



ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN WCA ATHLETICS POLICY

ATHLETE PARTICIPATION POLICY

- All athletes must have completed 100% of the registration and clearance process on the AthleticClearance.com website (see last page)
- All athletes must have a current physical completed on the FHSAA EL2 form (wcaeagles.org>athletics>forms) and have it uploaded online on the AthleticClearance.com website. NFHS videos must also be watched every year and certificates uploaded to the website.
- Athletes with asthma or in need of epi-pen must carry it on them or be readily accessible if needed.

PHYSICALS

All athletes are required to have a physical completed, must be on the EL2 form only, prior to participating in WCA sports. The physical is to be uploaded online on the AthleticClearance.com website. No hard copies will be accepted. While physicals are valid for one year from the date of the examination, we highly recommend that each student-athlete have their physical completed in May or in the summer. This is to ensure that each student-athlete does not become ineligible during their season.

CONCUSSIONS

FHSAA mandates that an athlete suspected of being concussed be removed immediately from practice or competition. The student-athlete is done for the day and cannot return until they are cleared by an Applicable Health Care Professional (AHCP). Coaches are instructed not to allow an athlete to return to play until they are cleared by an AHCP in writing.

DOCTOR'S NOTE REQUIRED FOR ALL DOCTOR VISITS

All athletes that seek a Medical Doctor's attention in season are to bring a clearance note to the Athletic Director that clears them to practice or compete. A note from the doctor must be presented to the Athletic Director to return to practice or play.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

FHSAA requires high school student-athletes to maintain a cumulative 2.0 minimum GP to be eligible for athletics. Middle school students must maintain a 2.0 GPA each semester to remain eligible.

Warner Christian Academy will exceed the FHSAA academic eligibility by providing the following eligibility policy for athletics and all extra-curricular activities:

- Weekly grade-check reports will be run and students are immediately ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities if:
 - Any class grade falls below passing (<60%) OR
 - The current GPA falls below 2.0
- Student will remain ineligible for athletics and all extra-curricular activities until the above mentioned issue is rectified, or it is determined by the teacher, Principal, and Athletic Director that academic progress has been made or a plan enacted.
 - At that point, the student is then eligible, and will remain eligible, pending the next week's grade check report.

All incoming student-athletes must meet a 2.0 GPA in order to be eligible for sports at WCA (this includes NTS and transfers).

SPORTS FEES

WCA Athletic Department requires each athlete to pay a user fee to participate in any sport. This fee helps to defray the cost of an athletic team. Each family will be billed after rosters are established. The cost is:

| SPORT | COST |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1 st sport | \$125 |
| 2 nd sport | \$100 |
| 3 rd sport | \$ 75 |

SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL

Any student-athlete who is suspended from school may not participate in or attend an athletic event or practice during the duration of the suspension.

PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

Students must check in to school by 11:30 AM to be eligible to participate in after school activities or events for that day. If a student signs out during the school day, he/she must return with a doctor's note or court document to participate in after-school practices or events. Participation in extracurricular activities is NEVER an excuse for tardiness or absences the next day. Players are required to attend every scheduled practice and game unless approved in advance by the head coach. Please know the expectations of the program in which you are involved.

QUITTING DURING THE SEASON

If a student-athlete does not fulfill his/her commitment to the team for the duration of the season, he/she will not be allowed to begin practice for another season until the varsity season of the sport he/she has quit has finished the season. If a student quits after the season(games) begin there will be no refund of sports participation fees.

CUTTING POLICY

Coaches reserve the right to cut a player who is trying out for a team. Considerations may be the student-athletes' skill, squad size, attitude, team chemistry, or work ethic. Playing on a team is a privilege, earned by student-athletes and at the discretion of the head coach.

POLICY FOR ADDING A SPORT

The addition of a sport will be based on:

- Mission Match
- Student interest
- Non-conflict with other sports
- Coaches
- Facilities
- Budget
- Long-term commitment
- Sanctioned FHSAA/SSAC sport

MULTI SPORT PARTICIPATION

Student athletes at WCA are strongly encouraged to participate in multiple sports during the year. This is also true even for sports that occur in the same season. When a student participates in more than one sport during the same season the respective coaches will work together to arrange a practice and game schedule to satisfy the needs and priorities of the student and the respective teams. Game competition participation will always be the priority when arranging the student's schedule.

The student athlete will always finish the initial sport before he/she starts another sport for the next season.

PRACTICE AND GAME SCHEDULES

The WCA Eagles app includes calendars for all activities on campus and, in particular, the game schedules for all sports.

The "Calendar" button shows athletic practices and functions along with all daily school activities.

The "Athletics" button > Sports Calendar > Search shows a monthly calendar of all games and for away games lists dismissal and departure times, along with a Google Map to location of game. Coaches should communicate all team and individual sports activities with parents via text or group email. No student texts/call will be used.