



Student Athletic Handbook

Philosophy:

The most important goal of Wesleyan Christian School athletics is to help student athletes grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Whether in practice or athletic competition, opportunities are presented for the athletes to apply God's Word to their lives. Committed Christian coaches come alongside the athletes to help them relate their experiences on the playing field to their daily walk with Christ. Players are encouraged to do their very best for God's glory. Core values taught to participants include dedication, unity, responsibility, discipline, respect, and integrity.

I Timothy 4:7b-8

Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only little profit, but Godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

Sportsmanship:

Phil 2:14-15 "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe."

Student athletes should always show proper respect for those in the authority. We represent our team and school but most importantly, Christ. Our actions should reflect Christ-like character at all times. Improper actions or attitudes toward coaches, officials, or opposing players will result in disciplinary action.

Overview:

Junior High: Boys' Sports: Football, basketball, track

Girls' Sports: Volleyball, basketball, track

High School: Boys' Sports: Football, basketball, bowling, track, and golf

Girls' Sports: Volleyball, basketball, bowling, track, and golf

WCS is a member of the Cherokee Conference in which we compete in basketball. We are also a member of the OSAA and compete in postseason playoffs in football, basketball, track, and golf.

Health and Safety:

Every student athlete is required to have a yearly physical and emergency release form on file in the office. Competition will not be allowed until this requirement has been met. Copies of the emergency release forms will be in each school vehicle so coaches will always have access to them.

Any student athlete who is treated by a physician or member of the medical profession must have a medical release form signed by the physician before participation in the sport may continue.

Any student athlete who is involved in an athletic event, either a practice or a game, who loses consciousness will not be allowed to return to competition.

Transportation:

All team members will travel to games/competitions on the team bus. If parents want to take players home after a competition, the parent needs to sign their player out on the coach's sign-out sheet.

Coaches will verify that all students are accounted for after a competition.

No PID's (Personal Isolation Devices) are allowed on school functions. This includes but is not limited to IPOD'S, MP3 players, DVD players, etc. The purpose of this policy is to encourage personal interaction between team members. When returning home from road trips, parents should promptly pick up their children.

Eligibility:

Students who participate in extra-curricular activities will be subject to the following rules of eligibility. This will include all events outside the school day; including but not limited to: cheerleading, athletics, band, drama, chorus, etc. Eligibility will be checked for all students in sixth (6th) through twelfth (12th) grade on a weekly basis, beginning the third (3rd) week of each semester. Deficiency slips will be mailed home for students with D's and/or F's.

Student Eligibility during a Semester:

- Scholastic eligibility for students participating in extra-curricular activities will be checked on Fridays beginning the third (3rd) week of each semester and each

succeeding week thereafter. A student receiving an F in any subject or more than two (2) D's in the enrolled subject areas will be placed on probation for the following week.

- If a student is still failing one (1) or more classes at the end of his/her probationary week, they will be ineligible for the period beginning on Monday and ending on Sunday of the week following the probationary week and will remain ineligible until they regain passing grades (no F's and less than three D's.)
- Assignments that are not turned in will be entered as zero percentage (0%) points. Incomplete assignments will be counted as F's.
- Students on probation may continue to practice and participate in events.
- Students that are ineligible may not participate in events, but may continue to practice.

Semester Grades:

- If a student does not meet the minimum scholastic standard, they will not be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities during the first six (6) weeks of the next semester. A student who does not meet the minimum scholastic standard may regain eligibility by achieving passing grades in all subject areas in which they are enrolled at the end of a six (6) week period.
- The minimum scholastic standard a student must maintain requires a passing grade in five (5) subjects mandated for graduation which the student was enrolled during the previous semester which was attended fifteen (15) or more days. (This requirement is five (5) credits for the sixth (6th), seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grade students.)

Activity Slips:

All students missing school for any extra-curricular activity should inform their teachers several days before they are to miss class. They should ask what is due on that day and turn in their assignments before they leave for the activity. The teacher will then sign the student's activity slip, which the student has obtained from their coach or sponsor. The student will turn in the completed, signed activity slip to their coach or sponsor before they are allowed to leave for the activity. The coach or sponsor will turn them into the office.

Athletic Fees:

Athletic programs are not funded by tuition. Athletic fees are set at the beginning of each season. See athletic fees schedule.

Practice:

Practice is an important part of preparation for competition. Student athletes should make a commitment to attend all practices and be ready to learn. Individual coaches will set their own policy regarding team rules, practice schedules and disciplinary action.

Dress code for practice: If there is team practice gear, it should be worn at all practices. If not, modest athletic gear is required. Girls should wear modest shorts that are at least fingertip length and should not be tight fitting. Girls' shirts should not have large arm holes that show underclothing, be low cut or tight fitting. Tank tops are not appropriate for girls unless they are worn under another shirt. Boys should wear shirts at all times.

Biblical Integration:

There will be team devotions at every practice and before games. Our desire is that the members of a team grow together physically, mentally and spiritually. Student athletes are encouraged to share their prayer requests, struggles and blessings with their team, therefore growing closer to God and to each other. Prayer should also precede every practice, game, and bus trip.

Team Rules:

Each coach is allowed to set up guidelines for his/her team.. These guidelines will conform to school policies.

School dress code applies to practice gear and all athletic activities and trips. We want to be a positive reflection for our school and dress properly. Coaches may set their own requirements for travel dress.

Awards:

A varsity letter will be awarded to any player who has participated in and finished the season in a varsity sport. A sports assembly will be held in the spring. Each coach will give awards for Best Offensive Player, Best Defensive Player, Most Improved and a Mustang/Lady Mustang Award.