

# **LHSAA Eligibility Requirements**

Please read the following summary of the rules of eligibility. You must acknowledge that your child meets all the requirements below. Any athlete not meeting any of the requirements may ask for an exemption by submitting a written explanation to the LHSAA board for approval.

- 1. Child has not received a high school diploma or GED.
- 2. Must be 18 or younger as of August 1st of the applicable school year. (Meaning can turn 19 after August 1<sup>st</sup>)
- 3. Does not attend any school full-time (public or private).
- 4. Meets the general guidelines associated with home schooling:
  - \* Has informed the governing City or County public education authority of intention to provide home instruction, or
  - \* Is homeschooling under religious exemption per Virginia state law
- 5. Has not been expelled from any school system or program in the past year.
- 6. Has received a sports physical in the last 2 years.



# Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in LHSAA's athletics/sports program and related events and activities,

- 1. I/we agree that the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant that prior to participating he or she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant believes anything is unsafe, he/she should immediately advise his or her coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
- 2. I/we acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk or serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inaction, or negligence, but the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
- 3. I/we assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent total disability or death.
- 4. I/we release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue LHSAA, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and other employees of the organization, other members/participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors or premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases" from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.



### **Media Consent and Release Form**

I hereby authorize the Lynchburg Patriots, and its partners, agents, representatives, assigns, successors in interest and licensees, to photograph, audiotape, and/or videotape my child participating in the Organization and grant the Organization and its partners the irrevocable right to use my photograph, audio recording, video recording, or any reproduction or modification thereof (the "Photograph," "Audio," and/or "Video"), in any manner or medium throughout the world an unlimited number of times in perpetuity in advertising, trade, promotion, exhibition, or any other lawful purpose.

I understand that I will not receive any monetary compensation for the permissions I am granting herein. I hereby waive any right of inspection of approval of the uses to which the Organization may put the Photograph, Audio, and/or Video. I acknowledge the Organization will rely on this permission and hereby release and discharge the Organization from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the Photograph or the exercise of the permissions granted here, including any or all claims for libel, invasion of privacy, or emotional distress.

I understand that I cannot withdraw my consent after I sign this form and that this consent and release is binding on me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.



### **Code of Conduct**

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a member of this organization, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the organization and its participants. The essential elements in this Code of Conduct are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our organization can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to our sport and community.

The following essential elements of the Code of Conduct must be followed:

- 1. Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- 2. The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- 3. The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- 4. Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- 5. Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates.
- 6. Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the organization should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
- 7. Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.



# **Code of Conduct (continued)**

- 8. Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc., have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.
- 9. Additionally, LHSAA is a Christian organization and as such seeks to provide godly Christian coaches, biblical instruction and operate according to biblical principles as it understands them. It is not required that athletes or parents profess Christian faith to participate but they must understand, expect and respect that the organization will operate in this manner. Families or players exhibiting outward behavior and/or communication that, in the judgment of LHSAA leadership, negatively affects the organization in any way could be subject to disciplinary action including removal from the activities of the organization.