



BEN LIPPEN ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

**Students and Parents
2025-2026**

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Message from Athletic Director



We are honored to be able to serve our students and parents at Ben Lippen School. We thank you as a parent for allowing your student-athlete to participate in our athletic program. Our Athletic Department is committed to honoring the Lord in a positive Christian atmosphere where our students work with qualified coaches who have an enthusiastic passion for striving to be the best! We believe and follow the scripture teaching of the Apostle Paul who wrote,

“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord” -Colossians 3:23

Our Athletic Administration Team are focused and committed to improving and expanding our athletic program into a new era of athletic excellence. We always look forward to serving our parents and players.

Our team is always striving to provide the following for our student-athletes:

- A safe and exciting environment.
- Timely and relevant information regarding our programs.
- Dynamic coaching instruction from Christian coaches who also care about their players.
- Positive media promotion of our student-athletes.
- Training equipment and uniforms that help our teams become champions.
- The very best competition and training venues.

If you are new to our area and want more information about Ben Lippen School, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are already a parent or player involved in our Falcon athletic programs then we thank you for your continued commitment to our vision of excellence. Please let us always know how we can better serve you, and

GO FALCONS!



Ben Lippen School Athletic Philosophy

What We Believe

We believe that the principles and lessons learned in the classroom, at home, and through the local church can be put into practice through athletics. Athletics allows the student to develop and pursue his or her God-given ability to glorify God. Because the arena of competition is usually surrounded by pressure, the athlete is tested and true character is revealed. Consequently, the opportunity for character growth readily presents itself. Interscholastic Athletics is an integral part of the total educational process. A large part of our philosophy is how we define “Winning” at Ben Lippen school. We believe that in order for us to say we have a “Win” overall, we must first get a win in three different areas:

- 1. Win on the Scoreboard.** We want to produce athletes that compete at the highest levels with mental toughness, discipline, intestinal fortitude, and unwavering sportsmanship. Our goal is to win every game, every time. God demands our very best.
- 2. Win in Life.** What will our athletes look like 20 years from now when they are sitting around the dinner table with their families? Have we produced adults that are leading their families well, willing to fight for their marriages, and standing up for what is right? Do they show up to work early, work till the job is done, and do it all with integrity?
- 3. Win Spiritually.** Have we helped each of our athletes take their next step to the Cross? Their first step could be the one of salvation or maybe they’ve been following Jesus for a while and we are able to help them mature in their faith. When we get to Heaven, have we done everything we can to point them to Jesus. Will we see them there? There is no greater calling than this.

If we as coaches and a department can say we have a “Win” in each of these areas, then we have “Won”. Everything we do, every goal we make, every practice and game plan we write will be filtered through these lenses. Nothing is added to our Athletic Department Strategic Plan that does not help us achieve a “Win”.

Our Commitment to Excellence

We believe as Christians we are commanded by Scripture always to do our best. As believers, we are not to waste the talent God has given us by giving anything less than total commitment, thorough participation, and maximum effort. Becoming the best may not always be the result of our athletic program, however doing our best must be!

Role Model Coaches

Because of our commitment to excellence, coaches at Ben Lippen become one of the most significant components of our athletic program. They have the responsibility to model Christ-like attitudes, behaviors, and desires for our students-athletes, while under pressure themselves. One of the coach’s most pivotal roles is to work with athletes whose character, revealed under pressure, needs to become more Christ-like. The coach should use teachable moments that a team or individual face to impart biblical principles. Coaches have great responsibilities, but also great opportunities, to mold young lives for Christ.

The Ben Lippen Athlete

We believe all Ben Lippen athletes should learn to be diligent in preparation, relentless in effort, disciplined, respectful in actions, self-controlled with words, humble in spirit and aggressive in pursuit of excellence. As Christian athletes display these characteristics, God is glorified no matter what the outcome of the game.

The Bottom Line

In order for the Ben Lippen athletic program to be successful, we must equip our student-athletes for their real test: Life as a follower of Christ.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Ben Lippen School admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program, athletic or other school-administered programs.



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Amendments to (SCISA) Constitution

ARTICLE VI: Eligibility Rules: Student

SECTION I. Academic Requirements

Athletic and Co-Curricular Eligibility

- Athletes must pass five (5) courses each quarter AND maintain a 2.0 quarter GPA (70 average for students in Grades 5-8) to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities.
- Any courses taken during the summer must be approved by the administration. A maximum of two summer school courses may be used for athletic eligibility purposes.
- Academic status for athletes will be evaluated at each nine-week grading period. All athletes must have a 2.0 grade point average during the grading period being evaluated.
- Athletes who have a 2.0 grade point average but have a failing grade in individual subjects will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the athletic director and the principal.
- Athletes will be suspended from all games (including pep rallies for cheerleaders) if their average is below a 2.0. Athletes placed on suspension will be re-evaluated five weeks from the first day of the quarter.

SECTION II: Age Requirements

- A student is INELIGIBLE to participate in athletics if his/her 19th birthday is before July 1, 2024.
- **Junior Varsity:** In order to participate in junior varsity athletics a student must not have reached his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday before July 1, 2024.
- **Middle School:** In order to participate in Middle School athletics a student must not have reached his/her fifteenth (15th) birthday before July 1, 2024.
- **Exception: Middle School Football:** In order to participate in Middle School athletics a student must not have reached his/her fifteenth (15th) birthday before July 1, 2024.
Exception: Middle School Football: In order to participate in Middle School Football a student must not have reached his/her fourteenth (14th) birthday before July 1, 2024.

SECTION III: Grade Level

- Because Ben Lippen School offers a variety of boys and girls sports, guidelines have been identified that will be used by the coaching staff and the athletic director to determine if a player should compete at a higher level. These guidelines include: skill, the makeup of the teams involved, and the physical and emotional maturity of the player.
- Coaches and parents must carefully evaluate the skill level and physical and emotional competitiveness of an athlete below the ninth grade before permitting participation on a varsity team. Factors that will be used in this evaluation are:
 - Physical maturity to handle play at a higher level.
 - Emotional maturity to handle the pressure on and off the field.
 - Social maturity to handle locker room environments.

To view SCISA Constitution, go to www.scisa.org.



Athletics Handbook

Academic Elective PE Credit

An athlete will receive one-half of one elective physical education credit if:

- He or she participates in three or more sport seasons of the same junior varsity and/or varsity sports in grades 9-12.
- He or she participates in two sport seasons of two different junior varsity and/or varsity sports in grades 9-12.

An athlete will receive one full elective physical education credit if:

- He or she participates in four seasons of two different junior varsity and/or varsity sports.

Admissions to Athletic Events

Ben Lippen is a member of SCISA Athletics and we compete in the AAAA division. Admission will be charged to all MS, JV, and Varsity events both Home and Away. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time for Home events by visiting our [athletics website](#).

You can also purchase season and year long passes for admission to all games. Ben Lippen Students and Staff are admitted free to all home events, with the exception of any hosted Playoff Events.

Admission amounts are as follows:

- Varsity Games: \$10/Adult and \$5/Student Ages 5+
- JV Games: \$10/Adult and \$5/Student Ages 5+
- MS Games: \$6/Adult and \$4/Student Ages 5+

Alerts

Last minute Game changes are inevitable. Please visit www.benlippensports.com to sign up for your student athlete's sport specific alerts and you will receive notification of any changes with less than 24 hours of notice. These changes are also posted on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Apparel

All apparel (t-shirts, sweatshirts, warm-ups) that will be worn as team apparel must be coordinated by the coach and approved by the athletic director. This includes color as well as slogans used.

Player packs may be required for team members and are determined by the Head Coach. All fees will be charged to your FACTS account. Some sports will incur additional fees. Maximum player pack amounts are as follows:

Varsity team members: \$150

JV team members: \$125

MS team members: \$75

Students are certainly allowed to spend more on their own team shop but those purchases are optional and not mandatory.



Awards

Athletic End-of-the-Year Awards

Each year the Athletic Department presents seven major awards. These awards are presented at our Athletic Banquet in May of each year. Invitations for award recipients are sent to parents the first week in May.

Academic Award – Female and Male

This award is presented to the female and male senior with the highest cumulative grade point average. Recognizing the huge time commitment involved in balancing academics and athletics, this award is given to an athlete that has participated in two varsity sports during his/her senior year.

Athlete of the Year – Female and Male

This award is presented to the female and male athlete for participation in at least two sport seasons: fall, winter, and spring. Post-season awards figure highly into the selection for this award. The post season awards we recognize are individual team awards, The All Area Team selected by The State newspaper, The All Region Team selected by the schools in the Region, the All State Team selected by the Coaches' Association and participation in State All Star Games. Students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Gail Councill Award and the Patterson Award

The most prestigious senior athletic awards presented each year are the Gail Councill Award to a female senior athlete and the Patterson Award to the male senior athlete.

These awards are given to a female and male senior athlete for participation in athletics from their 9th through 12th grade. Athletes that receive these awards are the best representation of what we hope Ben Lippen's Athletic Department produces.

Bill Currier Award

Ben Lippen's most prestigious Athletic Department Award Bill Currier Award. This award is given to a varsity athlete each year who exemplifies all three of Ben Lippen Athletic Department's WIN categories. Character, leadership, athletic ability and post season awards and achievements are all used to determine the recipient of this award. The Athlete chosen to receive this award can be male or female and all Varsity athletes are taken into consideration.



Discipline

Conflict Resolution

1. Commit the situation to prayer, seeking God's direction in dealing with the situation.
2. Go directly to the person involved (Matthew 18:15-17).
3. If resolution does not occur, take your concerns to the next level. The Athletic Department will not entertain most matters unless a meeting with the primary coach has taken place.
4. Support is expected. Well-placed criticism given privately to a coach is welcome.

Late to Practice and Games

Definition of an unexcused lateness or absence – and lateness or absence that the coach is not made aware of prior to its happening. Also, any situation based on the coach's discretion that is not excusable.

Definition of an excused lateness or absence: Any situation brought to the coach's attention prior to its happening in which the coach verbally tells the athlete (in person or over the phone) that it is acceptable that he/she miss the practice/game or allows the athlete to come late to the practice/game.

Excused absences or lateness include the following:

- Illness accompanied with a note from the parents (with a doctor's excuse when possible)
- Family emergencies
- Other conflicts brought to the coach's attention before they occur

Important Note: All excused situations are up to the coach's discretion. An athlete may come to the coach with proper motives and with proper timing, but the coach always maintains the right to make the final decision.

Any athlete receiving academic help after school is excused until 4 p.m. from practice with a note from his/her teacher. This should be an occasional occurrence only. Missing practice on a regular basis, although excused, may affect your playing time.

Suspensions

No athlete may participate in an athletic event on the day he/she is suspended, nor may he/she attend any Ben Lippen athletic activity without administrative permission.

Player Conduct

Foul language or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Athletes will be removed from the contest and remain on the bench at the coach's discretion based on the seriousness of the offense. Continual abuse of this policy will result in missed games and eventual dismissal from the team.

Any student athlete who confronts a coach or official with disrespect including but not limited to profanity, argumentative language or gestures, will be subject to dismissal from a team. Each case will be handled on an individual basis as to the severity of the actions.

Any Ben Lippen student athlete is expected to adhere to the code of conduct on social media platforms.

Technical Foul/Cautions/Ejections

Any athlete receiving a conduct technical foul in basketball, a caution in soccer (yellow card), a caution in volleyball (yellow card), or a verbal caution in baseball or softball will immediately be removed from the contest and will remain out of the contest for a period deemed necessary by the head coach. Any basketball, volleyball, softball or baseball player receiving a caution or conduct technical in two consecutive contests will be removed for the remainder of that contest and be suspended from the next scheduled contest.

If at the discretion of the principal, the athletic director or the head coach, an athlete's play or attitude is contrary to the direction of the athletic program of Ben Lippen School, he/she may be removed from a team. A parent conference will precede this action.



Discipline (cont'd)

According to SCISA rules, if a player is ejected from a contest, they are ineligible to participate in the next contest.

Internal Handling of Discipline Issues

- When questions or problems arise, please follow the chain of command below:
 - Coach, Head Coach, Program Director, Athletic Director
- Please refrain from talking to other parents about a problem; it is divisive and not unifying. If a problem persists, then make an appointment to speak to the principal, coach, or responsible party present.
- Situations/issues, which occur during the school day involving behavioral/disciplinary action, are to be handled by the principal. Should the situation involve athletes the coach will be informed on an as-needed basis, as determined by the principal.
- The principal and coach agree to communicate with each other regarding their awareness of situations/issues, which have occurred in the other person's arena of responsibility. These situations/issues require the attention of the principal or coach and may include behavioral/disciplinary action be taken.
- There are certain after-school situations that may require the involvement of the principal; primarily serious, or repetitive, behavioral issues (i.e. threatening behavior/drug use, etc.) Because the principal is responsible for the student-athletes under his/her care, he/she has the authority in these situations to apply the required disciplinary consequences.
- The athletic director does not expect coaches to discipline athletes for misbehavior, which took place during school hours, nor does school administration administer discipline for misbehavior, which occurs after school within the context of the team activities. The principal and athletic director will make exceptions when necessary.
- The principal has the responsibility and authority to place students on Behavioral and/or Academic Probation as necessary. The Athletic Department will be informed regarding athletes who are placed on probation as well as the stipulations of the probation (i.e. suspended from participation in practice and/or games).



Fundraising-Locker Room Etiquette

Fundraising

Fundraising for any team must be coordinated through Ben Lippen School's Athletic Department.

General Rules for Players

1. All players are required to attend all practices and games unless given prior permission to miss by the coach.
2. Players are to attend all end-of-the-year activities. Players who do not attend may forfeit individual awards.
3. Players are to follow team dress standards established by the coach.
4. Players are responsible for the proper care and return of uniforms. Players will be charged for damaged or lost uniforms or equipment.
5. If a player requires academic help after school at a time, which would make him/her late to practice, he/she must receive prior permission from the coach and bring a note from the teacher who provided the academic help.

Insurance

Each family is responsible for providing their own health insurance.

Each student is covered by a catastrophic policy with a \$25,000 deductible. This is provided through SCISA, paid for by Ben Lippen School.

Lettering

Requirement for receiving a varsity letter: An athlete must play on a varsity team for the entirety of the season. First-time lettermen receive a pin representing their sport at their end-of-the-season awards banquet. After their banquet, these first time lettermen may pick up their BL Letter from the athletic department. Subsequently, each year an athlete letters in the same sport, he/she will receive a bar.

Lightning

Coaches subscribe to a lightning alert service that informs progressively of any lightning strikes near the Ben Lippen School area. Athletes will be instructed to clear any playing field when there is a strike within 7.9 miles of Ben Lippen. They are to move quickly to either the outside concession stand area, the outside bathrooms OR the gym – whichever is closest. No one should ever go into any dugout or batting cage for shelter during a lightning strike. Coaches are notified when 30 minutes has elapsed from the original lightning strike, or 30 minutes from any additional lightning strike.

Locker Room Etiquette

Horseplay is not allowed in locker rooms. The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited, and no food is permitted inside.

Some girls' and boys' locker rooms serve dual purposes, accommodating both physical education classes and sports teams. To protect personal belongings, all students are strongly encouraged to purchase a lock and secure their items in a locker.



Playing Time-Required Forms

Playing Time Policy

Middle School and Junior Varsity

The coach will choose a starting team for each game and play the best players. Substitution will be made as much as possible, while remaining competitive.

Varsity

The coach will choose a starting team for each game and play the best players. These players are chosen based on ability and performance in practice and games, and team chemistry.

The sole discretion regarding playing time for all teams lies with the head coach and his/her assistants. Aside from talent, coaches' decisions about playing time include strategy of the contest and other team variables that parents may not understand.

Practice

The first practice date for each of our three sports seasons is set by SCISA. These dates will be posted on the Ben Lippen athletic website.

- Saturday games are allowed.
- Attendance is required at all practices.

Holiday Games and Practices

Not all teams will practice during holiday breaks, but some teams will. Middle School and Junior Varsity teams may have voluntary practice for those team members who are in town.

Varsity teams will be allowed one out of town tournament and one in town tournament during the holidays.

During Christmas break, varsity teams will have a week where no games or practices are scheduled.

Spring Break tournaments will be scheduled at the beginning or at the end of the break so that at least half of the break will be open for family vacation.

Prospective Athletes

Prospective student-athletes (students not enrolled at Ben Lippen) will not be allowed to work out or take part in any team activity until he/she has been fully enrolled. In addition, all required forms must be uploaded to the athletic department registration before an athlete may participate in any team practice or activity. See below "Required Forms for Athletic Participation" for a list of required forms.

Required Forms for Athletic Participation

- All forms are located in our Athletic Registration electronically. Do not print forms and bring to athletic office.
- A current physical dated April 1, 2024 or later
- SCISA Form: Agreement to Participate - must be signed and dated April 1, 2024 or later
- SCISA Form: Warning of Inherent Risk - must be signed and dated April 1, 2024 or later
- Drayer Form: Drayer Physical Therapy Release Form
- New Athletes must also fill out the SCISA New Athlete/Transfer Athlete Form
- SCISA Form: Concussion Policy
- SCISA Form: Football Only Helmet, Equipment and Technique
- Transportation Policy

These items will be good through the end of the school year. The athletes must submit forms to: Athletic Registration System on the Ben Lippen Athletic Website www.benlippensports.com Forms only need to be submitted once per school year. Please call Elizabeth Fitts in the Athletic Department with any questions at (803) 807-4194.



School Attendance-Substance Abuse

School Attendance

In order to play in a game or participate in practice, a student must attend school for at least half of the day. Exceptions to this are reviewed on a case by case basis by Athletic Director.

If a student has an early dismissal for athletics he/she must arrange to make up any missed work or tests with the teacher.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is having the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic athletic programs of SCISA member schools as well as for the individuals who participate. People involved in all facets of the interscholastic athletic programs are expected to demonstrate respect for others and display good sportsmanship. It is essential that student-athletes, coaches, parents, student groups and fans in general are constantly reminded that Good Sportsmanship is required and expected. A lack of sportsmanship always is an important issue of concern in interscholastic athletics. Positive experiences do not occur by chance, rather they are a result of the educational structure, the right perspective, the right leadership and the true understanding of sportsmanship.

- Remember that young people play high school sports for their enjoyment, not to be entertainers.
- Do not have unrealistic expectations and understand that doing one's best is as important as winning.
- Understand that ridiculing an athlete for making a mistake is not acceptable behavior.
- Respect the official's decisions and encourage all participants to do the same.
- Respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide sport activities for our young people.
- Encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

- Show respect for opponents and realize there would be no game without them.
- Do not use bad language and harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Always show good sportsmanship since young people learn best by example.

Sports Performance

Our Sports Performance Director offers both off season as well as in season athletes sports performance opportunities all year long. During the school year, we encourage all athletes to sign up for one of the classes offered during school. Both Male and Female classes are offered. Please check with Registrar to have your son or daughter moved into one of these classes. After school opportunities are offered to Middle School athletes and the schedule is released by semester. Summer times are released in May.

Critical Reload is a protein and glucose recovery snack offered by Ben Lippen Athletics for all Upper School athletes. Charges are paid by parents by purchasing Critical Reload via our website on benlippensports.com under the Tickets tab. This is a voluntary program for both male and female athletes.

Charges are as follows:

- 8 oz \$175 per Semester
- 16 oz \$325 per semester

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse and all major violations of the Ben Lippen School Handbook will be handled through the appropriate channel in keeping with the policies of the Student Handbook.



Summer Camps-Transportation

Summer Camps and Workouts

Individual and team camps are a valuable activity in the summertime. All summer participation is voluntary but highly encouraged. Teams may participate in summer camps. The cost of the summer camps is at the parent's expense.

Coaches of different sports will work together to coordinate summer camps so as not to conflict with each other – though avoiding calendar conflicts is the goal, it is not always possible to do so.

SCISA guidelines will be followed for summer workouts, all of which are voluntary, but again, highly encouraged.

Sunday Activities

Sundays are reserved for worship, rest, and time with family. There shall not be any team practices, games, meetings or events on Sundays. The Athletic Director may consider an exception for extenuating circumstances only.

Team/Player Selection

All teams shall have a designated tryout period determined by the athletic director. Academically eligible students will be selected based on attitude, coachability, skill, and team needs.

To provide a quality experience for student-athletes, cuts are a necessary part of the interscholastic athletic experience.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided by a Ben Lippen bus to most off-campus practices and away games. Parents are required to pick up from off campus practice locations and no bus will return to school after completion of practice. Away games will always provide a bus back to the school after the completion of the competition.

All athletes are required to ride a bus to all out of town games.

If students go off campus to eat after school, but before a late game, the Athletic Department has no authority during such times, and the decision for the students to leave campus is left to parental discretion.

With the coach's permission, as well as clearance from the Athletic Director, athletes who live closer to the event may drive to and from the event in their own vehicle. These athletes will not be allowed to transport other non-related athletes. Students may ride home with parents or with another adult must have coach and parent permission. When leaving from home, either on a school day or on a weekend, transportation is at the parents' discretion (unless the coach requires you to travel from school).

*See Appendix A for a copy of the Alternative Transportation Waiver



Sportsmanship Agreement

Student and Parent Agreement for Conduct and Good Sportsmanship

Student-athletes at Ben Lippen School are reminded that integrity, fairness, and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics, which are the principles of good sportsmanship. By becoming a member of a Ben Lippen School sports team I agree to the following:

- Refrain from violent or vulgar actions and language towards officials, opponents, and other spectators.
- I understand that although our coaches want to win games - the most important part of my playing experience will be the life-long lessons taught during my athletic participation.
- To promote ethics, respect, and integrity in all walks of life. I understand that as a representative of Ben Lippen School, my actions in the public arena are held to a high standard.
- To always promote Ben Lippen School, my teammates, and coaches in a positive manner when speaking to others including the media and my personal use of social media.
- To the best of my ability; become a positive role model for the younger Ben Lippen students who look up to me and my teammates.

Parents are reminded that the coaches and administration at Ben Lippen School work very hard to provide a positive experience for your child through the lessons associated with athletics. As a parent, I agree to the following:

- I acknowledge that I am a role model for my student-athlete and others whom I will be in contact with during Ben Lippen School athletic events.
- I will remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for students.
- I also understand that my student-athletes participation on a Ben Lippen athletic team is a privilege. Student-athletes who do not adhere to the policies and procedures associated with team participation may forfeit their ability to be a member of a Ben Lippen School athletic team.
- As a Ben Lippen parent, I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved.
- I am aware and agree that the Ben Lippen School Administration has the complete authority to remove, suspend, or permanently terminate fans or parents who do not adhere to proper conduct at events including but not limited to violent or vulgar actions and language toward officials, coaches, opponents, and other spectators.
- I agree that my unsolicited participation during a contest, such as but not limited to, coaching my student-athlete from the bleachers or sidelines; entering the field of play without consent of the coach or administrator; demeaning my own or other student-athletes publicly at an event can possibly result in my suspension or permanent termination from future Ben Lippen athletic events.



Sportsmanship Agreement

- I agree with the Ben Lippen Athletic Department policy concerning proper protocol for coaching conflict resolution:
 1. Parents will first encourage their student-athlete to speak to their coach when there are concerns about playing time, their role on the team, or other issues regarding the team
 2. Parents who are not in agreement with the coach will first set up a scheduled appointment to meet with the coach before sharing their grievance or concerns with Ben Lippen School administration. Note: Unscheduled meetings with coaches to discuss playing time or coaching strategy, especially at the end of a contest are strictly prohibited.
 3. Parents who have first met with a coach and feel their concerns have not been resolved may only then set up an appointment with their Head Coach, Program Director and then Athletic Director to seek resolution.
 4. Parents who do not specifically adhere to the aforementioned protocol may forfeit their student-athlete's ability to continue participation in that particular sport.
- I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our conference and the South Carolina Independent School Association.
- I accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a Ben Lippen School Athlete.



Appendix A: Alternative Transportation Waiver

I acknowledge my child and/or dependent, _____ (print name of student athlete) has agreed to participate in Ben Lippen School's Athletic Program henceforth known as the "program."

I understand participation in the program is not mandatory, and participation is purely voluntary.

I understand Ben Lippen School will provide transportation to and from the most program events.

It is the understanding of Ben Lippen School that only when a parent/guardian has notified in writing (email or text to Coach – primary - and/or the Athletic Director) and received acknowledgment may the student-athlete take alternative transportation and NOT participate in the travel arrangements provided. This exception is only for the specified event in the written communication.

Please note:

- 1. With prior written permission to the coach and Athletic Director, in some cases, student-athletes may drive themselves to athletic events.**
- 2. Under NO circumstances are minor athletes allowed to drive other non- related minor athletes.**
- 3. If an adult other than the student-athletes' parent/guardian will be providing transportation to/from event program, prior written permission from the school must be obtained at least 24 hours in advance. No minor participant will be released to unauthorized persons.**

It is, therefore, understood that you accept full responsibility for travel arrangements and the associated costs when alternative transportation has been elected. Further, as set forth below, Ben Lippen School is NOT responsible for any injury or damage which may arise out of your election for alternative travel arrangements.

I understand that travel/transportation arrangements to and from the athletic event locations are available to me and with prior written notice for that specified event, I have elected to decline these arrangements. I accept full responsibility for travel arrangements. I understand that if personal vehicles will be utilized, the vehicle's insurance may be primary and the school secondary. Ben Lippen School reserves the right to verify coverages under that policy and confirm other drivers' insurance is acceptable to the school's insurance policy.

I agree that Ben Lippen School and its officers, trustees, employees, agents, representatives, any department, organization or group affiliated therewith, assume NO responsibility for any injury or damage arising out of, or in part caused by electing alternate transportation to previously specified athletic events.

While electing alternative transportation to or from an athletic event, in the event that people being transported or I am injured, I agree to assume any financial obligation, either through my personal insurance or through some other means, for any medical costs I may incur. Ben Lippen School assumes no responsibility for any medical expenses, injury, or damage suffered in connection with the use of alternative transportation..



**Ben Lippen School Athletics
Release and Waiver of Liability
(Alternative Transportation Waiver)**

IT IS MY INTENTION BY SIGNING BELOW TO ASSUME ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE UPON MYSELF, AND TO EXEMPT BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH WHILE USING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION.

By signing this agreement, I waive the right to bring any legal action now or at any future time to recover compensation or obtain remedy for any injury to myself, my child and/or dependent, my property or death, however caused, arising out of using alternative transportation. I further agree that I, my spouse, guardians, heirs and legal representatives will not make any claim against or sue for any loss or damage resulting from participation in alternative transportation. I am aware of the potential dangers and risks associated with not using the transportation provided by the school. I am aware that this agreement serves as a release of liability, a waiver of my legal right to collect damages in the event of injury, death or property damage while using alternative transportation.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT AND DOES SO VOLUNTARILY.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

PARENT NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (required)

DATE





TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

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