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LHCS Statement of Purpose

We believe it is our responsibility as Christians to raise children in the light of God's Word. The education of children must be Christ-centered, equipping them to become responsive disciples of Christ who seek the will of the Lord in all aspects of life.

LHCS Mission Statement

Kitchener-Waterloo Christian School Society advances dynamic, excellent Christ-centered education through unconstrained facilities, exceptional programs, and extensive resources that cultivate responsive disciples of Christ.

LHCS Vision Statement

As a diverse community, Kitchener Waterloo Christian School Society intentionally engages God's world, locally and globally, through distinctive educational programming, strategic partnerships and sustainable growth.

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Policy 713 – School Team Policy

LHCS school teams exist to provide students with the chance to compete as individuals or as part of a team in an organized, structured setting against other schools. School teams must further the purpose, vision and mission of the K-W Christian School Society.

Policy Statements

- LHCS school team participation is an extra curricular activity.
- Participation is voluntary and not associated with class credit or grade.
- Participation is a privilege that can be lost or regained as a result of individual choices and behaviour.
- A student may be temporarily or permanently denied participation for behavioural or academic reasons.
- All LHCS school teams must have a staff representative.
- All coaches are expected to adhere to the standards of Schedule N of the LHCS standard contract.
- All coaches need to adhere to the LHCS Employee/Volunteer Reference Check Policy.
- Practices for sports teams take place at the discretion of the coach.
- Coaches may not practice more than twice a week after or before school.
- Students are responsible for catching up any missed work at the discretion of the teachers. Participating in sports does not excuse them from school assignments.

- The selection of the team is left to the discretion of the coach(es).
- All students from the grade levels of the players selected for the team must be given a chance to try out. (If a coach wishes to include a grade 6 student on his/her team, all grade 6 students must be given a chance to try out. Note- this policy applies only to team sports, as cross country and track and field are age restricted in categories.)
- There will be a minimum of two tryouts before a team is selected.

Procedure and Guideline Statements

- Students participating on LHCS school teams are expected to conduct themselves in an acceptable and appropriate manor while participating in school athletic events. This includes during practice sessions at school and during games and tournaments at other locations. All school rules with respect to language, dress, behaviour, respect for others, respect for property, etc. apply in these occasions.
- Coaches of athletic teams may be staff members, parents, or community volunteers. The staff representative does not have to be involved in the coaching, but needs to be present at practices and games.
- Coaches are also to be held accountable for their behaviour. They are role models and their treatment of their own players, opposing coaches and players, officials and tournament organizers needs to be consistent with LHCS expectations for its staff.
- Students who are selected for teams are expected to attend all practices and games. If a student is unable to attend for whatever reason, it is courtesy to inform the coach ahead of time.
- Coaches should try to select as many people as possible for their team to encourage maximum participation.
- It is the individual coach's decision to choose what grades are allowed to try out for that particular team. Note- this varies from year to year depending on class sizes and ability.
- Coaches are encouraged to select players not only on the basis of talent, but also on characteristics like citizenship and attitude.
- Distribution of playing time is at the coach's discretion, but coaches are encouraged to give as many people a chance as possible. Coaches should communicate with players ahead of time about their "status" on the team and expected amount of playing time during games.