to resign from your coaching position, please do not announce it at the awards banquet/ceremony

13. Please make it an honor for an athlete to get a varsity letter – something that is rather difficult to attain. Do not dilute the honor it should be to receive the varsity letter!
14. The school will not provide finances for trophies, plaques, etc., for the special award winners. If a coach wishes to give these for special awards, he/she must make his/her own arrangements for financing that purchase (except in the case of a Sectional or State Championship, in which case the Athletic Department will coordinate the purchase).
15. There is no reason for the ceremony to go over 2 hours.

2016-2017 EAGLES COACHING STAFF

Fall Sports

Soccer		
	Boys' Varsity	Head Coach - Phil Catchpole Assistant Coach - Phil Catchpole Sr.
	Boys' Modified	Dan Doak
	Girls' Varsity	Head Coach - Scott Rock Assistant Coach - Corey Johnson, Chad Thompson
	Girls' Modified	
Volleyball		
	Girls' Varsity	Head Coach - Stephanie Clauson Assistant Coach - Stacey Kasdorf
	Girls' Modified	
Golf		
		Head Coach - Carrie Hagwell

Winter Sports

Basketball		
	Boys' Varsity	Head Coach - Brian Johnson Assistant Coach - Nathanael Crachi
	Boys' Junior Varsity	Lyndrell Randle
	Boys' Modified	Dan Doak
	Girls' Varsity	Head Coach - Robert Scott Assistant Coach -Chris Litchfield
	Girls' Modified	Chris Litchfield

Spring Sports

Baseball		
	Boys' Varsity	Head Coach - Brian Johnson Assistant Coach -
	Boys' Modified	Dale Jackson
Softball		
	Girls' Varsity	Head Coach - Lew Makinson Assistant Coach - Gerry Pettograsso, Mary Skiff
	Girls' Modified	Brad Guenther

CHVL, SECTIONAL AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIPS

2002	GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	15-1
2003	BOYS' BASEBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	10-4
2004	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	16-0
2005	GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	18-0
2006	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	16-0
2007	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	15-1
2007	GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	14-2
2007	BOYS' BASKETBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	14-0
2007	BOYS' BASEBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	12-2
2007	BOYS' SOCCER: Central Hudson Valley League	10-1-1
2008	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	16-0
2008-09	BOYS' WRESTLING: Colonial Council	9-0
2009	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	12-0
2009-10	BOYS' WRESTLING: Colonial Council	9-0
2010	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	10-0
2010-11	BOYS' BASKETBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	11-3
2011	BOYS' BASEBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	12-1
2011	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	12-0
2012	GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	16-0
2012	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	12-0

2012-13	BOYS BASKETBALL - Central Hudson Valley League	14-0
2013	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	11-1
2014	GIRLS SOFTBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	14-2
2015	GIRLS SOFTBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	15-1
2015	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Central Hudson Valley League	11-1
2015	BOYS SOCCER: Central Hudson Valley League	10-2

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

2006	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SECTION 2 CLASS "D" CHAMPS
2007	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SECTION 2 CLASS "D" CHAMPS
2008-09	BOYS' WRESTLING SECTION 2 CLASS C/D
2009	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SECTION 2 CLASS "C"
2011	BOYS' BASEBALL SECTION 2 CLASS "D"

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

2006	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
2009	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
2011	BOYS' BASEBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2006	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT-3 rd PLACE
2008-09	BOYS' WRESTLING SATE TOURNAMENT-6 TH PLACE @ 135 lbs.
2009	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT-2 ND PLACE
2011	BOYS' BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT - 2 ND PLACE

SECTIONAL RUNNERS-UP

2001	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Section 2
2004	BOYS' BASKETBALL: Section 2
2006	BOYS' SOCCER: Section 2
2008	BOYS' SOCCER: Section 2
2008	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Section 2
2010	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Section 2
2010-11	BOYS BASKETBALL - Section 2
2011	GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Section 2
2012	GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Section 2
2012-13	BOYS BASKETBALL - Section 2
2014	GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Section 2
2015	GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Section 2
2015	BOYS' SOCCER: Section 2