

The Parents' Pledge

Philosophy of the Southern Lehigh Athletic Program

The Athletic Program at Southern Lehigh is an integral part of the total educational program. The goal is to give student-athletes the opportunity to develop their athletic skills and the qualities needed to make a positive contribution to society. Everyone involved in the Athletic Program should have a sincere belief in the value of athletics and be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to influence the lives of others in a positive way. This is only possible if our main purpose is to help student-athletes understand the importance of the following:

1. Accepting responsibility.
2. Dedicating themselves to a set of beliefs and goals.
3. Developing team unity and pride.
4. Accepting discipline.
5. Associating and with working with others.
6. Learning to deal with success and failure.
7. Achieving their full potential.
8. Developing good sportsmanship.

Parent/Student-Athlete/ Coach Relationship

Communication you should expect from your child's coach:

1. Upon request, expectations the coach has for your child.
2. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
3. Team requirements (i.e., practices, special equipment, conditioning exercises).
4. Upon request, disciplinary actions that may result in the denial of your child's privilege to participate.

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Advance notice of any situations that may hinder participation in practice and/or games.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. Treatment of your child.
2. Improving your child's athletic performance.
3. Educational performance related to Athletic Eligibility.

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- To assure that my child will attend all scheduled practices and contests.
- To require my child to abide by the Student Code of Conduct.
- To acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.
- To promote mature behavior (i.e., appropriate language, no abusive/abrasive language directed toward officials, opposing players, coaches, or parents) during athletic contests.
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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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