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MISSION

The Waynesville R-VI Activities Program strives to promote participation, sportsmanship, citizenship, and school pride.

PHILOSOPHY

Leadership

The Waynesville R-VI Activities Program strives to be a regional leader in education-based athletics. In an effort to become a regional leader, we encourage students to gain not only a strong sense of self but also a broad perspective of community. Our program is committed to leading other inter-scholastic schools with our dedication to teaching ethical conduct and fair competition.

Purpose

The Waynesville Activities Program and the Waynesville Board of Education believe activities are a vehicle for physical, mental and social growth that enhances academic progress. Our educational based activity programs have been designed to give an opportunity for our students to learn as competitors and spectators through friendly interscholastic competition. The purpose of the program is friendly rivalry with other schools.

Responsibility

Being a member of the Waynesville Activities Program is a privilege to be earned and maintained throughout the school year, in and out of competition. Student participants are always representing themselves, their families, our school and our community; thus, the activities program expects them to exhibit integrity and sportsmanship.

Instruction

Our staff of qualified professionals are dedicated to implementing sound physiological and psychological strategies. Student participants will practice and compete in a safe environment.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student you are in school to secure the best secondary education you are capable of achieving. Deciding to participate in activities plays a significant part in your total educational development.

However, success in MSHSAA Activities is not achieved in numbers of wins - in order to achieve success.

1. Team goals, welfare and success must come before any individual.
2. Players must be receptive to coaching and respect both authority and property.

3. Maintain academic citizenship and eligibility standards as established by MSHSAA and Waynesville R-VI Schools.
4. Learning the spirit of hard work and sacrifice.
5. Learning to attain physical fitness through good health habits.
6. Desiring to excel to the limits of your potential.
7. Be willing to accept the leadership role that is instilled through the activities program.
8. If injured, an athlete must report all injuries to a member of the coaching staff. It is vital that treatment is received and the proper rehabilitation program is followed in all treatment of injuries.

You have an obligation to maintain the principles of hard work, dedication and service that make the Waynesville Activities Department a regional leader.

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

Waynesville school district offer opportunities to participate in 28 activities. If at any time during the school year a conflict exists between two school activities the student will be provided the opportunity to select the activity, they wish to participate in. In certain situations, the building principal and/or athletic director will need to make an exception and determine which activity has precedence.

District, Sectional, State & National competitions will overrule regular season competitions. When these conflicts occur, students are not to be penalized by the athletic or activity not attended.

In the instance that a student-athlete wants to play two sports in the same season (i.e. Football and Boys' Soccer) the following process will need to be followed:

1. The student-athlete will schedule a meeting with the athletic director to explain his or her interest in participating in two sports during the same season and make a decision to begin or not begin the process of completing the Two Sport Athlete Commitment Contract. The athletic director will look at a number of factors if making this decision (conflicts within sports, academic success, previous player commitment, player coachability, etc.)
2. The student-athlete will have a parent and/or guardian sign off allowing the student-athlete to enter into a Two Sport Athlete Commitment Contract.
3. The student-athlete will pick a sport of priority (Note: If a student-athlete decides that two sports are not manageable upon the start of a season and the student-athlete decides to continue with one sport in that season he or she may only continue in the sport chosen as the priority. In addition, if a student-athlete enters into a Two Sport Athlete Commitment Contract and does not fulfill that commitment for the season for both sports then he or she will not be permitted to enter into a Two Sport Athlete Commitment Contract for the remainder of his or her secondary athletic involvement.)
4. The student-athlete will then communicate with both coaches on his or her desire to participate in both sports and have the coaches sign off on the Two Sport Athlete Commitment form (Note: Both coaches must be in agreement to allow the student-athlete to participate. In the event that both coaches do not agree, the athletic director will then schedule a meeting with the coach not in agreement to decipher his or her reasons why. The athletic director will then make the determination.)
5. Lastly, coaches will provide and outline expectations for the student-athlete for each program in writing and submit those to the student-athlete, parents, and athletic director. The student- athlete and parent/guardian will then sign-off on those expectations for each sport to complete the approval process.

Any athlete who has gone out for a sport but quits of his/her own accord, will not be eligible to

start practicing for another sport before the end of the competition in the sport that was dropped (unless the head coach of the sport that was dropped signs a release form and the head coach of the new sport involved accepts the athlete). **Every athlete should understand this policy.**

The district provides transportation for athletes and appropriate staff to all school sponsored activities. Parents may sign out and transport their son/daughter following an event and assume the responsibility for the student's return after the activity is complete. A parent may also request in writing that the student may ride home with another parent. The request must be made in advance of the trip and receive approval of the principal or athletic director prior to the trip. A copy of the request will be kept on file in the athletic office. **Student/athletes are not allowed to transport other student/athletes.** Failure to follow proper procedure could result in loss of participation privileges.

Addresses to sporting events are available from our web site. <http://waynesvilletigerathletics.org>. If it is necessary to be absent from practice, the student is expected to obtain permission from the head coach prior to the absence from the scheduled practice.

Students must be in attendance all day to participate in any activity scheduled for that day or the day prior if the activity is on a non-school day. **Exceptions are granted with administrative approval only. If a student comes to school and during the day visits the health room and is sent home; they may not return or participate that day.**

In the event that a student is suspended or in SAVE, the student will not be eligible for participation during the suspension period. A student may not miss an afternoon detention or Saturday detention to participate in a practice or contest.

CODE OF ETHICS

Code of Ethics is in effect for 365 days.

Citizenship

Students who represent our school in interscholastic activities must be credible citizens and judged so by the proper school administrator. Those students whose character or conduct is such to reflect discredit upon themselves or our school will not be considered "credible citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

Any school related suspension would result in suspension from any activity scheduled during the school suspension.

Any report filed with the building administrator from local police authority or school personnel regarding a violation of citizenship standards will result in immediate suspension from school activities under further notice. Attendance at any party where alcohol, illegal drugs and/or drug paraphernalia is present is a violation of citizenship standards.

2.2.2 A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty or special condition of probation has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. After a student has completed all penalties, local school authorities shall determine eligibility. Students will be allowed to practice with the team with consent of the Head Coach and Administration.

2.2.4 Each student is responsible to notify the school of any and all situations that would affect his/her eligibility under the above standards.

1st Offense- Suspension from competition or performance for 28 days*. Students will be

allowed to practice with the team with consent of the Head Coach and Administration.

2nd Offense - Suspension from competition or performance for 90 days*. Students will be allowed to practice with the team with consent of the Head Coach and Administration.

* All suspension days will occur during the school calendar year.

Tobacco

The use or possession of any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or other nicotine-delivery products will result in:

1st Offense- Suspension from competition or performance for 10 school days. Students will be allowed to practice with the team.

2nd Offense- Suspension from competition or performance for 90 days*.

* All suspension days will occur during the school calendar year.

Alcohol and/or Drugs

The use or possession of alcohol and/or drugs will result in:

1st Offense- Suspension from competition or performance for 90 days*.

* Students will be allowed to practice with the team with consent of the Head Coach and Administration.

*The length of the suspension may be reduced to 28 days upon completion of district approved drug/alcohol intervention counseling and confirmation by the program director.

2nd Offense - Suspension from the total competition or performance program for 180 school days.

* All suspension days will occur during the school calendar year.

Harassment

Intimidation or harassment of a student or multiple students perpetuated by individual or groups. Behaviors such as, but not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or damaging property; oral or written taunts, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; threats of retaliation for reporting such acts; sending or posting materials that threaten or raise concerns about violence against others, suicide or self-harm. When such behavior is reported to the coach, it will be directed to the building principal and may result in optional district approved counseling which could reduce the length of suspension or allow for reinstatement with administrator approval. Additionally, the school handbook and discipline guidelines will be applied when appropriate- ate.

CARE OF EQUIPMENT

In order to give the student a sense of responsibility and an appreciation of his/her equipment, each student will be held accountable for damage to it or loss of it. **Any equipment lost or stolen must be paid for by the student in whose name it was checked out.** No athlete will be allowed to compete in another sport until all equipment obligations are cleared up. The following guidelines, if adhered to, will reduce the chances for lost or stolen equipment.

1. Do not exchange or loan any of the equipment checked out to you to another teammate.
2. Except when you are in visual contact, keep your locker closed and locked at all times. This includes when you are in the shower. School and personal equipment and belongings should be **locked** up at all times.
3. Any loss of equipment should be reported immediately to the head coach, rather than

waiting until the end of the season.

4. Any protective equipment that does not fit properly or that has any defective parts should be reported to a coach immediately. Do not wear the equipment until the necessary adjustments have been made. This is for your protection.
5. Items left in lockers after the season will be donated. We are not responsible, if you do not lock up.

Failure to comply with the Ozark Conference Sportsmanship Standards may result in your removal from the site of competition and may result in further disciplinary action.

The Waynesville R-VI School District grounds are a tobacco-free environment. Board policy states that the Waynesville R-VI School District bans the use of all tobacco products at all school facilities, buildings, and functions. A school may be suspended from membership in MSHSAA and from participating in interscholastic activities with other member schools for the unsportsmanlike at games both at home and away. Please support the players in a positive manner rather than possibly placing them in a position of being penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in the spirit of high school athletics.

PROTECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY

The Missouri State High School Activities Association, of which the R-VI School District is a member, is a voluntary, nonprofit, educational association of junior and senior high schools established for the purpose of working cooperatively in adopting standards for supervising and regulating interscholastic activities and contests. One of the primary functions of MSHSAA is to establish eligibility standards that must be met by all students to sustain the privilege of representing their school in interscholastic activities. Eligibility is a PRIVILEGE to be granted by the school to a student. Eligibility is NOT A STUDENT'S RIGHT BY LAW. Precedent setting legal cases have determined that eligibility is a privilege to be granted only if the student meets all standards adopted by the school.

1. Bona Fide Student

* In order to represent your school, you must be a bona fide student and meet all eligibility requirements. You must be enrolled in and regularly attending classes at the member school and meet the academic requirements by MSHSAA and those of your local school.

2. Citizenship

* You must be a creditable citizen. Creditable citizens are those students whose conduct, both in school and out of school, will not reflect discredit upon themselves or their school.

* Conduct by the student involving law enforcement should be reported to your school administrator immediately as your conduct may affect eligibility or contest outcomes.

3. Academics

* You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.00 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which any student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, at your school.

* For your current semester, you must be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer

3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater, for you school.

* Waynesville has a no F Policy. **HS students will not be eligible if they fail a course the previous semester.** Credits earned or completed after the close of the semester will not fulfill this requirement. Summer School cannot be used to regain

eligibility. **Middle school eligibility will be determined using 6–9-week grading periods.**

* You must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as determined by your local school's policies.

* **Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal, athletic administrator and counselor to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.**

4. Resident Requirements

*A junior or senior high school student may be eligible at the public or nonpublic school located in the district in which the student's parents reside. In case of a public multiple-school district, a student may be eligible at the school designated for the student to attend by the board of education (open enrollment does not count toward meeting the "designated school to attend.")

5. Transferring Schools

* If you transfer schools and your parents do not have a complete move out of the current district and into the district of your new school, you will be ineligible for 365 days-unless you meet one of the exceptions listed in the MSHSAA Residence and Transfer Rules. Make an appointment with your athletic administration to review these exceptions.

* If you move with your parents to your new school district, you will be eligible at your new school provided you were eligible in all other respects at your former school. A student shall not be eligible to represent two different schools in the MSHSAA state tournament series in the same sport during the same season.

* You and your parents must move to the new residence at the same time.

* Always check with your school administrator **BEFORE** you transfer.

6. Participation Limits

* You are eligible to participate in any sport for a maximum of four seasons. Any part of a contest played during a season counts as a season of participation.

* Your eligibility to participate in high school activities begins when you first enter the ninth grade and lasts for the next eight consecutive semesters (four consecutive years).

7. Entering School

* You must enter school within the first 11 days of the semester in order to be eligible.

This is not the same as transferring.

8. Amateur and Awards Standards

* An athlete must maintain "amateur standing" 365 days a year in the sport concerned in order to participate in interscholastic athletics – the following restrictions govern the receipt of awards in both interscholastic play AND non-school competition/participation.

* After entering a member school, you will become ineligible in the sport concerned if you receive any of the following:

PROHIBITED awards for participating in an athletic contest or being an athlete:

-An award of cash, a gift-certificate/gift-card or an award that is the equivalent of cash is PROHIBITED for amateurs.

-Merchandise which exceeds a manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$250 is PROHIBITED for amateurs. However, there is no value limit in regard to awards which are symbolic in nature, such as medals, ribbons, trophies, plaques, etc.

* Awards should be approved in advance by your school.

* Commemorative jewelry may be presented by the school (i.e. championship ring or necklace) (no value limit).

9. Age Limits

* If you reach 19 years of age prior to July 1, you will be ineligible the next school year.

* Over-aged eighth graders should be moved up to the senior high team to have eight semesters of eligibility.

10. Playing Under a False Name

* If you compete under an assumed or false name, you immediately become ineligible for up to 365 days.

11. Graduated Students

* You will be ineligible to participate after graduation from a senior high school. Students who are granted an early release after their junior year are ineligible for further participation. *You are eligible to participate in state-level events, which extend beyond the date of your school's graduation at the end of the spring semester of your senior year.*

12. **Non-school Competition**

* You may not practice for or participate with a non-school team or in any organized non- school athletic competition and for your school team ***in the same sport during the same season of the school team.***

- * You may participate on a school team and a non-school team in *different sports* during the same season; *however*, you may not practice for the non-school team or participate in organized non-school athletic competition *on the same day* that you practice with or participate for the school team *without prior approval of your school administrator*.
- * You must receive approval in advance from your school administrator in order to miss school time to practice for, travel to or compete in organized non-school athletic competition.
- * You will become ineligible in any sport in which you play as a member of a junior college, college or university team.
- * You may participate in international competition during the school year; however, the competition must meet the established criteria published in the MSHSAA Official Handbook and must be approved in advance by the MSHSAA Board of Directors.
- * Before you join a non-school team or enter any non-school competitive athletic event, your athletic administrator should be consulted to make certain these standards are met.

13. **College Auditions and Tryouts**

- * You may participate in a college tryout, audition or evaluation event for a specific sport outside the school season of the sport concerned.
- * You may not miss school time to travel or participate in the event unless the school administrator approves your absence in advance.
- * You may not miss a MSHSAA-sponsored postseason athletic event to participate in or travel to and from the event.
- * You may only attend one evaluation event by invitation per sport per year. You may attend any number of "open" evaluations (anyone may register) with no limit on college-sponsored tryouts.

14. **All-Star Games**

- * An all-star event is one in which an individual is invited to participate due to his or her high achievements.
- * You may not compete in an all-star game or contest before you complete your eligibility in each high school sport. Participation in an all-star game or contest before ending your high school eligibility will result in your becoming ineligible to participate in any high school sport.
- * A senior with no high school eligibility remaining in a specific sport may participate in **one** All-Star game for that sport during the school year. *See your administrator before agreeing to play.*

15. **Recruiting of Athletes**

- * You will be ineligible for your career at a school if you are influenced by a person or persons to attend upon promotion or transfer schools for athletic or activities purposes. You may, however, return to your original school and be ineligible for no more than 365 days.

16. **Transfer For Athletic Reasons**

- * You shall become ineligible for 365 days if you transfer to another school for athletic reasons.

17. **Sports Camps and Clinics**

- * During the school year outside of the school sport season, you may attend a non-school sponsored specialized sports camp(s) or group instruction, provided: it does not result in any loss of school time, it is not a team camp, no competition occurs other than limited scrimmaging, and no member of the coaching staff of the school you attend (or will attend) is involved in any way. During the school sport season, you may attend a school or non- school sponsored specialized sports camp(s) or group instruction under

certain conditions. You may attend only ONE without being accompanied by a school coach; attendance may not result in any loss of school time, there may be NO competition other than limited scrimmaging, and a school administrator must approve your participation. You or your parents must pay all camp/clinic fees, tuition and other related expenses. A scholarship or waiver of fees shall result in the loss of your eligibility. The school may provide transportation at no cost during the summertime or during the school sport season.

NOTE: Before attending any specialized athletic camp(s)/clinic(s) or group sport instruction, you should consult with your school principal or athletic director to make sure it meets the criteria published in the MSHSAA Official Handbook.

18. NCAA Division I or II College

- * In order for any student/athlete to consider a NCAA Division I or II college, he/she must be processed through the NCAA clearinghouse. This process should be started during his/her junior year. See your guidance counselor for information.

A REMINDER: Any questions pertaining to eligibility that are not answered above should be brought to the attention of your athletic administrator.

WAYNESVILLE R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT & CENTRAL OZARK CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP STANDARDS

Central Ozark Conference players, coaches and spectators will:

- * Regard game officials as fair, accept their decisions as final, and treat officials with respect.
- * Respect the property of our school and other schools
- * Cheer for their team.
- * Treat the opponent's coaches, players, and spectators with respect.
- * Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- * Accept the decisions and judgments of the coaches.
- * Wear t-shirts/clothing that displays positive language.
- * Remain off the playing field/court before, during, and after events.
- * Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- * Maintain an atmosphere of good sportsmanship at all times.

Central Ozark Conference players, coaches and spectators will refrain from:

- * Actions that will offend, embarrass, or intimidate any individual athlete.
- * Actions that will call attention to yourself.
- * Taunts, chants, noises, cheers, jeers, song, profanity or motions directed at the opposing team, coach, or school.
- * Using noise makers.
- * Throwing objects.
- * Displaying negative and unsportsmanlike signs.

TIGER PERFORMANCE TRAINING

Weight training is key in developing strong minds and bodies. Research has shown that weight training and conditioning is critical for preparing the body for the season, making gains in your sport, and maintaining those gains throughout the season. The added value of the psychological benefits of setting goals, pushing to failure, and overcoming failures to reach personal bests is indicative of what a daily routine in the weight room brings. In addition, the weight room sets an expectation for all student-athletes, allows for individual tracking of progress, and develops a culture that is focused on growth and celebrates success. Getting bigger, stronger, and faster does not happen without putting in time in the weight room and gym.

For Waynesville student-athletes in-season and out-of-season weight training and

conditioning are a mandatory expectation.

Student-Athlete Expectations:

- * Attend 70% (approximately 100 sessions of Tiger Performance Training sessions)
- * Attend 20 contact days schedule during summer
- * Attend off-season camps

Participation is vital, but we also understand that certain situations occur that are priority over athletics, however absences will only be excused when student-athletes proactively inform the athletic administration or a head coach. In addition, athletes will have the opportunity to make up absences to reach the 70% rule for TPT. Excused absences include family emergencies (funerals, medical issues, etc.), religious holiday observance, extreme illness that is documented, extended family gathering, (retirements, change of command, family reunion, etc.) and any documented injury requiring off-site visits by a doctor or medical staff.

Attendance in camps, off-season workouts, and Tiger Performance Training will be considered by head coaches when determining starting line-ups, playing time, positions, etc. Just meeting the expectations of attendance does not assure team membership or any of the above. When determining playing time, membership, positions, and starting line-ups, coaches will look for the following: Skill Level, Attitude, Effort and Coachability, Intensity, Intelligence of the Sports, and Commitment.

PHYSICAL EXAMS

The school shall require of each student participating in athletics a certificate of an issued physical signed and authorized by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner in written collaborative practice with a physician, or a certified physician's assistant stating that he or she is physically able to participate in athletic practices and contests. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until a complete, signed certificate is on file at the school. The medical certificate is valid for the purpose of this rule if issued on or after February 1st, 2024. This certificate must be on file in the athletic office before the student will be allowed to practice with any of Waynesville High School athletic teams. Middle School physicals should be on file with the Waynesville Middle School nurse. Each physical must have the statement on concussion education signed.

ATHLETIC AWARDS V/JV/FRESHMAN PARTICIPATION AWARD

A certificate will be presented to Varsity, Jr. Varsity, and Freshman athletes each time they meet the participation requirements established in a sport and are recommended by the Head Coach to receive the Participation Certificate Award.

VARSITY LETTER AWARD

All of the Waynesville R-VI athletic programs offer a varsity level athletic letter. Each sport has objective criteria and qualifications for lettering set by the individual sport coaching staff. The additional factors of good school citizenship and a constructive, positive attitude are integral criteria of the lettering process.

SUPERVISION POLICY

No individual student or team shall be permitted to participate in events without being accompanied and supervised by a representative of the school faculty or administrative staff. Coaches are responsible for supervision of groups while on the bus traveling to and from events, while at the events, and until the students' rides arrive. This includes but is not exclusive to: practices, meetings, contests, bus transportation.

Sponsorship includes the coach riding the bus and supervising the activity that he/she coaches. Sponsorship may necessitate the coach procuring assistance from his/her assistant coaches. It is the responsibility of the coach to cover his/her events.

CONFERENCE AFFILIATION

Waynesville R-VI School District is a cooperating member of the Central Ozark Conference; and as a member is committed to adhere to the rules and regulations of the conference.

West

Carthage	Webb City
Joplin	Republic
Neosho	Willard

East

Lebanon	Ozark
Waynesville	Kickapoo
Nixa	Glendale

In addition to competing for conference championships, an all-sports award is presented to the school that has the best overall record in the 20 recognized conference sports. Athletes can earn individual athletic and academic all-conference honors.

WAYNESVILLE R-VI SPORTS & ACTIVITIES BY SEASON

Fall Activities

Boys Cross Country V, JV, 8th, 7th
Boys Soccer V and JV
Boys Swimming V
Football V, JV, 9th, 8th,
7th Cheerleading V, JV,
9th
Girls Cross Country V and JV, 8th,
7th Girls Golf V, JV
Girls Softball V, JV
Girls Tennis V and
JV
Girls Volleyball V, JV, 9th, 8th, 7th

Winter Activities

Boys Basketball V, JV, 9th, 8th, 7th
Boys Wrestling V, JV, 8th, 7th
Girls Wrestling V, JV, 8th, 7th
Girls Basketball V, JV, 9th, 8th, 7th
Girls Swimming V
Cheerleading V, JV, 9th
Dance

Spring Activities

Baseball V, JV, 9th, 8th, 7th
Boys Golf V, JV
Boys Tennis V, JV
Boys Track V, JV, 8th, 7th Girls
Soccer V, JV
Girls Track V, JV, 8th, 7th
Softball 7th & 8th

MSHSAA Activities

Choir
Color Guard Forensics &
Debate Band
Scholar Bowl
Dance

PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATIONS

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to students. When your child becomes involved in our program, you, as a parent, have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program and clear communication from the parent to the coach.

Communications You Should Expect from A Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach.

2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad.
3. Location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, out of season conditioning.
5. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation.

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your child becomes involved in the programs in the Waynesville R-VI Schools, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches

1. The treatment of your child mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student-athletes/participants.

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed next must be left to the discretion of the coach.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, please follow the procedure below:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic director. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. Please do not attempt to meet a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.
4. If the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and set up an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be successful participants are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this handbook makes both your son/daughter and

your experience with the Waynesville R-VI Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

PARTICIPATION FEE

An annual athletic participation fee will be charged for the 2024-25 school year. This fee will be used to help offset expenses in all areas of the overall athletic program. **This fee must be paid before the first game, match or contest.** Students will not be permitted to participate in a game, match, or contest until the participation fee has been paid. The fee should be paid in cash, check or money order payable to: Waynesville Athletic Department. If a student is injured, and therefore excluded

from participation for the season, **prior to the first scheduled contest**, the participation fee can be refunded if requested. After the first contest is played, no money will be refunded. The participation fee will not be returned if a participant quits or does not finish a season. If a tryout policy is instituted for team members by the coaching staff, any participant not making the beginning season roster will have his/her participation money refunded, if requested by the end of the season.

If a family has more than one child participating the following rate schedule will apply:

\$25.00 for the first child

\$15.00 for the second child

\$10.00 for each additional child

SPORTS PASSES AND ADMISSION PRICES

The admission price at varsity and sub-varsity contests will be \$4.00 for adults and students.

MSHSAA district or state level contests and the Route 66 Shootout will have different pricing.