



# Code of Conduct

*Enhancing school spirit, team unity, and personal growth in a positive, challenging environment*

## Academics

- As a student at Whitnall High School, your primary responsibility is your commitment to academics. All team members must maintain a 2.0 grade point average each semester. Violations will be addressed by the Whitnall Athletic Department and may result in suspension and/or dismissal from the team. Please refer to the High School Athletic/Activities Code for more information.

## Attendance

- Requests for excused absences must be submitted and approved prior to the absence, using the Absence Request Form (available on the team website). A parent must sign this form. If the team member fails to submit a form prior to the absence, it will be counted as unexcused, regardless of the reason.
- Summer Season: *mandatory*
  - 2 Excused Absences = 1 Unexcused Absence
  - 2 Unexcused Absences (or 4 Excused Absences) = Dismissal from the team
- Fall Season:
  - 2 Excused Absences = 1 Unexcused Absence
  - 2 Unexcused Absences (or 4 Excused Absences) = Dismissal from the team
- Winter Season:
  - 3 Excused Absences = 1 Unexcused Absence
  - 3 Unexcused Absences (or 9 Excused Absences) = Dismissal from the team
- If a practice is missed, the team member is responsible for learning any material or obtaining any handouts or information ***before the next practice.***
- If a team member is ill from school, the Absence Request Form will be accepted after the absence and it will be counted as excused.
- Do your best to schedule appointments on non-practice or performance days, as the WHS Athletic Code mandates that missing even part of school causes the athlete to be ineligible to participate that day. If appointments are scheduled on practice or performance days, the ineligibility will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- Notify the coach of absences personally; do not ask captains or other team members to pass on this information.

## Practices

- All practices are mandatory.
- Late arrivals will not be tolerated. Frequent late arrivals may result in suspension or dismissal from the team. Arrive 10-15 minutes early to be prepared for practice. Practices will begin when all team members are present and ready, and continue for two hours after that time—if we start late, we will end late.
- At each practice, team members must be prepared with dance shoes, tennis shoes, and appropriate clothing.
- Always bring a water bottle. Only water and sports drinks are allowed during practice. Eating during practice is not allowed.
- No jewelry may be worn at practices. Hair must always be **pulled back**, out of the face.

## Varsity Lettering Criteria

- Team members must finish the season in good standing to be eligible to receive a Varsity letter, following attendance guidelines listed above. All team members must participate in the summer season, and then may choose to participate in fall and/or winter seasons.

## Games and Performances

- All games, performances, and competitions are mandatory. Missing these events will result in an unexcused absence, even if an Absence Request Form is turned in—no exceptions.
- The team will perform at all Boys Varsity Football and Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball home games. In tournament situations, the team will travel and perform at games played away from home. There also may be performances at various Wrestling Meets and Pep Rallies throughout the year. Team members will ride to and from events played away from WHS via bus.
- You must be present the practice before a performance in order to participate in that performance.
- If you are unable to perform in a game due to prior absences or injury, you are expected to attend the game with the team in proper uniform. Remain with the team at all times.
- The coach reserves the right to pull team members from performances, games, and competitions due to lack of preparedness for the performance.

## Choreography

- At various times during the season, team members will have the opportunity to choreograph routines for the team. Always be prepared with all music, formations, and any other materials you may need on the designated day for teaching.
- Absolutely no suggestive moves or music will be allowed. All routines must be shown to and approved by the coach prior to teaching.

## **Fundraising**

- All team members are required to participate in fundraising efforts. For team fundraisers (Kid's Clinic, Car Washes, Homecoming Dance, etc.) money will be pooled into the team account and used for team events.

## **School Representation**

- Absolutely no smoking, alcohol use, or controlled substance use by team members is allowed at any point. Violations will be addressed by the Whitnall Athletic Department and may result in suspension and/or dismissal from the team. Please refer to the High School Athletic/Activities Code for more information.
- As a member of the Whitnall Dance Team, you are a representative of your school and your community. Remember that your actions, whether in uniform or not, reflect the image of this program and school. Please be respectful of this and act accordingly.

**I have read and understand the policies and guidelines for the Whitnall Dance Team and accept them as my Code of Conduct for the 2011-2012 school year.**

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Team member signature

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Date

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Parent signature

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Date



**Please direct any questions to Kary Dietzler, coach.**

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