

**WYNNBROOK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HANDBOOK  
2015-16**



*Dedication - Desire - Determination*

**Heart of a Warrior**

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowering students to reach their God-given  
POTENTIAL~PASSION~PURPOSE

## **MOTTO**

*Dedication-Desire-Determination*  
*Heart of a Warrior*

## **CORE VALUES**

Integrity: Doing what is right because it's the right thing to do

Honesty: Being truthful in word and action

Accountability: Being held to and submitting to a higher standard

Unity: Being of one mind, intent on having the same purpose

Loyalty: Devotion and Dedication to God, family, school, and team

Honor : Moral integrity, self-respect, and showing great respect

# **Athletic Department Rules and Consequences**

The student who chooses to participate in the athletic program is in a unique position. This position will be observed by public and private schools, media, parents, guests, peers, teachers, and the public at large. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate one's desire to be Christ-like in sportsmanship and performance.

The rules listed below will be consistent throughout the WCS athletic program and apply to all athletes. Any member of the coaching staff may report a violation of the rules. All violations will be reported to the athletic director, who will take appropriate action. Consequences following these rules are guidelines for our coaching staff. The head coach of each sport may assign different consequences deemed equivalent and appropriate in regards to gender and grade level of the athletes. Appeals will be directed to school administrators.

## **I. Attitude/Conduct**

A godly attitude and reputation must be upheld inside and outside the realm of the WCS Athletic Program and School. All items in this section are serious behaviors that impact the student's personal testimony as well as the testimony and reputation of the school. Any of the following violations could result in removal from the athletic program or school.

- A. Disrespect
- B. Insubordination
- C. Attitude
- D. Foot Stomping
- E. Ball Throwing
- F. Negativity Towards Team
- G. Profanity
- H. Fighting
- I. Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug use or possession
- J. Sexual Misconduct
- K. Illegal possession or use of firearms
- L. Offering or accepting money to lose or win a competition, game, match, or event of any kind

- *Any athlete receiving a discipline referral resulting in a consequence of detention, ISS, or OSS will be required to meet with the athletic director.*

## **II. Attendance/Absences**

- A. A student must receive credit for school attendance on game/match day in order to participate in said game/match.
- B. The student may not participate in practice or in a game on a day that he/she is absent from school, unless excused by the school administrator or athletic director.
- C. Notify the coach if there is prior knowledge of impending absence.
- D. No penalties will follow an excused absence.
- E. A student may accumulate no more than 15 absences. Unless the absences are due to extenuating circumstances, the student will be removed from the team and will not be allowed to play any sports for the remainder of the school year.
- F. Individuals with extenuating circumstances may be excused by athletic director or school administrator. It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/her coach if and when a situation arises.

## **III. Appearance /Uniforms**

- A. Athletes are required to follow the school's guidelines for proper appearance as well as any additional requirements from the coach.
- B. Athletes must wear full and correct uniform to games.
- C. Consequences are at the coach's discretion.

## **IV. Practices and Games**

- A. Athletes are expected to attend all practices and games.
- B. Athletes must be excused in advance by the coach for any practices or games missed.
- C. If a practice or game is missed without proper notification, the coach or athletic director will determine if a consequence is needed.
- D. If there is prior knowledge of an intended absence, please notify the coach as soon as possible.

## V. Timeliness

- A. Athletes must be on time.
- B. Excuses for acceptable tardiness or absences will be approved through the coach or athletic director.
- C. Consequences are at the coach's discretion.
- D. If you know ahead of time that you will be tardy, you should notify the coach.
- E. If you are tardy due to tutoring, test taking, or anything else related to school, you must bring a note from your teacher that is signed and states the time you were released, or the parent must notify the coach.

## VI. Communication

- A. Coaches, the Athletic Director, and the Administrator will communicate mainly through email regarding practices, games, etc.
- B. A beginning of season parent meeting may be called to explain policies, expectations, etc.

## **Student Standards of Eligibility**

The following must be met for a student to be eligible to participate in practices /competitions /games /matches:

1. **FORMS:** All forms must be completed prior to participation in any sport/activity.
  - Yearly authorized *Physical/Medical History Form*
  - *Acknowledgement of Athletic Handbook Form*
  - *Parental Waiver and Consent Form*
  - *Personal Contact Information / Medical Information Form*
  - *Sports Letter of Intent Form*
2. **FEES:** Athletic fees must be paid at the beginning of the year or at the beginning of the spring semester if only participating in spring sports. All fees must be paid through the school office.
  - *WCS Students:* \$100 for one or more sports

➤ **Homeschool or Part-Time Students:** \$100 for one sport; \$200 for 2 or more sports.

3. **CONDUCT:** Students who receive discipline referrals, in-school suspension, or suspension will be subject to meeting with the coach, athletic director, and/or administration to determine continued participation in the athletic program.

4. **ACADEMIC STANDARDS:** Sports are extra-curricular and are second in priority to academics. Athletes must meet the following standards:

- a. Athletes must get assignments for all classes that will be missed before they leave for any athletic event.
- b. Athletes must manage time wisely, study, and do homework to and from away competitions/games/matches.
- c. Athletes must complete all homework prior to or after scheduled practice time.
- d. Athletes must take tests and turn in assignments on scheduled date(s).
- e. Athletes must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average for each grading period, as well as, no less than a 70 average in every subject/class. Athletes who do not meet the academic standards will be placed on probation for that sport. While on probation, students must practice, but are not eligible for participation in competitions, games, or matches. A grade check will be made after two weeks for the reported grade failure. At that time, a review will be made of the grades to determine if the student will be declared eligible to compete once again. Each student will be allowed two probation periods for each sport.
- f. The same criteria will apply for all homeschool or part-time students. WCS grading periods run in 4.5 week progress reports followed by 9 weeks report cards. Parents must verify grades according to these grading periods. Send a copy of grade verifications to each coach or athletic director.

5. **ATTENDANCE:** A student must receive credit for school attendance on game/match day in order to participate in said game/match.

- a. Individuals with extenuating circumstances may be excused by athletic director or school administrator. It is the responsibility of the student to notify his/her coach if and when a situation arises.
  - b. A student may accumulate no more than 15 absences. A student who exceeds this limit will be removed from the team and will not be eligible to participate for the remainder of the school year.
- ***Future eligibility of an athlete who is dropped from a team for disciplinary reasons not contained in the rules listed above will be determined by the athletic director.***

## **Sports Policy**

- No student will be denied the right to participate in programs because of the student's race, religion, color, gender, national origin, or disability.
- Our goal is that all athletes entering the middle school sports program be allowed to participate regardless of the number of students on a team. However, if the number of students becomes so large that it hinders the ability of the coach to teach the needed game skills, it might be necessary to have try-outs and cuts in the team.
- All team members will engage in competitive practices, but possibly not all team members will be given equal playing time. Practice time is set up to teach the fundamental skills and work ethic necessary to be successful in future years. Our goal is to enhance a student's skill level in as many ways as we can and place them in opportunities to be successful.
- A select number of students could possibly be determined by the coach/athletic director for the traveling team.
- WCS Athletics encourages parents to utilize at-home practice sessions to reinforce the skills taught during athletic practices.
- WCS coaching staff understands the importance of confidentiality. We agree to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of confidential information during and after our period of holding a position with WCS.
- There will be no scheduled Sunday practices or competitions.



- If an athlete quits a sport, he/she will not get a refund on athlete fees and must meet with the Athletic Director before being allowed to join another team.

## **Player Expenses**

- WCS Athletics charges a yearly fee of \$100 (\$50 per semester) per athlete for full-time students enrolled in WCS. This fee will allow students to participate in one or multiple sports/activities.
- WCS Athletics will charge a fee of \$100 for one sport for WCS students. For homeschool students, the fee is \$100 for one sport and \$200 for 2 or more sports. This fee covers uniform jersey, coaching stipend, end of year awards banquet for the player and parent(s), and various supplies for the sport.
- The player's game uniforms (i.e. game shirts /jerseys/and/or shorts) are supplied by the athletic department.
- Participants will be expected to furnish their own shoes, socks, and other items needed for the sport in which they are participating. Criteria for shoes will be provided by the athletic department.
- Cheerleading and Tennis may require additional fees. Tennis CORTA fees are covered through the athletic fee, but the USTA membership of \$20 must be paid by the student. (A 10 and under first-time player's USTA membership is free.)
- Special wraps or supports must be provided by the athlete.
- Additional personal expenses may be incurred while the team is traveling (i.e. – eating expenses, lodging, etc.).
- The athletic program is supported in part by the concession stand and gate receipts, fundraising, and donations. The athlete's parent(s) will be scheduled to work the concession stand and/or gate for the games.
- Student athletes are required to participate in all fundraising activities.

## **Travel**

All students are expected to travel to contests in transportation provided by or arranged by the school. In case of extenuating circumstances, other arrangements

may be made by the coach. In these circumstances, a student will only be allowed to travel with his/her own parent or with someone of whom his/her own parent has given written consent.

- Athletes traveling to and from games will dress in attire designated by the coach and in keeping with the WCS student dress code.
- School vehicles will be left clean after each use. The team players and coach will be responsible for cleaning vehicles before exiting.
- The coach and/or athletic director will designate the departure time for each sporting event. Each player is responsible for being on time and prepared for departure. Arriving after the departure time could result in being left behind.
- The driver of the team vehicle is the ultimate authority, and all students must submit to his/her instructions. This rule is to insure safety comes first.
- No extra riders (non-team members) will be allowed to ride in any school vehicle(s) unless permitted by school administrator or athletic director.
- After game plans (such as eating at restaurant) will be communicated to parents at least one day in advance.
- Students must check out with the coach before leaving the contest with a parent.
- ***Any athlete who does not comply with the above-mentioned travel rules will forfeit his/her privilege to travel with the team.***

## **Equipment**

At the beginning of each new school year, the Athletic Director will inventory all sports equipment and uniforms. Coaches or Athletic Director will be responsible for issuing sports equipment (if needed) and uniforms to his/her team. Coaches are required to record this information on a ***Sports Equipment Management Form***.

- The athlete will be held financially responsible for any lost or misplaced equipment.
- The cost of any deliberate mutilation of school property will be charged to the athlete. Athletes will not be allowed to continue in, or begin a new sport until all financial obligations have been cleared.

- All equipment must be turned in from a previous sport to begin practice in the second sport unless the participant is involved in overlapping sports.
- Report cards will be held until all equipment and/or uniforms are returned or replacement charges have been collected.
- Current replacement costs will determine the amount for which the athlete will be held responsible.

## **Care of Uniforms**

- Wash uniforms in cold water or warm water (**NOT** hot) and hang to dry.
- **Do NOT use hot temperatures to dry uniforms.** This causes numbers/lettering to crinkle or to come off.
- The cost of any uniform returned in a condition in which it cannot be reissued will be charged to the athlete, this includes uniforms that have been improperly laundered or cared for.
- Report cards will be held until all uniforms are returned or replacement charges have been collected.

## **Athletes Playing Multiple Sports**

- Athletes may be allowed to play sports that have an overlapping season.
- Athletic Director must be made aware of and approve the athlete's decision.
- The athlete will be required to attend practices for both sports not just competitions/games/matches.
- If practices for both sports occur at the same time, the two coaches may work with the athletes to allow him/her to make a certain number of practices for both sports.
- Competitions/Games/Matches take precedence over practices.
- Athletes must communicate with the coaches when playing multiple sports.

*Any other situations that arise and have not been mentioned in this Athletic Handbook will be dealt with at the discretion of the coach, athletic director, and/or school administration.*

## **Athletic Achievement Awards**

Coaches will be asked to select one player from the team for the first three awards. The fourth award will be determined by the Athletic Director.

### **Most Improved Award:**

- Must fulfill award requirements for that sport
- Very positive
- Shows genuine effort in improving one's ability to play

### **Most Valuable Player Award:**

- Must fulfill requirements for that sport
- Excels in teamwork and attitude
- Overall contribution in both practice and games
- Intensity
- Consistency in practice- Christianity in action

### **Outstanding Leadership Award:**

- Must fulfill award requirements for that sport
- Displays a positive attitude of leadership
- Shows leadership in practice, games, and community

### **Outstanding Student Athlete of the Year:**

- Must fulfill requirements for award in all sports participated in
- Must be a member in good standing on at least one team or multiple teams throughout the season
- Must exhibit good playing ability, leadership, sportsmanship, and quality Christian character

# **Wynnbrook Christian School**

## **Acknowledgement of Athletic Handbook**

I /We do hereby acknowledge by signature/signatures below that I / we have been provided a copy of the Wynnbrook Christian School Athletic Handbook and have read and agree to follow and adhere to all Academic and Athletic Rules and Guidelines as printed in the Athletic Handbook.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Date)

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(Student /Athlete Signature)

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(Date)