

Washington Island School District

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CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Washington Island School District [WISD] Board of Education and Administration believes it is a privilege for young people to participate in both athletics and/or extracurricular activities.

The privilege of participating in these activities is extended to all students, both full and part-time, who currently attend Washington Island School. Students who meet all of the requirements of this Code of Conduct may participate in either district athletics and/or extracurricular activities.

This WISD Athletic - Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct is in effect 365-days of the year, 24-hours a day, 7-days per week.

Athletes and students participating in extracurricular activities proudly represent Washington Island Schools in the classroom, in the hallways, in the athletic arena, and in the community. They also represent the WI community whenever they travel off island for athletics and/or extracurricular activities.

ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING STUDENT

In order to maintain eligibility to participate students must:

1. Submit an Athletic-Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct, signed by both parent-guardian, student-athlete/participant.
2. Maintain Academic Standards.
3. Maintain Regular School Attendance.
4. Have a physical examination, sign an insurance waiver card, and sign a sport specific commitment form. (Athletics Only)
5. Maintain Behavioral Standards

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. Mid-week grade check:
During any/all mid-week grade checks, a student with one or more failing grades on a grade report will be declared ineligible for extra-curricular competitions until all failing grades are verified as passing by the school administrator, and/or Athletic Director.
2. If a student fails to meet academic standard(s), by receiving a failing grade in one or more classes-courses, they will be required to attend all athletic-activity practice sessions, and will incur the following consequences:
 - a. With one (1) quarter failing grade, a student is ineligible for one (1) game/contest/activity.

- b. With two (2) or more quarter failing grades including incompletes (I), a student is ineligible for one/game/contest/activity within a period of fifteen (15) scheduled school days and nights. This penalty expires after fifteen (15) scheduled school days.
 - c. A weekly report will be set up with the coach-advisor, who will require that the student provides weekly progress reports from his/her teachers, and submit them to the specific coach on the Thursday of each week.
 - d. A student will only regain eligibility AFTER an evaluation of his/her academic performance-progress has been made after the fifteen (15) day penalty has been imposed, and all classes-courses are passing at the time of the evaluation.
3. Ineligibility status will be adjusted as for students in any/all sports in which the date of the earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class.
 4. Students who receive failing grades, and are not out for a sport at that time, and who do not go out for a sport the next marking period will be exempt from contest ineligibility providing they receive no failing grades for one full quarter.
 5. Penalties for this portion of the Code are independent of the other penalties. Any (other) suspension would be added to an existing suspension.

ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY

In order for a student to participate in any/all WISD athletics and/or activities, the student must be enrolled in the school district as a full time student. The exceptions are students who are fully enrolled in a homeschool program that is registered with the state of Wisconsin DPI. These students are eligible for WISD athletic and/or activities participation.

A student must be in class for the full school day on the day of a practice and/or contest to be eligible to compete or participate.

In the event that a team must miss more than 1/2 of a school day for travel to a competition, then the student must be in class for the full day before the contest.

Exceptions may be considered for absences resulting from extenuating circumstances, or with prior administrative approval in the case of extenuating circumstances.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

In addition to academic rules, every student who desires to participate in any Washington Island athletics must:

1. Have a physical examination, which will be recorded on a WIAA examination card. An examination is required every other year. For the year an examination is not required, an alternate year card must be submitted. This WIAA examination or alternate year card must be signed and submitted by a parent/guardian before a student may participate in the program. (Athletics only)
2. All forms noted above, must be completed, signed and submitted before a student may participate in program activities.
3. Should a student decide to quit any/all athletic and/or activities in which they are

involved, an exit meeting will be held with the student, parent-guardians, administration and/or Athletic Director.

BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS

The Washington Island Athletic-Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct applies to behavior that takes place **ON or OFF** school grounds. These violations may take place at **ANY TIME** during the student's enrollment at Washington Island School, including, but not limited to, the off season, as well as the summertime. It applies to all participating students, whether in season or out of season, on or off school property including, but not limited to, school sponsored/sanctioned events on or off campus, and private activities and/or events.

When off-campus or private behaviors result in a violation of District Policy and/or the WISD Athletic-Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct, then consequences will follow if brought to the attention of the Administration and/or Athletic Director.

Consequences for violating the WISD Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct will be in effect for non-league, league, district, regional, and state contests and championships. With regard to suspensions from contests, scrimmages do not count as contests.

Consequences of Code of Conduct violations will carry over from school year to school year and will be in effect for the duration of the athlete's high school participation.

This means the student's record of WISD Athletic-Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct violations will follow him/her from one sport or activity to the next and from one year to the next.

WISD Athletic-Extracurricular Code of Conduct Prohibitive Conduct

It is expected that all students who participate in co-curricular activities will adhere to the following expectations. As a participant in co-curricular activities, students are prohibited from engaging in the following behaviors:

1. Drug or Alcohol Use, Possession, or Distribution

Student athletes shall not (regardless of quantity) use, possess, sell, distribute, or procure any amount of alcohol, drugs, other controlled and/or uncontrolled substances or drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to Synthetic drugs, Analog drugs, or be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances as prohibited by Wisconsin Law and by district policy.

2. Tobacco Use, Possession, or Distribution

Student athletes shall not use, possess, or distribute tobacco or tobacco products in ANY forms prohibited by Wisconsin Law and by district policy.

3. Violate any rules established by a coach including, but not limited to, rules pertaining to practice, care of equipment, etc. during the said season and/or activity.

CONSEQUENCES OF PROHIBITED CONDUCT

First Violation

For the first violation within the student's high school enrollment, the student shall be suspended for 25% of the total games and/or contests in the season of the sport or activity in which the violation occurred.

The number of games and/or contests will round-up if necessary; for example, if there are 10 basketball games in a season, then the athlete would be suspended for 3 games, even though this is 30% of the season.

The suspension shall be served immediately, and consecutively during the next competitions, or in the first contests of the season if the violation occurs in the off-season or carried over from the last season.

If the season ends before the full suspension is served, the remaining suspension shall be **proportionally applied** to the next sport or season by the Administration and/or Athletic Director. If the violation occurs in the off-season or summertime, the suspension shall be **fully applied** to the next sport or season by the Administration and/or Athletic Director.

Second Violation

If a second violation occurs, within the student athlete's high school enrollment, the student athlete will be suspended from 50% of the total contests in the season of the sport or activity in which the violation occurred.

The number of games will round-up if necessary; for example, if there are 11 basketball games in a season, then the athlete would be suspended for 6 games, even though this is approximately 55% of the season.

The suspension shall be served immediately, and consecutively, during the next competitions, or in the first contests of the season if the violation occurs in the off-season or carried over the last season.

If the season ends before the full suspension is served, the remaining suspension shall be **proportionally applied** to the next sport or season by the Administration and/or Athletic Director. If the violation occurs in the off-season or summertime, the suspension shall be **fully applied** to the next sport or season by the Administration and/or Athletic Director.

Third Violation

When a student violates the Prohibitive Conduct for a third time during their high school enrollment in Washington Island Schools, he/she shall not be allowed to participate in athletics for 365-consecutive days from the date of the violation.

Fourth Violation

When a student violates the Prohibited Conduct for a fourth time during their high school enrollment in Washington Island Schools, he/she shall not be allowed to participate in athletics for the remainder of his/her enrollment in Washington Island School.

Being in the Presence of Others Using, Possessing or Distributing Drugs or Alcohol Constructive Possession

Students who are found to have been voluntarily associating with others who are illegally using, possessing, or distributing drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol, and who do not attempt to remove themselves in a reasonable amount of time (constructive possession) are in violation of the WISD Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct.

This regulation applies to circumstances that take place **ON or OFF** school grounds, and at any time during the student's high school enrollment in Washington Island Schools, including the off season, as well as any holidays, or vacation time.

The consequence for the first violation of constructive possession shall be suspension from one contest. Any subsequent violations for constructive possession shall result in suspension from competition as stated in Violation 1, Drug or Alcohol Use, Possession, or Distribution of this code. (Constructive possession shall not apply to circumstances where the student athlete is present at places where alcohol is being legally consumed.)

Unlawful or Delinquent Behavior

An unlawful or delinquent act is a violation of any civil or criminal statute, ordinance, regulation or court order (except for minor traffic offenses) including, but not limited to civil rights violations, theft, vandalism, destruction of property, or other misdemeanors and felonies as defined by the Wisconsin Criminal Code.

An athlete who pleads guilty, is found guilty, or found to have committed a delinquent act by any court of law, pleads no contest to or dispositions through a settlement and charged with an unlawful act is also subject to sanctions in accordance with the WISD Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct.

The Athletic Director reserves the right to determine whether the athlete committed a violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct even if the athlete is not charged, found guilty of a criminal offense, cited in violation of any civil ordinance, regulation, or court order. Incidents involving

athletes either directly, or as an accomplice, will be subject to review by the Athletic Director and/or administration.

The Athletic Director and/or administration will decide the appropriate penalty for the athlete taking into consideration the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the athlete and any other relevant factors.

School Suspension

Athletes who are suspended from school under the WISD Student and Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct are prohibited from participation in practices and interscholastic events during the length of the suspension. In addition, the consequence for 1st suspension shall be suspension from one (1) contest.

The consequence of the 2nd suspension shall result in a suspension for 50% of the total games and/or contests in the season of the sport or activity in which the violation occurred.

Any student being reviewed for expulsion or is expelled, is suspended from any/all games or contests until the review is completed, or expulsion has expired. Additional consequences may be stipulated within a suspension or expulsion determination.

Attendance - Truancy

The high school administration and coaching staff recognize that attendance at school is critical to a student athlete's success in the classroom, much the same as attendance at practice is essential.

Student athletes are expected to attend all of their classes and avoid truancy.

The coach and/or the administration reserves the right to limit athletic participation in cases of truancy or non-attendance at school or at practice.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Other Unacceptable Behavior

Unsportsmanlike conduct and other unacceptable behaviors not specifically covered in the WISD Athletic-Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct, but which are contrary to the spirit of the WISD Athletic-Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct, are subject to an appropriate penalty at the discretion of the Administration and/or Athletic Director, taking into consideration the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the athlete and any other relevant factors. This includes, but is not limited to any/all infractions of the Code of Conduct set forth by the WIAA.

Violation of Team Rules and Regulations

Coaches may establish reasonable rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the athletic director, for behavior not otherwise specified in the WISD Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct. Coaches may determine reasonable penalties for violation of team rules and regulations subject to the review of the athletic director.

Unusual or Special Circumstances

The administration has the discretion to reduce, or revisit the penalty when unusual or special

circumstances warrant such a reduction or revision.

DUE PROCESS AND APPEAL PROCESS

Student athletes will be provided due process. The student athlete is entitled to be informed of the charges against him/her, and a formal meeting where he/she has an opportunity to be heard before the Administration and/or Athletic Director. Parents-guardians are urged to attend this informal meeting as well, with their son/daughter.

The Athletic Director shall render a written decision within one (1) school day of the meeting. A copy needs to be given to the administration.

A student athlete and his/her parent-guardians(s) may appeal the Athletic Director's decision regarding suspension and/or expulsion to the administrator, in writing, within one (1) school day of the Athletic Director's decision to suspend.

The Administrator shall render his/her decision within four (4) school days of the consideration of the appeal. A suspension, and/or expulsion, may be deferred pending the outcome of an appeal at the discretion of the Administration and/or Athletic Director.

The administrator's decision will be final, unless the suspension is for more than 50% of the season. In such a case, the student-athlete and his/her parent-guardian(s) may appeal within five (5) school days to the Washington Island Athletic Committee.

SPRING CO-OP

Washington Island School is currently in a WIAA cooperative sports agreement with Gibraltar High School (Fish Creek, WI), in the spring of each school year for baseball and softball only. Students who choose to enter into this co-op athletic activity must abide by the rules of both Washington Island's and Gibraltar's Athletic Codes of Conduct, as well as those rules and regulations of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

Note: Full WISD Title IX policy available on request

- I have read, reviewed, and understand the WISD athletic and co-curricular code of conduct.
- I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in the pages of this policy and all others established by the coaches of my sport.

Date

Athlete's signature - name

- I agree to pay for any equipment which I may lose, misplace or damage through carelessness or intent.
- I further agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me and to confine the use of that equipment to practice, games or meets.

Date

Athlete's signature - name

- We, as the parents-guardian(s) of _____, have read, reviewed, and understand the rules and policies set forth for athletic participation and give our son/daughter permission to participate under these conditions.
- We will do our part in seeing that he/she follows these rules and regulations. We recognize that failure of our son/daughter to follow these rules and policies subject them to penalties set forth in the rules and policies and will absolve the district of any liability or responsibility arising through the school's offering of extracurricular activities.

Date

Parent's/guardian's signature - name

Parent's/guardian's signature - name (Optional)

Student
DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT FORM
Appendix A

Acknowledgement Receipt of Education and Responsibility to Report Signs and
Symptoms of Concussion

I, _____ (student's name),

of the WISD, acknowledge that I have to be an active participant in my own health care. I have the direct responsibility for reporting any/all of my injuries and illnesses to my coach, the staff and/or administration of the WISD.

I recognize that my true physical condition is dependent upon the accurate medical history and full disclosure of my symptoms, complaints, prior injuries, and/or disabilities that I have-are experiencing.

I hereby affirm that I have fully disclosed in writing, any prior medical conditions, and will also disclose any/all future conditions of the sport and/or activity to which I am a member. I will report this information to my coach, advisor, WISD staff and/or administration immediately.

I further understand that there is a possibility that participation in any of my sports and/or activities may result in head injury and/or concussion. I hereby acknowledge having received education, and information about signs, symptoms, and the risk of sports and/or activities related to concussion. I also acknowledge my responsibility to report to my coaches, parent-guardian(s), and/all signs or symptoms of a concussion immediately.

Student signature

Date

Name of student

Parent-Guardian
DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT FORM
Appendix B

Acknowledgement Receipt of Education and Responsibility to Report Signs and
Symptoms of Concussion

I, the parent-guardian of _____ (student's name),
of the WISD acknowledge that I have to be an active participant in my child's health care. I
have the direct responsibility for reporting any/all of my child's injuries and/or illnesses to the
coaches, WISD staff and/or administration.

I recognize that my child's true physical condition is dependent upon an accurate medical
history and full disclosure of any/all symptoms, complaints, prior injuries, and/or disabilities
experienced in any/all sports and activities.

I hereby affirm that I have fully disclosed in writing any/all of my child's prior medical
conditions, and will also disclose any/all future conditions to the coaches, advisors, WISD staff
and administration immediately.

I further understand that there is a possibility that my child's participation in any/all sports or
activities may result in a head injury and/or concussion. I also acknowledge my responsibility
to properly care for and report any/all signs, symptoms of a concussion that my child may
exhibit.

Signature of parent-guardian

Date

Name of parent-guardian

Coaches-Advisor
DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT FORM
Appendix C

Acknowledgement Receipt of Education and Responsibility to report signs and symptoms of concussion

I, _____ (coach's name)

of the WISD acknowledge that I have to be an active participant in the health and welfare of the student-athletes under my watch. As such, I have the direct responsibility for reporting any/all of my student-athlete's injuries and illnesses to the WISD staff and/or administration and parent-guardian(s).

I hereby acknowledge having received educational information about the signs, symptoms, and risks of sports related concussion. I also acknowledge my responsibility to report to any/all medical staff, coaches, WISD staff and/or administration, as well as parent-guardian(s) of a concussed athlete.

Signature

Name of coach

Date

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