

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

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

**Policy on Players' Behavior.** Players competing in athletics events at Lock Haven University shall be subject to all policies and regulations of the University, the City of Lock Haven and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as they pertain to personal conduct.

Athletics administrators and coaches have the responsibility to set the tone for appropriate and responsible behavior expected of players and team personnel in intercollegiate athletics at Lock Haven University.

**Players on the bench:** If a fight breaks out and a player leaves the bench area to participate in the fight, he/she shall be immediately suspended from participation for the duration of that contest and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

**Players on the court/field:** A player who has been determined (a) to have provoked or initiated a fight, or (b) to have used more force or action than necessary to protect himself/herself during a fight, will be suspended from participating in the team's next contest.

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 athletics events at Lock Haven University shall be subject to all policies and regulations of the University, 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. Officers in attendance at home events in all sports shall position themselves in an area visible to players and spectators.

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, based on expected crowd size.

At the end of contests, and at halftime of football, soccer and basketball contests, Public Safety officers shall ensure the safe transit of officials and visiting team from the playing area to the locker room area.