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## **POLICY GOVERNING CONDUCT AT ATHLETIC CONTESTS**

The following policies shall govern student athlete behavior and crowd control during athletics contests at Lock Haven University.

**Policy on Student Athlete Behavior:** Student athletes competing in athletics at Lock Haven University shall be subject to all policies and regulations of the University, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Conference affiliations (PSAC, A-10, MAC), the City of Lock Haven and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as they pertain to conduct.

Athletics administrators, coaches and student athletes have the responsibility to model appropriate sportsmanlike behavior before, during and after intercollegiate athletic competitions.

If an athletics administrator, coach or student athlete violates any policy or regulation of the University, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Conference affiliation (PSAC, A-10, MAC), the City of Lock Haven or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, they may be subject to disciplinary action.

In any and all situations, the University reserves the right to take disciplinary action in accordance with the University's Student Rights and Responsibilities procedures.

**Crowd Control Procedures:** Individuals attending athletic events at Lock Haven University shall be subject to all policies and regulations of the University, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Conference affiliation (PSAC, A-10, MAC), the City of Lock Haven and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as they pertain to personal conduct.

Coaches, officials, athletics administrators and Public Safety officers shall take all precautions to prevent altercations and/or acts of disorderly behavior.

Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams. Athletics administrators shall make public address announcements or undertake preliminary intervention, as necessary, to prevent incidents from occurring.

Public Safety officers and athletics administrators shall enforce all crowd control procedures. Public Safety officers in attendance at home events in all sports shall position themselves in an area visible to players and spectators.

Public Safety officers shall anticipate problems and move to prevent them. They shall respond to specific requests from officials and/or athletics administrators.

The number of officers present at events shall be determined jointly by Public Safety and athletics administrators.

At the end of contests, and at halftime of contests, Public Safety officers shall ensure the safe transit of officials and visiting team(s) from the competition area to the locker room area. In the event that Public Safety officers are not in attendance, athletic administration will escort officials.

*\*This policy has been in existence for many years prior to 2010 with an exact date unknown. We are using 2010 as a default original and/or update date.*