



# **WOLFE CITY ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**

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## **WCISD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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## **Vision Statement**

The Wolfe City Athletic Department strives to be an elite UIL Member School, providing support to all areas of the student-athlete experience.

### **Core Values**

**Family**

**Accountability**

**Commitment**

**Trust**

**Strength**

I AM a Wolfe City Wolf.

I AM a competitor and citizen in the Wolfe City **Family**.

I AM **Accountable** and **Committed** to live out our core values.

I WILL **Trust** myself, my teammates, and my coaches.

I WILL be intentional about my academics, my behavior, and my  
time.

I WILL use my **Strength** to serve my team and others.

## **Mission Statement**

**With an emphasis on academic, athletic, personal,  
professional, and social development and excellence, the  
Athletic Department will provide the support, environment  
and infrastructure to promote the mission of the Wolfe City  
Independent School District.**

## **The purpose of the athletic program is:**

Athletics provides one of the finest ways for young people to develop into responsible, caring, and competitive men and women. The program should be a part of the whole educational experience and should provide opportunities for the student athlete to cope with problems and be placed in situations similar to that he/she may face upon graduation from high school. The program should provide opportunities for:

- a) Physical, mental, and emotional growth
- b) Development of life-long skills
- c) Development of the "TEAM" concept, with the emphasis on loyalty, fair play, and cooperation
- d) Directed leadership and supervision that stresses self-discipline, self-motivation, and competing with "class," which includes winning and losing with dignity
- e) Attaining knowledge of skills that will provide the basis for lifelong leisure activities
- f) Participation by the highly skilled athlete could provide outlets for future athletic endeavors (i.e. college/professional)

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The term "extracurricular activities" means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill/dance team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event

and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus.

## **JURISDICTION**

Student participation in extracurricular activities is strongly encouraged within **Wolfe City ISD**. These activities are available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in any extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations and responsibilities. Students choosing to engage in extracurricular activities are representing not only themselves, but their campus, district, and community. As ambassadors of our program and district their actions must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of **Wolfe City ISD**. Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, **Wolfe City ISD** is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this Extracurricular Code of Conduct extends beyond the **Wolfe City ISD** Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This Extracurricular Code of Conduct will be enforced with all students grades 7-12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- Regardless of whether school is in session;
- Regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- Regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- Regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- Regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the **Wolfe City ISD** Student Code of Conduct will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the Extracurricular Code of Conduct and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the **Wolfe City ISD** Student Code of Conduct.

## **STUDENT ATHLETIC POLICIES**

**ACADEMICS** - Student-Athletes are expected to work to their greatest potential in the classroom and will be required to attend tutorials and/or assigned extra conditioning if they are in danger of not meeting UIL academic standards. Failure to attend tutorials, or repeated loss of eligibility may result in the removal from the program.

**APPEARANCE** - To attain a positive TEAM appearance, look sharp. Give an appearance of class. Specific appearance restrictions and guidelines may vary according to sport. Final decisions concerning appearance will rest with the Athletic Director / Girls Coordinator and coaching staff.

**ATTENDANCE** - Promptness and attendance are expected at all times. Missed practices or games due to unexcused reasons may result in extra conditioning, loss of playing time and potentially the dismissal from the team. If you must be absent, it is the athletes responsibility to notify the head coach before practice. All head coaches will have a reasonable make-up policy for absences from practice. This policy should be clearly stated at the beginning of the season and have prior approval by the Athletic Director / Girls Coordinator.

**CONDUCT** - Composure during the course of a competition is critical to the success of the team. We expect all student-athletes to conduct themselves in a manner that positively represents **WCISD** in the classroom, on the field or court, and outside of the school day. Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in extra conditioning, loss of playing time, and potentially the dismissal from the team or program.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE** - Use of illegal drugs or alcohol by students will not be permitted. See **WCISD Student Code of Conduct** outlining Drug Testing Policy.

**DAEP PLACEMENT** - Student-athletes that are placed in DAEP, according to the **Wolfe City Student Code of Conduct** may return to the athletic program upon return to regular school setting in accordance with the following plan:

Parent conference with Athletic Director / Girls Coordinator and Principal outlining the conditions of his/her return to the Athletic Program. Suspension from games, conditioning, and/or being allowed back into the Athletic Program on a probationary status will be discussed in this conference. Any conditioning assignment must take place before or after the normal team practice, not during.

**PROFANITY** - Use of profanity is not allowed.

**STEALING** - Theft, of any kind, will result in extra conditioning, and may result in the loss of playing time or dismissal from the team.

**TOBACCO USE** - No tobacco use of any form will be permitted.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION** - In the event a student-athlete violates athletic policies, the disciplinary action may include one or more of the following: extra conditioning, game suspension, and/or dismissal from the team. A parent conference must be held before a student-athlete can be dismissed from a team or program.

**DRESS** - Should be very professional in or out of uniform. Everyone will wear the uniform in the same manner. WE ARE A TEAM! Take care of your equipment. Your appearance away from the dressing room, especially at school, should reflect the same class and pride that you show in our program.

**EQUIPMENT/ FACILITIES** - Student-Athletes are to keep all equipment within their issued locker, or as directed by the coach. Lost or misplaced items issued by the athletic department are the responsibility of the student-athlete. Take the attitude of “owner” as it relates to school facilities and equipment to help ensure they are well cared for. WCISD student-athletes are expected to set the example for the entire student body in the upkeep of our facilities. Lockers, locker rooms, athletic facilities, and buses should be kept clean

**HAZING, HARASSMENT, AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT** - The Wolfe City Athletic Department will not tolerate hazing, harassment, or bullying of any kind, regardless of the setting. Student-athletes involved in this type of behavior may be immediately removed from the athletic program following a parent conference.

**INJURY OR ILLNESS** - All student-athletes are expected to dress out and attend practice or off-season workouts. An alternative workout adhering to any medical guidelines will be followed if possible. If a student-athlete is unable to workout, they are still required to dress out and be in attendance. Report all injuries to a coach and/or trainer. If unable to attend practice, student-athletes are required to notify the head coach before practice.

**LETTER JACKET POLICY** - Athletic Letter Jackets will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

1. A student-athlete has participated in athletics for 2 years and is in good standing.
2. A student-athlete earns 1st or 2nd Team District Honors.  
(Baseball / Basketball / Football / Softball / Volleyball)
3. A student-athlete individually advances past the district level .  
(Cross Country / Golf / Powerlifting / Tennis / Track)

**NOT FINISHING A SPORT** - Any athlete who quits or is dropped from a team must meet with the Athletic Director / Girls Coordinator and Head Coach to determine the eligibility for any future sport.

**PARENT AND CROWD EXPECTATIONS** - While in attendance at all WCISD events, spectators are encouraged to model good sportsmanship and refrain from using profanity or making derogatory comments about or towards our athletes, other teams, officials, or coaches. We ask that all spectators remain off the field or court before, during and after a contest and to respect their role in an athletic contest, understanding that instructions and coaching from the stands adds confusion to the participants and hinders the success of the team. Any spectator unable to meet these guidelines will be asked to leave the premises, and may be suspended from future district events.

**PARTICIPATION** - Students wanting to participate in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, softball, or track must be enrolled in the athletic period for both the fall and spring semesters. Fall sport athletes may be exempt from the participation requirement the spring of their senior year if they choose not to participate in a spring sport. Case by case situations may be reviewed by the Athletic Director / Girls Coordinator.

**SELECT OR CLUB TEAMS** - Student-athletes choosing to participate for WCISD may not miss practice, scrimmages or games to participate with a non-school team, club or camp. It is the responsibility of the student to fulfill their obligations to the teams of **Wolfe City ISD**. Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in suspension or removal from all additional **Wolfe City Athletic Programs**.

**RESPECT FOR ADULTS** - Student-athletes are expected to address all adults in a respectful manner by establishing eye contact, providing their undivided attention and using "Yes Sir"/"Yes Ma'am" and "No Sir"/"No Ma'am" when responding.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Student-Athletes are responsible for their actions on social media and other websites, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and YouTube. Photos, comments, or inappropriate postings may result in extra conditioning, loss of playing time and potentially the dismissal from the team. Inappropriate postings include but are not limited to obscene or vulgar language, graphic images or videos, sexually explicit language, imagery or videos.

**Strength and Conditioning Program** - Students-athletes are expected to participate in the athletic period while not in-season.

### **Purpose of the Off-Season Program**

1. To mold athletes into TEAM players
2. To improve strength, speed and agility
3. To reduce the risk of injury
4. To teach technical skills
5. To maintain supervision over the academic progress of all athletes

### **Goals and Objectives**

1. To increase size, strength, speed, and quickness
2. To improve overall athletic ability
3. To mold a good, tough and persistent mental attitude
4. To learn self control and socially accepted ways to vent emotions
5. To develop a positive attitude

### **Safety Measures**

1. Participants will be given verbal instructions and demonstrations of the proper techniques used to safely execute designated lifts in the weight room
2. Each lift station will consist of one lifter and at least one spotter
3. Coaches will supervise all activities included in the off-season program

## Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Wolfe City ISD Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Wolfe City ISD extracurricular activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Wolfe City ISD Athletic Code of Conduct and understand requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Wolfe City ISD extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_