

# LADY DRAGON LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

All student athletes are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Lady Dragon Lacrosse ("LDL") program. The LDL Board and its coaches view participation in LDL activities, games and events as a privilege, not a right. Therefore, the LDL Board has established a code of conduct which will provide a framework for consideration of issues brought before its Disciplinary Committee (the "Committee") relating to questionable conduct that occurs during LDL activities and outside LDL activities during the season. The season is defined as beginning the first day of practice and extending until the final game of the season, including playoffs, or the End of the Year Banquet, whichever is later. Further, if a student participates in a team off-season under the name of Lady Dragon Lacrosse or represents Lady Dragon Lacrosse, the student is subject to all of the Code of Conduct provisions for the preceding season. Violations of this code that might be cause for disciplinary action include any actions that would reflect negatively upon LDL. Violations are categorized into two (2) tiers as described below:

## Tier One Violation

If, after review by the Disciplinary Committee, evidence indicates that a student athlete is clearly involved in major disciplinary infractions, including but not limited to use or sale of drugs, use of alcohol, violent behavior, or any other illegal offense, the student will be suspended from participation in any LDL activities. Evidence must be presented in one of the following forms:

- Personal Confession
- A report from a law enforcement agency
- Direct observation by an LDL official, including but not limited to coaches

When evidence is presented to the LDL Disciplinary Committee the following penalties are possible:

- First Offense: Suspension from LDL activities for 30 school days
- Second Offense: Suspension from LDL activities for 60 school days
- Third Offense: Removal from the LDL program for the remainder of the season

No refund will be made of any portion of fees paid for students suspended or removed. If a student turns herself in, confessing her misconduct on the first or second offense, her penalty duration will be reduced by half (e.g., a 30 day suspension would be reduced to 15 days). In order for the reduction in penalty to occur, the student must report her own misconduct prior to any report(s) being received by LDL.

## Tier Two Violation

Certain types of conduct, while not illegal, will result in the student's referral to the LDL Disciplinary Committee for review. The Committee will use its discretion to establish consequences for these actions. Penalties ranging from a one game suspension to suspension from LDL activities for 30 days are available to the Committee. A repeat of a Tier Two Violation will automatically move the student to the "Second Offense" penalty indicated in the Tier One Violation category. Infractions falling into the Tier Two category include but are not limited to:

- Verbal abuse of any coach, player, parent or official
- Fighting or unruly behavior
- Tampering with or vandalizing personal property
- Unexcused or excessive absences from scheduled practices or games
- Any conduct which reflects negatively upon LDL or CISD Students who are suspended and/or attending Alternative Education Placement while in school may not participate in LDL activities.

As with all disciplinary guidelines, these rules are not all inclusive. Should some behavior occur which is not mentioned in the rules stated above, the LDL Board of Directors and the LDL coaches will use their best judgment as advised by the Disciplinary Committee of the LDL to implement reasonable consequences.