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### **III. CODE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**Those students who choose to participate in athletics, co curricular activities, and other extracurricular activities are believed to have a very strong influence on both the members of the student body and the local community in general. Students who participate in any of these activities or functions are highly visible and are viewed by many as the public image of Lanier County Schools. As such, their conduct should form both the model and standard for behavior. In exchange for the many benefits and advantages afforded to those who participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities, students have an obligation to exhibit moral and responsible conduct and to present themselves in such a manner as to not discredit their school, family, community, coach, advisor, team, club, group, or themselves.**

1. Responsibility to Yourself – To become successful as an athlete you will be challenged to maintain high physical, emotional, mental, and academic standards. Self Discipline, a full effort, a positive attitude, and a strong respect for self and for authority will help you achieve these goals.

2. Responsibility to Your Team – As a team member, your teammates will look to you for leadership,

requiring you to put forth your best effort and attitude at all times. Athletic awards are intended to be worn with pride and dignity, and to promote a positive image for the team.

3. Responsibility to Family & Friends – As an athlete, expectations will increase even among family

members. Your family will look to you for strength of character and as a role model for siblings and family friends. Athletic participation will be difficult without the encouragement of your family and friends. It is the responsibility of every athlete to show appreciation for those who invest in your participation through their support.

4. Responsibility to Your School – As an athlete, you are a representative of your school at all times.

Your conduct and attitudes should reflect the very best that Lanier County High School/Lanier County Middle School has to offer. This position is a privilege and should be regarded with honor.

5. Responsibility to Your Community – As an athlete, your community takes pride in you and your team and will view you as a role model for younger students. It will become your responsibility to set a good example for upcoming athletes and to contribute positively to the community.

#### **IV. COACHES CODE OF ETHICS**

1. The coach must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the education of the student athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with the student athlete, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
3. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
4. The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
5. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the contest rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators, working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.
7. Contest officials shall have the respect and support of each coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
8. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
9. A coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student athletes special consideration.
10. It is unethical for coaches to scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.
11. The coach will consider the well being of the team as fundamental in all decisions and actions.
12. The coach will cooperate with the staff and school administration in establishing, implementing and supporting school policies.
13. The coach will fulfill professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity, and uphold the

honor of the profession in all relations with students, colleagues, coaches, administrators and the general public.

14. The coach must be able to develop good rapport with any number of individuals and groups: team personnel, the student body, the professional staff (faculty, administration, maintenance, etc.,) the community as a whole, spectators, officials, fellow coaches in the region, media representatives and the parents of his/her players. Good rapport and an image of competency are invaluable for the coach.

15. Diligence, enthusiasm, honesty and a love for the game are all part of a professional pride that should be exhibited by any coach. Personal appearance, dress, and physical condition – all should be exemplary. Dressing appropriately for practice, following practice schedules and building positive attitudes are very important.

16. Every facet of discipline is the coach's responsibility. Individually, the coach becomes a model of all that the program represents – observation of school codes, training rules, rules of the game, ideals of good sportsmanship, behavior of participants throughout the season (at home and away) and the conduct of the crowd (especially where the student body is concerned). Desire to do well; to win well, to lose well, should be emphasized. Staff, players and spectators should be motivated toward established goals.

17. A coach owes his/her school his/her efforts and loyalty at all times. He/she must constantly strive for excellence in all areas of his/her school. To be effective, a coach must be respected. To be respected, good personal habits and neat appearance are important; but most important are the examples set by the coach.

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Being respected is much more important than being well liked. Treat the faculty, the players, and the general students with the same honor and respect that you desire to be shown you. Private, firm, fair and consistent discipline must be maintained.

## **V. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Academic Requirements**

#### ***A. Lanier County High School***

All high school student athletes must pass a minimum of three (3) units toward graduation the immediately preceding semester in order to be eligible, as required by the Georgia High School Athletic Association (GHSA).

- First Grading Period – All incoming freshmen are eligible for the first semester. Eligibility for all other students is determined by the last semester grading period of the preceding year and commences with the start of the fall sports season.
- Subsequent Grading Periods – Changes of eligibility will be based on the immediately