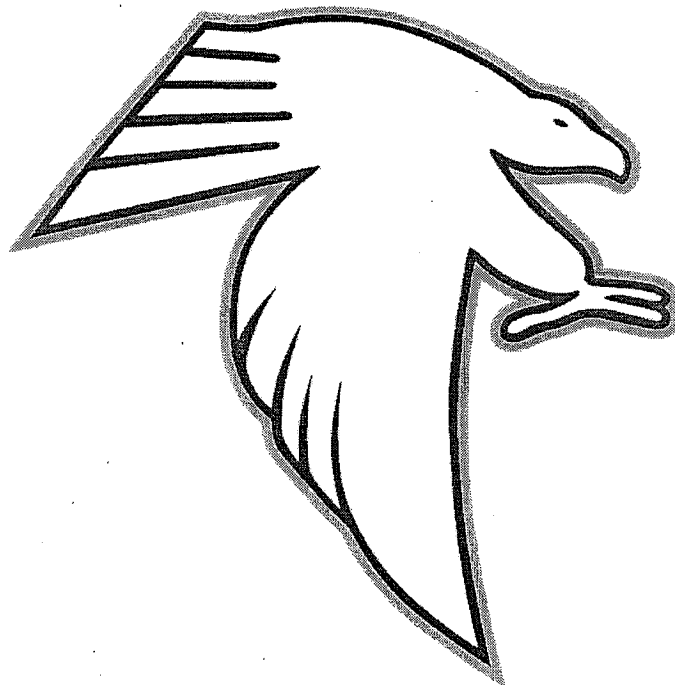


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Whitnall High School
Athletic/Activities
Code

For Participants & Parents



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I. Mission Statement of Whitnall High School's Extra-curricular Program

Extra-curricular participation is an integral part of the total educational program in the Whitnall School District. The Whitnall School District's commitment to, and involvement in, a competitive extra-curricular program dictates a value system for the individual student, student body, others associated with the program and all who attend the events as spectators.

It is the goal of the Whitnall School District to offer an extra-curricular program that provides each student with the opportunity to develop proper skills, good sportsmanship, good health habits, teamwork, self-reliance, respect and maturity, and to cope with and profit from both winning and losing. The entire program strives to provide students, faculty and the community a source of identification and pride in their schools.

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege, and therefore, every student must be willing to abide by the expectations set forth. Participants are constantly before the public, and their conduct not only influences future participants but also increases scrutiny of their behavior.

All students must conform and adhere to the rules of eligibility and conduct twelve months per year as per WIAA regulations. The success of this Code requires exercise of good faith by students, parents and school district personnel, as well as basic respect for the worth of each individual and the individual's ability to contribute to society. To be a participant in the extra-curricular program within the Whitnall School District, one must be willing to follow the rules set down by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Whitnall School Board. Attached see Appendix A for a summary of WIAA Rules and Regulations. Complete Rules and Regulations can be found at wiaawi.org.

A. Athletics - Interscholastic Sports (Listing is subject to change)	
Fall	
Boys	Girls
Cross Country	Cross Country
Football	Swimming
Soccer	Tennis
	Volleyball
Winter	
Basketball	Basketball
Hockey [Co-op]	Gymnastics [Co-op]
Swimming	
Wrestling	
Spring	
Golf	Soccer
Tennis	Softball
Track	Track
Summer	
Baseball	

B. Activities & Clubs (Listing is subject to change)	
AFS	Model U.N.
Cheerleaders	Mu Alpha Theta
Chess Club	National Honor Society
Class Officers	Peace Group
DECA	Peer Helpers
Drama Club	Pom Pon Squad
Drama Productions	Power Lifting
Drug Free Club	Science Seminar
Forensics	Stage Crew
Marching Band	Student Senate
Mock Trial Club	Winter Color Guard

Activities and Clubs will change according to the interests of our students. Annually, Administration evaluates all clubs, activities and sports offered to determine which offerings will continue; if there are openings for any new "activities;" and, if there are any funds for paid advisors or operational costs. Note: If your intent is to ask for District Funding, the application must be in by December 31 of the current school year in order to potentially receive funding the following school year; and, by April 1 of current year for all clubs/activities/sports not asking for funding. All clubs will be determined by May 15.

Whitnall High School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association [WIAA]. The WHS Athletic/Activities Code follows the minimum requirements of the WIAA. WHS reserves the right to incorporate more stringent eligibility requirements. Any additional or more stringent requirements have been approved or adopted as policy by the Whitnall School Board.

Due to the differences in the nature of activities offered, the same disciplinary measures are not always appropriate for all activities. For this reason the advisor and Activities Director will modify the penalty to fit the appropriate percentage based on the violation. Students who participate in both athletics and activities should understand that in the event of a violation, they are subject to discipline in both areas.

II. Rules of Eligibility

A. General Expectations

All students are expected to follow WIAA regulations, the governing body of a specific organization [i.e. National Honor Society], Whitnall High School Athletic/Activities Code and the participation guidelines and/or expectations for participation established by the advisor/coach.

B. Academic Requirements

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics or activities, the participant must be a full time student and must have attained a minimum grade point average [GPA] of a 2.00 ["C" average] in all class work which will be reviewed at the end of each grading period. If students do not meet the above criteria, they will be declared ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the next nine week grading period. A list of students whose GPA is below a 2.00 shall be compiled upon receipt of grades, submitted to the principal for validation and forwarded to the Athletic/Activities Director.

Students who have been declared academically ineligible from fourth quarter may regain their eligibility for the first quarter of the following school year by successfully completing summer school to make-up a failed class, provided the student attains a GPA of 2.00.

Academic ineligibility for non-competitive activities may be waived for good reason on the recommendation of the activity advisor and with the approval of the principal or his/her designee.

C. Preseason Orientation

All students must attend an orientation meeting before reporting for any sport or activity. At least one parent/guardian must attend the orientation with their son/daughter. This meeting is very important because the student registers for the sport, hears valuable information about the athletic/activities code [including policies and procedures] and receives team rules and regulations directly from the coach. The student and parent are responsible for all information presented at the orientation meeting.

D. Age Requirements

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

E. Semesters In School

A student is ineligible if he/she has attended more that eight semesters or twelve trimesters while enrolled in grades 9-12.

F. Residence & Eligibility

A student is ineligible to participate on an interscholastic team if he/she does not reside in the Whitnall School District, unless his/her residence has been approved by the WIAA, or if the student is attending Whitnall Schools through Chapter 220, is an approved full-time student through open enrollment, is an approved tuition student, is an approved full time student in the foreign exchange program, and/or an approved full-time student per Whitnall School Board Policy.

G. Transfers

In accordance with WIAA rules, if an eligible or suspended student transfers to the Whitnall School District, the ineligibility or suspension must remain in effect. If an ineligible student transfers from the Whitnall School District to another school district, the ineligibility or suspension must remain in effect at the school to which the student transfers.

H. Amateur / All-Star Status

A student must maintain amateur status, and must not participate on any team but their high school team during the same season [in that particular sport], with the exception of the WIAA "gifted participant" rule. A student shall become ineligible for all further participation in the school's interscholastic program if he/she accepts reimbursement, in any form including, but not limited to; salary, cash, merchandise of any kind or amount and/or share of game proceeds for achievement in athletics.

A student also becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from the date of the last offense for participating in an all-star game or similar activity. Activities during the summertime within the confines of the established league or program, such as an interdivisional contest or team picked to represent a given league in additional competition, are exempt from this rule.

I. Physical Exams & Parental Permission

All athletes must have a WIAA physical examination/parental permission card on file in the Athletic & Activities Office prior to participating in an interscholastic sport. A student is required by the WIAA to have a physical performed by a licensed physician every two years. It is to be signed by the physician, dated, and then signed by the parents. In the year between physicals a WIAA parental permission card is to be signed by the parents and returned to the Athletic & Activities Office. These cards are available in both the Athletic & Activities Office and the High School Office.

J. Participation

During a sports season, an athlete competing in one sport may not drop that sport and begin another without mutual consent of the coaches involved. Similarly, if a student athlete leaves a sport to participate in another school activity (i.e., the spring musical) there must be mutual consent between the coach and the activity advisor.

K. Activity Conflict Guidelines

Coaches and/or activity advisors should carefully check their student rosters to anticipate possible performance conflicts. It may be that a student will have to choose one activity over another rather than be a "part-time performer" in two or more activities. In all cases the advisors should attempt to work out the problems so the student is not "caught in the middle."

When a student has a conflict because two or more activities are scheduled at the same time, the following policy will apply:

1. A performance (i.e. game, meet, contest, play, etc.) has priority over a practice or a rehearsal. If a student's practice (rehearsal or even dress rehearsal) in one activity is scheduled at the same time as a student's performance in another activity, the performance has priority, and that student is excused from the other activity without penalty.
2. If a practice occurs at the same time in two activities, the practice time is divided equally between the two activities. NOTE: A student participating in two activities can be difficult, but in cases where coaches can agree, participation is allowed..
3. If a performance in one activity conflicts with a performance in another activity, the student is permitted a choice without penalty. If this causes a problem and the coaches/advisors cannot agree, the high school principal or his/her designee will act as arbitrator.

***EXCEPTION:** Participation in a conference playoff or championship meet, district, or state tournament activity (including regional and sectional levels) takes priority. If a student should choose not to participate in the conference, district, or state tournament level activity, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any activity on that date(s).

L. Obligations

All financial and equipment obligations from previous athletic or activities participation must be settled prior to participation in any subsequent sport/activity. No student may practice or participate in an event unless their school fees are paid in full or arrangements have been made with the Business Manager or designee. Final authorization to participate must be sent by the Business Manager to the Athletic/Activities Director.

M. Attendance

A student shall not practice or participate in any extra-curricular activity, athletic event, school musical, club meeting, plays, dances, etc., on a school day if he/she is not in attendance (attendance in Physical Education means participation) for all classes the day of the activity. Even though parents request and approve the absence, the school retains the right to either excuse or not excuse these absences. (Exceptions would include but are not limited to: approval from an administrator for funerals, doctors, dental appointments and college visits for seniors... that cannot be scheduled on a school day before 7:15 a.m. or after 2:15 p.m.).

If a student has an unexcused absence on Friday he/she may not participate in a Saturday event if no contest is held on Friday. A student who has an excused absence may participate on Saturday.

If a student misses a class (unexcused) on the day of an extra-curricular event, the student will not be permitted to participate in or attend the event that day.

III. Violations & Penalties

The Whitnall School District encourages all students to pursue excellence, not only in academic and co-curricular activity areas, but also in the areas of conduct and behavior. The following actions and behaviors are unacceptable and shall be considered violations of the code of conduct. Failure to follow these rules on a year-round basis may result in the student being suspended from a sport or activity for a specified period of time.

A. Violations

Any participant alleged to have violated any rule governing extracurricular activities shall be notified of the alleged violation by the coach/advisor, high school administrator or the athletic/activity director. The participant shall have a full opportunity to respond to the allegation.

The penalty sequence cited under each violation will be enforced for all athletics and activities violations. In the rare instances that the penalties do not fit the activity schedule, administration, with a good faith effort, will apply alternative sanctions following a progressive sequence [i.e. 30 days, 45 days, etc...].

VIOLATIONS

1. **Smoking/Alcohol/ Controlled Substances:** The use, purchase, sale, distribution, or possession of unauthorized drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless), or look-alikes or use, sale distribution of prescription, over-the-counter drugs and inhalants for other than their intended purpose.
2. **Sale and/or Distribution:** The sale and/or distribution of drugs, alcohol, or look-alikes will not be tolerated and will result in a harsher punishment.
3. **Hosting a Party:** A student or students deemed responsible for hosting a party where smoking/alcohol/controlled substances are served or consumed. NOTE: A student shall not be in violation of hosting a party if the student can demonstrate by convincing information that he/she was not aware beer, alcohol, or controlled substances was brought to their house or that, after becoming aware that beer, alcohol, or controlled substances were present, the student notified an adult and asked the responsible parties to leave.
4. **Attendance at a student-hosted gathering where smoking/alcohol/controlled substances are found or consumed or if a gathering is brought to a house uninvited:** A student in attendance at a gathering shall not be in violation of a smoking/alcohol/controlled substance violation if the student can demonstrate by convincing information that he/she was not aware beer, alcohol, or controlled substances were present or that, after becoming aware that beer, alcohol, or controlled substances were present, the student disassociated himself/herself from and left the gathering, or was prevented from doing so because of insufficient time or opportunity.

A student in a situation where smoking, alcohol, or controlled substances makes its way to that student's house shall not be in violation of section I if the student can demonstrate that offending students were asked to leave, a responsible adult was called to help remove them, and/or police were called.

The sanction for violation #4 for the first offense is a 30 hour community service and can only be used once. Future violations will be considered a second offense. School Administrators will develop a Community Service Committee made up of a counselor, high school administrator, District Office administrator and faculty member of the student's choice and parent(s) or guardian to set the conditions of the student's community service work. The committee will meet to approve the community service work, set the timelines and any other educational conditions. All work must be documented in writing on forms developed by the school administrators.

5. **Other Circumstances:** Engaging in any acts of willful, persistent, disruptive behavior, or any act in violation of, or subject to, penalty under Wisconsin State Statutes, Whitnall School District Policies, and/or any local ordinances.

B. Penalties

Any participant found in violation of the Code of Conduct shall be subject to the measures listed below. The suspension from activities takes effect upon notification from administration.

Violation	Penalties		
	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Smoking, possession or display of tobacco products	25%	50%	Calendar year
Possession or use of alcohol	25%	50%	Calendar year
Possession or use of unauthorized drugs, drug paraphernalia	50%	Calendar year	High School Career
The sale and/or distribution of drugs, alcohol or look alike drugs	50%	Calendar year	High School Career
Hosting a party	50%	Calendar year	High School Career
Out of School Suspension	1 Game	2 Games	3 Games
Convicted of an ordinance violation (excluding traffic violations)	25%	50%	Calendar year
Convicted of a State crime	50%	Calendar year	High School Career

Penalty Notes:

- *If a suspension also results in a code violation, the code violation will supersede the suspension violation.*
- *Code violations resulting from ordinance violations or State crimes will be enforced based on initial crime the student is charged with.*
- *Out of school suspension is not considered a code violation unless the offense fits one of the existing categories.*

Students participating on athletic teams or in an activity will be suspended from participating in the prescribed number of contests as follows:

Total number of competitions	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	17	20	24
First Violation (25%) number of events	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	6
Second Violation (50%) number of events	3	4	4	6	7	7	8	8	9	10	12

“Contest” Defined: A contest is defined as one regularly scheduled event (game, meet, competition, etc.) within Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) or other organizations’ sanctioned definitions as appropriate. For sports, the first level of state competition will be counted as one contest unless the team qualifies to the next level of competition. In that case, the additional contests will be counted against the suspended member. Multi-team meets or invitations will be counted as one contest.

Important Note to the Participant Regarding Suspensions & Participation:

During the period of suspension, participants must attend all practice sessions. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the team. A student must successfully finish a sports season for the suspension to be valid. If a student is not in a sports season at the time of the violation, or if the remainder of the season is not adequate to complete the suspension, the suspension will extend to the next sport the student successfully competes. Activity code violations are cumulative over a four (4) year period.

Note: In the event that a student has been suspended from participation for an extended period, but will become eligible during an upcoming season or schedule of activities, that student will be allowed to participate in tryouts for that activity.

Note: If any violation occurs during the postseason tournament, by WIAA rules, the participant is ineligible for the entire tournament series.

All suspensions will be the same no matter if the violation occurs while the student is out for a sport and/or activity, or if it occurs during the off-season. If a student interrupts their education for any reason, the suspension (if not completed) will resume when the student returns to Whitnall High School.

If a student is suspended for alcohol or controlled substance use, he/she will be required to attend a minimum of one session with a guidance counselor.

C. Earning Team Award

First Code Violation: A participant must serve a disciplinary period during which time the participant must practice, follow all guidelines established by the advisor or coach and demonstrate a good attitude. If the participant follows the set guidelines, he/she will be eligible to earn an athletic letter award and be eligible to be listed on the team roster.

Second Code Violation: A participant must serve a disciplinary period during which time the participant must practice, follow all guidelines established by the advisor or coach and demonstrate a good attitude. If the participant follows the set guidelines, he/she will be eligible to be listed on the team roster.

D. Appeals

1. Academic Variances

a. An ineligible student may make an appeal for a variance or exception to the academic portion of this policy. The application must be submitted to the athletic/activities director. Only one variance will be granted per year, and only two variances will be granted for a student's career. Variances may not be granted for consecutive quarters.

If a student is on a variance, the student's class work will be monitored on a weekly basis. Monitoring of student achievement occurs in conjunction with the guidance department to determine eligibility for competition for that given week. Two incomplete or unsatisfactory weekly reports of class work will make a student ineligible for participation for the remainder of the season. Each week the student must demonstrate satisfactory progress in each class.

b. Because school is not in session in summer, a variance does not apply. Based on the "WIAA Senior High Handbook, the ineligibility period for baseball shall be a minimum of three weeks (21 consecutive calendar days).

Applications are available in both Athletic/Activities Office and the High School Office. All applications must be approved by the Principal before an athlete is eligible to participate or compete.

2. Parent Notification of Code Violations

Parents will be notified that a violation report has been received and that an investigation is being made. After investigating a violation report, the Athletic/Activity Director or assistant principal will send the parent(s) a letter indicating the result of the investigation. After a suspension is issued, a student and/or his/her parents may formally appeal the decision in writing to the Principal. Appeals must be received within 14 days from the first day of notice to the parents.

IV. General Items

A. Locks

All students are encouraged to lock all items in a locker at all times. The Whitnall Athletic Department does not supply locks. The Whitnall School District is not responsible for lost or stolen property. All locks must be removed from locker rooms within two days following each season. Materials left in lockers after the season will be discarded.

B. Theft/Misuse of Equipment

All participants receiving equipment will be responsible for the equipment issued. No equipment is to be worn by a participant except at an official practice session or scheduled contest (unless authorized by the coach). Lost or stolen equipment is the responsibility of the participant who has checked out the equipment. Any participant in possession of stolen property from visiting schools will be disciplined by the Athletic/Activities Department.

C. Expectations

Coaches and advisors have individual expectations in regard to participant behavior, commitment to team, practice rules, locker room behavior, game conduct, transportation conduct, equipment care, language, dress, training, etc. Each coach/advisor will make his/her team or group aware of all expectations in regard to that particular sport or activity. Participants should be aware that each coach/advisor has unique expectations, rules, and methods of coaching. If a participant is unclear of what is expected, he/she should consult the coach/advisor to clarify the expectations.

D. Transportation

All participants are expected to travel to and from away contests with the squad/team/club/group. If a need arises for a participant to seek other means of transportation, the participant's parent must contact the coach/advisor or the Athletic/Activities Director in writing for permission to transport the student prior to the departure for the event. When parents, coaches, or students transport the student, they do so at their own risk. Transportation by means other than team buses or school vans is to be a rare occurrence.

E. Fees

No participant may practice for an event or participate in any event unless their school fees are paid in full or arrangements have been made with the District Business Office or designee and authorization to participate has been sent by the Business Manager or designee to the Athletic/Activities Director.

V. Additional Exceptions & Guidelines

A. Ten Principles of "Good Sportsmanship"

1. Treat visiting students as guests.
2. Don't heckle the players at any time.
3. Respect and accept the decisions of the coaches and officials as final.
4. Cooperate with cheerleaders and other leaders.
5. Respect all property rights and refrain from throwing anything into the playing area and crowd.
6. Stay off the playing area at all times.
7. Do not "boo" or use noisemakers.
8. Remain until the activity is completed.
9. Keep reasonably quiet during a free throw and other tense situations.
10. Applaud excellent performances by our opponents as well as our own team.

B. Rules for Appropriate Adult and Student Behavior at Athletic Events

1. School and adult officials are to be respected and have authority to enforce all rules.
2. Profane language and offensive behavior will not be tolerated.
3. Respect property.
4. Respect, cooperate, and respond appropriately to cheerleaders. Any cheers that ridicule, insult, or use profanity are prohibited.
5. Cheer on your own team players; do not respond negatively to opposing players or fans.
6. All types of noisemakers are prohibited.
7. The possession, use, under the influence, distribution, and/or sale of drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol is prohibited.
8. Signs, cards, banners, are prohibited unless approved by the athletic/activities director.
9. Any actions that endanger the safety of participants, spectators, or officials are prohibited.
10. Use of tobacco products on premises owned or rented by or under the control of the



2009-10 WIAA HIGH SCHOOL RULES AT A GLANCE

The WIAA Rules at a Glance offers a brief synopsis of WIAA Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility, to address in general some of the most common questions of the membership. WIAA Bylaws, which outline the provisions of membership in the Association and the Rules of Eligibility, appear in the WIAA Handbook. The reader should refer to that publication, or confer with your school athletic director, for more complete information. Your AD should always be your first contact for questions or concerns about school sports. WIAA rules and regulations are established by membership vote. The Annual Meeting is held in the spring of the year, at which time amendments are presented. The interpretation and enforcement of the rules and regulations are the responsibility of the WIAA executive office and Board of Control. It is the responsibility of member schools to abide by the rules of the Association, to educate students, coaches, parents and others regarding the provisions of membership and Rules of Eligibility and to report to the WIAA all violations of Association provisions.

I. COACHES AND COACHING CONTACT

Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children). There is no distinction between varsity and J.V. coaches, i.e., J.V. coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice-versa, nor any distinction between paid and nonpaid (volunteer) coaches. An exception is that varsity and J.V. coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year.

Coaching restrictions apply to all sports during the school year, except during the respective sport season. All sport coaches have five days of unrestricted coaching contact opportunity in the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. The 5 contact days must be the same for all levels within a sport program. In addition, coaching restrictions do not apply in the summer beyond the 5 unrestricted days in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, the summer being defined as when school is not in normal session, provided such nonschool programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. Other than during the actual school season and as specifically approved in the summer, coaches may not have coaching contact with their athletes other than as listed above; including practicing or competing with athletes, driving athletes to nonschool competition, driving athletes to camps, clinics, etc., or having basically anything to do with the athletes' nonschool participation. Further, coaches may not:

1. Mandate athletes participate in nonschool competition, or determine who may or may not participate in nonschool activity.
2. Require involvement in out-of-season activities as part of the requirements for making a school team, earning a school letter award, etc.
3. Provide incentives such as T-shirts, etc., for participation in the off-season.

A school coach must always be present when an athlete is participating in interscholastic competition. It is not acceptable for parents, or others, to take the place of the coach at school-sponsored competition, unless they meet WIAA coaching requirements and have the approval of the school administration. (RE - Art. I, Sect. 7 and Art. VI, Sect. 2)

II. SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL TEAMS

A. COMPETITION AND PRACTICE

Schools may conduct sport competition and practice only during the defined respective sport season as specified in Season Regulations and during Board of Control approved unrestricted contact days in the summer (up to 5 days in all WIAA sports), between the end of school and July 31. Season Regulations spell out, among other things, when practice starts, how many contests may be played, how many contests individuals may participate in, how many practice days are required before the first competition, and when the season ends. This means schools and school organizations, such as the letter winners club, the senior class, etc., cannot be involved in running any competition or practice in WIAA recognized sports outside the defined school season for that sport and those 5 days in the summer identified as unrestricted contact days.

WIAA rules also specify a school may not assemble athletes, or prospective athletes, in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of that particular sport and summertime, unrestricted days. Further, schools may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of that sport. Nor may a school conduct intramural programs, which involve athletes with past status on a school team, at any level, except during the established school season of a sport. (BL - Art. II)

Interstate Competition: WIAA Bylaws prohibit member schools from competing against school teams that are post secondary schools and/or academies and schools that are not members of their respective state associations. They also limit the number of events member schools may schedule in nonbordering states to one competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season. Schools may schedule any number of events in bordering states within season game maximum limitations. Bylaws also provide that competition which involves out-of-state teams may require additional WIAA and/or National Federation sanctioning. Additional requirements exist relative to school teams participating in competition sponsored by non-school providers, e.g. Professional sport teams, American Legion, YMCA, (BL - Art. II)

B. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Schools may not issue wearing apparel and protective equipment prior to the first allowable day of practice, unless specifically allowed in Season Regulations for that sport. One exception is that with approval of its governing body schools may issue school uniform or other wearing apparel and protective equipment for use by athletes in training or competition, in the summertime. It is acceptable to issue implements at anytime if the school wishes, such as vaulting poles, shot puts, hurdles, baseball bats, basketballs, volleyballs, etc. (BL - Art. II and RE - Art. VI, Sect. 2)

C. CLINICS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

Schools may not be involved in conducting clinics outside the season, with the following exceptions. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

1. There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
2. A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their high school athletes as clinicians. This may be done for a maximum of six days during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than July 31. Clinics not utilizing athletes as clinicians may be conducted throughout the summer up to the start of school.
3. School facilities may be used for nonschool programs, according to board of education policy, which can result in clinics being conducted, outside the season, by nonschool groups. The nonschool group must request the facilities from the board of education or governing board, through normal procedures and are encouraged to provide their own insurance protection. (BL - Art. II and RE - Art. VI, Sect. 2)

D. OPEN GYMS

Coaches and schools cannot be involved in out-of-season practice for athletes. However open gyms do not violate WIAA rules if they are conducted according to the following guidelines:

1. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that are interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or non-public.
2. There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.
3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.
4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc. "Open Gym" is not a code word for out-of-season practice. The philosophy of the open gym is students from that school may attend, for wholesome recreation, or for purposes of improving their skills, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against the host school's athletes. (BL - Art. II and RE - Art. VI, Sect. 2)

E. SCRIMMAGES

WIAA rules limit the number of interscholastic (another high school, tech school, college, etc.) scrimmages/practices teams may have. Teams may practice/scrimmage with or against nonschool groups (alumni, city team, etc.) at their discretion.

Note (1): An alumni contest counts toward season maximums. (BL - Art. II and SR)

Note (2): If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools and/or teams.

F. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE INTERSCHOLASTICALLY

A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership.

Full-time students enrolled in member charter schools are eligible only at the school of residence.

Note: No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

The administration of the school is responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes. School administration must verify the eligibility of each participating student prior to their first competition each school year. A student must meet school and WIAA definition of a full-time student (as identified by school policy), be carried on a school's attendance roles and be meeting the minimum academic requirement in credits accepted by the school in order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic competition.

1. Students that are academically ineligible, ineligible due to code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate in scrimmages against other schools according to local school policy. Students ineligible for other reasons may not participate in scrimmages against other schools.
2. For varsity eligibility, public school students are basically eligible to participate in the district in which their parents reside in their primary residence. A transfer of guardianship, or reaching 18 years of age, does not set aside this rule. Parents may not establish a secondary residence, in a second district, and gain athletic eligibility. Nonpublic school students, with the exception of boarding schools, must reside full-time with parents in their primary residence.
Note: For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of class and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year."
3. Students entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year as open enrollment students are eligible starting with the fall season, from a residence standpoint. If this student transfers back to the school of residence or to a nonpublic school, after attending one day of school or one athletic practice, he/she is ineligible for varsity competition for one calendar year. Additional transfer restrictions may also apply to students who have completed four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9.
4. Students entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year as Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full-time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Additional transfer restrictions may also apply to students who have completed four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9.

5. Students not meeting residence requirements and who are within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9 will be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, unless a waiver is provided.
6. All transfer students should initially be treated as ineligible athletes until the athletic director at the receiving school has had the opportunity to completely check all aspects of athletic eligibility.
A student who transfers with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons or academics, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
Students transferring more than once in any school year are not eligible for any level of competition unless a WIAA waiver is provided. (RE – Art. II Sect. 3-A-3)
7. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade. First-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the WIAA Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or no more than three days of school.
10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
8. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s), or a waiver is provided.
9. Foreign exchange students may be granted one year of varsity eligibility if they come to a school through a CSJET approved exchange program with full listing status. These students are not eligible until the appropriate form has been submitted to the WIAA and eligibility has been granted.
Foreign exchange students who transfer from one school to another should be regarded as ineligible for varsity competition, the same as any other transfer student. (RE – Art. I and Art. II)

G. CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF COMPETITION/PRACTICE

A team must take one day off, from all physical activity, after six consecutive days of practice/competition. Teams may schedule nonphysical activity, such as film review, scouting reports, rehab, etc., during this off day. (SR)

H. PROTESTS

A protest is possible relative to a game official's misapplication of a rule. Such protests are not allowed in WIAA tournament competition. During the regular season, a protest will not result in replaying or repeating any game, meet, match, event, or race, or any portion of any game, meet, match, event, or race. The purpose of the protest is to correct an official if an official was in error. It is not possible to recreate the game situation that existed. (BL – Art. VI)

A school may appeal a ruling of forfeiture based on an ineligible student's contribution to victory, in a team sport, with the understanding the school must satisfy to a clear and convincing standard the student in question did not contribute in any way to the victory. (RE – Art. I)

I. CODE OF CONDUCT

WIAA rules require that all schools have a code of conduct, which they enforce on a year-round basis. WIAA rules do not indicate specific penalties, other than stating in-season violations involving possession and/or use of alcohol, possession and/or use of tobacco products and/or the possession, use, buying or selling of controlled substances must result in at least a one-game (not scrimmage) suspension. Any suspension, which results in a student missing a WIAA tournament contest, results in that athlete being ineligible for the remainder of the WIAA tournament series in that sport.

A student that transfers from one school to another, with a suspension due to athletic code violation(s) from the previous school, must serve that mandated suspension at the new school. The school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced.

If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

A student ejected from a contest is suspended for the rest of that competition and the next scheduled competition. If it happens the next competition is a multischool meet, which counts as one meet on the schedule, the student misses the entire competition. (RE – Art. VII)

A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.

Any player who spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

J. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

It is necessary the school have a current physical examination on file for every athlete before the athlete is allowed to start practice. This physical examination must bear the signature or signature stamp of a physician, or the stamp of the clinic the physician is associated with or the signature of an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP). A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; a physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year. (RE – Art. VII)

III. STUDENTS

A. AGE REQUIREMENT

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year. (RE – Art. III)

B. CONSECUTIVE SEMESTER RULE

A student has eight consecutive semesters of potential athletic eligibility, starting with the first semester of his/her 9th grade year. A fifth year senior is not eligible to participate, unless a waiver is granted by the WIAA. (RE – Art. V)

C. AMATEUR STATUS

A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, any cash or merchandise awards for achievement in athletics. This means athletes may not accept items such as shoes, jackets, gift certificates, etc., for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, etc. They may receive an award which is symbolic in nature, such as trophies, medals, ribbons, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls or other items of no intrinsic value. Rules further prevent athletes from receiving compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture and/or personal appearance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants. A student may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete, or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service. Also, an athlete violates this rule if he/she plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own. (RE – Art. IV)

D. NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Rules indicate athletes may not participate in nonschool competition during the school season, in the same respective sport. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool games, including scrimmages, against other teams. This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, etc.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point), fun runs, etc. Additionally, a student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training or competition. (RE – Art. VI)

E. ALL-STAR CONTESTS

Athletes with remaining high school eligibility may not participate in all-star contests. During the school year, a school, including its administrators, athletic director and coaches shall not become involved directly or indirectly with any kind of all-star or similar contest that involves students with remaining eligibility. An all-star team is one where participants are chosen on the basis of individual accomplishment or reputation. An underclassman becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from the date of last offense for participation in an all-star game or similar activity. A senior who violates this rule forfeits all remaining high school eligibility in the same specific sport as the all-star event. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season. (BL – Art. IV, Sect. 1 & RE – Art. VI, Sect. 3)

F. EXPENSES – TRAINING AND COMPETING

1. The WIAA recognizes a distinction between training and competing. Students must pay their own expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer.
2. A student may be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competing. This may include transportation, food, lodging and entry fees.
3. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or any other way in a student's nonschool participation outside the sport season and the 4 or 5 Board of Control approved unrestricted contact days in the summer. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and Art. VI) Note: Funds kept in school activity accounts are considered school funds.

G. OUT-OF-SEASON

Athletes may participate in nonschool competition, outside the school season; however, certain restrictions apply. Amateur status rules are still in effect and must be observed. Schools cannot be involved, and coaches are restricted as indicated in Number 1, page 1. Team makeup may not be restricted based on school or team status. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and VI)

H. FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION

If a student or a student's parents or guardian falsify any information submitted to a school, and a student participates resulting in an order of forfeiture, the student becomes ineligible in all sports for one calendar year from the date of the last game or meet in which the student participated. (RE – Art. I, Sect. 5)

IV. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

It should be noted most rules do not have a specific penalty associated with them. The WIAA has the authority, however, to impose penalties relative to rules violations such as, suspension of membership for not more than one year; probation for not more than one year; denial of participation in Association tournament program; denial of any area of Association services and benefits; monetary fine equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation; forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals; loss of conference affiliation; loss of eligibility for athletes involved. (WIAA Constitution, Art. VI, RE – Art. 1)

Reference Key BL – Bylaws RE – Rules of Eligibility SR – Season Regulations

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**Athletic/Activities Code Agreement
2009-2010 School Year**

I have reviewed all of the extra-curricular program information, and I will abide by all the procedures and policies of the Whitnall School District set forth in this Athletic/Activities Code.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Student Participant (please print name)

Graduation Year

Student's Signature

Date

Activity

NOTE: All students must confirm and adhere to the rules of eligibility and conduct twelve months per year as per WIAA regulations. This code must be signed **annually**.

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