

# University Lake School

## Athletic Code

### Mission Statement

The extracurricular athletic program at University Lake School is provided as part of the student's educational experience. This code is intended to clarify guidelines and expectations for the student to assist in their growth and maturation.

### I. Affiliations and Athletic Offerings

University Lake School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and has agreed to abide by its policies and participate in the WIAA state tournament series when appropriate. University Lake School is a member of the Indian Trails Conference for men's soccer, women's volleyball, and men's and women's basketball. ULS participates in an independent WIAA schedule for co-ed golf, co-ed tennis and co-ed cross-country. ULS participates in the Wisconsin High School Field Hockey Association for women's field hockey. ULS will cooperatively offer athletic opportunities for women's soccer, men's soccer, co-ed ice hockey, co-ed swimming and co-ed skiing in order to pool resources to benefit the students of the schools involved.

Directions and the most current schedules can be found on the ULS website. Any changes or cancellations are communicated to the athletes and coaches at the earliest possible time.

### II. Athletic Code

#### 1. The Athlete:

The student-athlete respects him/herself and understands that their responsibility to the team extends to keeping in condition to compete mentally and physically.

#### 2. The Athlete and the School:

The student-athlete, having accepted a position on the team assumes the responsibility of representing the team in the community. Criticism of any sort needs to be productive and handled in a mature

manner. The athlete is loyal to the team. The school relies on the athlete's commitment to participate in its scheduling and to fulfill contracts with other schools. An ambassador in the school and beyond, the athlete sets an example by personal conduct and holds the respect of teammates, fellow students, coaches and teachers. The student-athlete strives to fulfill high academic standards.

#### 3. The Athlete and the Community:

The student-athlete recognizes that they portray the image of ULS on and off the field to those in and beyond the school community: competitors, spectators and officials. Showing compliance with school and community rules is an aspect of the student-athlete's school life.

### III. Athletic Rules

#### 1. Equipment:

The student-athlete is responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to them. Any lost or damaged equipment will be billed to the student. Transcripts and applications will be held until all accounts have been paid. All equipment should be returned to the coach or athletic director the school day after the final contest of the season.

#### 2. Practices, Games and Events:

The student-athlete is expected to attend all team events (practices, games, etc.) unless the athlete is excused by the coach. Because of the importance of attending classes, absence from ANY PART OF THE SCHOOL DAY prevents an athlete from participating in any team event on that day; exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the Athletic Director, Upper School Head or The Head of School.

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### III. Athletic Rules (cont'd.)

#### 3. Dropping a Sport:

The student-athlete wishing to withdraw from participating in an extracurricular athletic opportunity must notify the Athletic Director, coach and their parent/guardian of their decision.

#### 4. Team Rules:

The coach may establish rules in addition to those set by the WIAA and other affiliated organizations. The rules will be written and distributed to the athletes and families.

#### 5. Transportation:

When a team takes a school provided bus to an athletic event, students are expected to ride the bus to and from the event. A student may ride home with his/her parent ONLY when personal contact from that parent has been made with the coach. In the event a student needs to drive to athletic event, a permission form will need to be completed and on file with the coach.

#### 6. Violations:

The student-athlete is expected to comply with all school and civil rules. The first violation of a major rule (see school handbook) will result in a minimum of a one game suspension. However, each case will be reviewed by the Athletic Director and the Upper School Head and could result in more severe sanctions.

#### 7. Eligibility:

In order to participate, the ULS athlete MUST have the completed paperwork on file:

- A current physical
- WIAA eligibility bulletin
- ULS Athletic Code
- Emergency information
- Parental Sportsmanship Oath
- Fulfill all other school eligibility requirements

#### 8. Academic Eligibility:

**Probationary:** A student-athlete with either one grade of "F" or two grades of "D" is placed on both academic and athletic probation. A review meeting with the division head, parent/guardian and student will be held in which a student's participation in athletics will be subject to the overall program instituted to improve the student's academic performance.

**Ineligible:** A student-athlete with more than one grade "F" and/or more than two grades of "D" is automatically ineligible to participate in athletics. A student's athletic eligibility can be restored only by demonstrating academic improvement as defined by the WIAA and with permission from the Head of School.

#### Signatures:

**Student:** I understand and agree to the terms and spirit of the ULS athletic code:

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**Parent:** I understand and agree to the terms and spirit of the ULS athletic code:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_