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DEPARTMENT



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FOREWORD

The purpose of this handbook is to present the procedures, rules, regulations, and philosophy of the athletic program of the Waynesfield-Goshen Local School District. The material is intended to inform the student athletes and their parents of the requirements established for Waynesfield-Goshen Athletic programs.

The Waynesfield-Goshen Local School District is a member of the Northwest Central Conference and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. As a member of these organizations we are governed by their Constitutions, bylaws, rules and regulations. Due to the length of these documents, they are not included as a part of this handbook. However they are on file for reference in the office of the Principal and the office of the Athletic Director. Both Students and Coaches are responsible for abiding by the rules of the OHSAA and the NWCC. The Athletic Director serves as a resource person and interpreter of OHSAA and NWCC rules and policies.

ADMINISTRATION OF ATHLETICS

The Principal is ultimately responsible for all matters, which concern the interscholastic athletic program. The Athletic Director is the Principal's representative in matters concerning the athletic program. Coaches should direct any question of policy or interpretation to the Principal or the Athletic Director before taking action. In addition, the Principal or Athletic Director should make any contact(s) with the OHSAA, the NWCC, the Waynesfield-Goshen Booster Club, the Waynesfield-Goshen Board of Education, or other such groups.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF ATHLETIC PROGRAM:

The most important goal of the interscholastic athletic program is to provide every participant the opportunity to grow mentally, morally, physically, and emotionally. To assure that the program can provide these opportunities, a degree of self-discipline is required of each participant. Self-discipline involves compliance with rules and regulations concerning personal behavior. Rules promote order and safety, and assist participants in reaching their maximum potential.

The Waynesfield-Goshen Athletic Department believes that student athletes have a strong influence on members of the student body as well as on the community. Student athletes are highly visible and are seen by many in the general public as indicators of what Waynesfield-Goshen Schools represents. Their conduct forms both the model and the standard for the conduct of both their peers and younger children in the community.

Therefore, we believe that in exchange for the many benefits and advantages offered to the student athlete, he/she has an obligation to exhibit moral and responsible conduct and to provide wholesome, positive leadership in the school and community. Participation in the interscholastic athletic program is not a right, but a privilege that will be regulated.

We set the following policy as minimum standards of the Athletic Department of the Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools as approved by the Board of Education. We sincerely hope that student athletes will feel a sense of responsibility toward maintaining these standards.

Waynesfield-Goshen Athletics Core Values

The following Core Values have been identified as the values that the Waynesfield-Goshen Athletic Program aims to instill in its participants:

Commitment
Community
Integrity
Teamwork
Leadership
Scholarship

Each sport program will work to incorporate these core values into its fundamental teaching and coaching programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to participate in the interscholastic athletic program a student must comply with the following six regulations and must complete and return the top three items to the coach before beginning to practice.

1. Parent/Legal Guardian must attend a mandatory meeting set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for each sport an athlete participates. The dates of these meetings will be established by the Waynesfield-Goshen School District. Athletes may not participate in that sport: (practices, scrimmages or contests), until the parent/legal guardian has met with either the High School Principal or Athletic Director at a time scheduled by the Administration. Dates will be communicated via Tiger Talk, School Website and Coaches.
2. Current OHSAA physical examination form
3. Last page of the Waynesfield-Goshen Interscholastic Athletic Code which contains: Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct Form and Insurance Statement.
(You must be covered by school insurance or an equal policy retained by parents.)
4. Emergency Medical Authorization Form
5. Scholastic eligibility standards: (See below)
6. Comply with requirements of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools pertaining to age, residency, attendance, and any other relevant matters.

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY:

Students must meet all Ohio High School Athletic Association scholastic eligibility requirements as well as those established by the Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools Board of Education.

It is expected that all student/athletes will strive to attain the highest possible level of academic achievement. Minimum academic standards must be met in order to remain eligible for athletic participation. A student/athlete should not drop a class without first consulting with the Guidance Counselor to determine whether it will affect eligibility. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. Semester average, the final examination, and yearly average have no effect on eligibility.

1. The Ohio High School Athletic Association rules are as follows:
 - a. Grades 9-12: You must be currently enrolled in school and receive passing grades in a minimum of five one credit courses or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period.
 - b. Grades 7-8: All seventh grade students are eligible for sports the first nine weeks of school. A student must be currently enrolled, and must have been enrolled in the school immediately preceding grading period and receive passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of 5 of those subjects.
2. The Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools Board of Education has established the following minimum standards for athletic academic eligibility:

Weekly Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible on a weekly basis, a student must have maintained passing grades in all but one class from the beginning of each grading period (as determined by the principal, eligibility will usually not be determined the first two weeks of a grading period) until eligibility is checked by the Principal and/or Athletic Director.

At the time eligibility is checked, if a student is passing all but one class, they will remain eligible for participation in practices, scrimmages, and games, but will be required to attend 60 minutes of after-school academic assist during the week of grade check.

At the time eligibility is checked, if a student is failing more than one class, he or she is ineligible for the next week.

- One week of ineligibility will run from 8am on Monday morning until 8am the following Monday.
- This policy shall apply to all athletic activities at Waynesfield-Goshen School.
- A student who is ineligible on the basis of this policy may not take part in any activities including practices, scrimmages, or games.
- Exceptions to this policy may be made only by the Principal or Athletic Director.

PARTICIPATION FEE:

1. When squads have been picked, all participants must pay a \$40.00 participation fee to defray part of the costs of the program. The coach or advisor will collect the \$40.00 fee before issuing any game equipment and/or uniforms. Any fees not paid by the first game will result in the student being dropped from the team or squad. The participation fee requirement may be waived by the Board of Education on a year by year basis.

CONDUCT RULES AND CONSEQUENCES:

Sport Season:

The student athlete is encouraged to follow these rules all year. He/she must obey them during the sport season or face disciplinary action for failure to do so. The season begins with the first day of organized practice and ends after the sports awards program for that sport, or when that athlete is no longer eligible for state tournament competition (as per OHSAA), whichever is last.

Attendance:

Student-Athletes must be in school for the entire school day on the day of any athletic event in order to participate. They must also be in school the day following any athletic event or they may not be permitted to participate in the next event. The following will be considered for exception by the Administration:

- In the case of a Doctor's appointment, the student-athlete must still attend a combination of 4 periods in the school day to be permitted participation in any athletic event. (Practices, Scrimmages, Games) The 4-period attendance requirement may be waived by the Administration if the appointment location prevents the student from attending 4-periods that day. A time-stamped Doctor's excuse must be presented in the office for participation consideration.
- Participation may be permitted in the case of an emergency, or set of circumstances, which in the judgment of the Administration constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school.

Expected Behavior:

Athletes are expected to behave in a manner, which reflects positively on Waynesfield-Goshen Schools and their team. They shall not exhibit behavior, which reflects negatively or constitutes poor physical training practices, including (but not limited to):

- Unsportsmanlike attitude, behavior, or conduct at or during athletic contests, practice sessions or other school sponsored events.
- Abusive language, gestures, or profanity.
- Repeated infractions of school rules or chronic incorrigible behavior.
- Repeated truancy from school or class.
- Violation of team rules or curfews.
- Acts of vandalism or abuse of persons or property.
- Suspension from school and/or Alternative School suspension. Any student on suspension from school/alternative school suspension will not be allowed to participate in practice or contests during the term of the suspension.
- Criminal activity or violations of civil law.

Off Season Conduct:

Should an athlete's behavioral conduct constitute civil/legal considerations that adversely reflect on the Waynesfield-Goshen Schools, he/she may be subject to

suspension or removal from the athletic program.

Consequences:

Recognizing the varying degrees of severity of violations, consequences may vary from minor reprimand to denial of participation for a calendar year, depending upon the nature of the offense. The coach/advisor and/or athletic director, or the principal will determine the penalties for violations. Any serious violation and penalty will require consultation between the coach and the administration.

Category I - Tobacco Policy:

Do not use, consume, or possess tobacco in any form (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc) or other related toxic materials.

Consequences:

Self-Referral: If parent/guardian(s) report their son or daughter, or a student-athlete seeks assistance for dealing with tobacco problem by self-referral (seeking assistance before a violation is detected) to his/her coach and/or a school administrator and he/she agrees to participate in a tobacco assessment/rehabilitation program approved by the school administration. This course must be completed within five days and a suspension of 10% of scheduled games will be administered immediately. If suspension of player(s) impact the ability of the game to be played based on OHSAA rules and regulations, an adjustment of suspended game assignments may be utilized by school administration.

The tobacco assessment/rehabilitation program must be a recognized treatment program with a history of tangible results. All costs for assessment and treatment shall be the responsibility of the athlete and his/her family.

First Violation: Students must complete a tobacco assessment/ rehabilitation program within five days. The athlete will be denied the privilege in participating in the immediate 40% of scheduled games. If there are fewer than 40% of scheduled games remaining, the balance of the suspension will be served during the next sport season that the student-athlete fully participates in according to OHSAA start and end dates. Any scrimmages or previews scheduled during this time will also be denied and will not be factored into 40% calculation. If the athlete in violation refuses to participate in an approved assessment/rehabilitation program the student will forfeit their eligibility for one calendar year (365 calendar days).

Second Violations: Any additional violations while the athlete is in any sport during the same calendar year will cause the athlete to be denied the privilege of participating in that and all sports one calendar year (365 calendar days).

Athletes Denied Participation: If an athlete participating in "Sport A" has lost the privilege of participating in Sport "A", he/she is not eligible to join the organized conditioning program or go out for "Sport B" until the other members

of “Sport A” are eligible to come out. If an athlete joins a sport while under suspension, but quits prior to the season ending, the suspension will be reinstated during the next season that the student-athlete fully participates in according to OHSAA start and end dates.

When a student/athlete is in violation of this policy, the W-G Student Handbook disciplinary procedures may also be enforced.

Alcohol/Drug Policy:

Do not use, consume, or possess alcohol, illicit drugs, hallucinogenic, intoxicants, counterfeit drugs, controlled substances, or other related toxic materials.

Consequences:

Self-Referral: If parent/guardian(s) report their son or daughter, or a student-athlete seeks assistance for dealing with an alcohol or drug problem by self referral (seeking assistance before a violation is detected) to his/her coach and/or a school administrator and he/she agrees to participate in an alcohol/drug assessment/ rehabilitation program approved by the school administration. This course must be completed within five days and a suspension of 10% of scheduled games will be administered immediately. If suspension of player(s) impact the ability of the game to be played based on OHSAA rules and regulations, an adjustment of suspended game assignments may be utilized by school administration.

The alcohol/drug assessment/rehabilitation program must be a recognized treatment program with a history of tangible results. All costs for assessment and treatment shall be the responsibility of the athlete and his/her family.

First Violation: Students must complete an alcohol/drug assessment/ rehabilitation program within five days. The athlete will be denied the privilege in participating in the immediate 40% of scheduled games. If there are fewer than 40% of scheduled games remaining, the balance of the suspension will be served during the next sport season that the student-athlete fully participates in according to OHSAA start and end dates. Any scrimmages or previews scheduled during this time will also be denied and will not be factored into 40% calculation. If the athlete in violation refuses to participate in an approved assessment/rehabilitation program the student will forfeit their eligibility for one calendar year (365 calendar days).

Second Violations: Any additional violations while the athlete is in any sport during the same calendar year will cause the athlete to be denied the privilege of participating in that and all sports one calendar year (365 calendar days).

Athletes Denied Participation: If an athlete participating in “Sport A” has lost the privilege of participating in Sport "A", he/she is not eligible to join the organized conditioning program or go out for “Sport B” until the other members

of “Sport A” are eligible to come out. If an athlete joins a sport while under suspension, but quits prior to the season ending, the suspension will be reinstated during the next season that the student-athlete fully participates in according to OHSAA start and end dates.

When a student/athlete is in violation of this policy, the W-G Student Handbook disciplinary procedures may also be enforced.

Category II - Inappropriate Behavior Policy:

Student athletes will not participate in any act of harassment, hazing, intimidation, or initiation to another student. Inappropriate behavior that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental and/or physical harm to another person will not be acceptable.

Consequences

Self-Referral: If parent/guardian(s) report their son or daughter, or a student-athlete seeks assistance for dealing with inappropriate behavior by self-referral (seeking assistance before a violation is detected) to his/her coach and/or a school administrator and he/she agrees to participate in a behavior assessment/rehabilitation program approved by the school administration. This course must be completed within five days and a suspension of 10% of scheduled games will be administered immediately. If suspension of player(s) impact the ability of the game to be played based on OHSAA rules and regulations, an adjustment of suspended game assignments may be utilized by school administration.

The behavior assessment/rehabilitation program must be a recognized treatment program with a history of tangible results. All costs for assessment and treatment shall be the responsibility of the athlete and his/her family.

First Violation: Students must complete a behavior assessment/ rehabilitation program within five days. The athlete will be denied the privilege in participating in the immediate 40% of scheduled games. If there are fewer than 40% of scheduled games remaining, the balance of the suspension will be served during the next sport season that the student-athlete fully participates in according to OHSAA start and end dates. Any scrimmages or previews scheduled during this time will also be denied and will not be factored into 40% calculation. If the athlete in violation refuses to participate in an approved assessment/rehabilitation program the student will forfeit their eligibility for one calendar year (365 calendar days).

Second Violations: Any additional violations while the athlete is in any sport during the same calendar year will cause the athlete to be denied the privilege of participating in that and all sports one calendar year (365 calendar days).

Athletes Denied Participation: If an athlete participating in “Sport A” has lost the privilege of participating in Sport "A", he/she is not eligible to join the organized conditioning program or go out for “Sport B” until the other members

of “Sport A” are eligible to come out. If an athlete joins a sport while under suspension, but quits prior to the season ending, the suspension will be reinstated during the next season that the student-athlete fully participates in according to OHSAA start and end dates.

When a student/athlete is in violation of this policy, the W-G Student Handbook disciplinary procedures may also be enforced.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

Self-Referral Policy: If parent/guardian(s) report their son or daughter, or a student-athlete seeks assistance for dealing with a problem (before a violation is detected) to his/her coach and/or a school administrator, and he/she agrees to participate in an assessment/rehabilitation program approved by the school administration, there will be no denial of participation. However, this will be recorded as a first violation, and if the student fails to complete the required program, within a 30-day period, he/she will be assessed the first violation penalty.

The Waynesfield-Goshen administration will only accept the self referral policy one time during the school year for all Category I and Category II violations.

The assessment/rehabilitation program must be a recognized treatment program with a history of tangible results. All costs for assessment and treatment shall be the responsibility of the athlete and his/her family.

Reporting of Violations:

An infraction during school and or a school event may be reported by any staff member responsible for supervision at that time. Any violation at other times may be reported by students, parent(s), a school employee, school administrator, legal authority, the parent or guardian of the student/athlete involved and/or the student/athlete himself or herself. School authorities are usually limited in their authority to act on the basis of such information.

Procedures:

In the event of violation of the athletic code of conduct and/or training rules established by the coach, the following procedure will be followed:

- a. If the violation involves training rules set by the coach or minor infractions covered in the “Conduct Rules and Consequences” section of the athletic code, the coach and student-athlete will meet. The student will be informed of the infraction. The student will be allowed an opportunity to explain his/her actions. The coach will inform the student and the administration of the discipline to be used.

- b. If the violation involves more serious infractions covered in the “Conduct Rules and Consequences” section or other sections of the athletic code, the meeting with the coach and student will include the principal.
- c. If the student is denied the privilege of participating, the principal shall inform the student and his/her parents in writing.
- d. The student and/or parents may request a hearing with the coach and principal. The student and/or parents then have the right to appeal the decision to the principal.
- e. During the investigation of the violation, the student-athlete may be denied participation on any other athletic squad or conditioning program during the same sport season. This denial of participation may be enforced until the formal hearing has been completed by the administration.

ATHLETIC DUE PROCESS:

Notice of Intent:

Administration gives the athlete notice of intent to deny participation and the reason.

Hearing:

Administration & Coach meets with the person to be denied participation and gives the person a chance to tell their side of the story.

Notice of Denial of Participation:

Written notice to parents should include:

Time and duration of denial of participation

Reasons for denial of participation

Conditions of the denial of participation

Right of appeal

Appeal - Appeal of the denial of participation may be made to the High School Principal.

NOTE: An athlete is denied participation during the appeal process.

This High School Principal has the final authority in all matters relating to the denial of participation from extracurricular activities. NOTE: An athlete is denied participation during the appeal process.

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES:

Athletes representing Waynesfield-Goshen Schools must realize their conduct reflects on themselves, their school and their community. Therefore, all Waynesfield-Goshen School Athletes shall:

- Have a high standard of social behavior.

- Display proper sportsmanship in defeat, as well as in victory.
- Respect authority – parents, officials, teachers, coaches and others.
- Have a proper spirit of cooperation.
- Be dedicated to hard work and training.
- Display proper behavior in school.

APPEARANCE:

Athletes are expected to have a well-groomed appearance. The athlete's clothes must be clean. His/her hairstyle must be appropriate for each sport. It is not to interfere with the individual's performance nor present a situation, which could cause a hazardous condition for the athlete or for other athletes.

DELAYED TRYOUTS:

Once a team has had its first contest, no one will be permitted to come out for the team unless the student transfers from another school, has been released for a medical reason, becomes scholastically eligible, or has a set of circumstances which in the judgment of the principal constitutes a good and sufficient cause for delayed tryout. If a student desires to switch sports, it must be agreed upon by both coaches involved, the athletic director and the principal, and should be before the first contest of either sport.

COACHES TRAINING RULES:

The student-athlete shall abide by any additional training rules set by the coach that have been written and approved by the Athletic Director and Principal.

ATHLETIC AWARDS CEREMONY ATTENDANCE:

In order to receive an athletic award the student must complete the season.

REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- a. Any athlete who has been dismissed from a squad for any violation during a sport season will not be eligible to participate on any other athletic squad or conditioning program during the same sports season.
- b. If student/athletes in grades 9-12 are cut from a squad due to his/her ability, then the individual may try for a team in the same season. Student/Athletes must be academically eligible according to the official grade check closest to the beginning of tryouts. There is a NO-CUT Policy for student/athletes in grades 7-8
- c. If any athlete quits a squad after the first scheduled contest or the final cut has been made, they must obtain a release from the head coach in that sport & be given approval by the athletic director before they may try out or enter a conditioning program for another sport in the same season.
- d. The Student/Athletes in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to participate in two (2) sports in the same season. Student/Athletes may participate in one primary sport

and one secondary sport of their choosing. The student must identify which sport is the primary and which sport is the secondary. The student/athlete shall participate (or be able to participate) in at least 50% of the contests in each sport during the regular season.

1. The student/athlete must make their intention of participating in Dual Participation (2 sports in the same season) by the following deadlines:

- Fall Sports – August 3rd
- Winter Sports – November 9th
- Spring Sports – March 1st

2. The student/athlete must have approval from the Principal and Athletic Director.
3. The student/athlete must pay the \$40.00 participation fee for each sport.
4. The Primary Sport will take precedence over the secondary sport if two contests are scheduled on the same day, the primary sport will take precedence, unless it is an OHSAA Tournament Game.
5. Games (Primary or Secondary) take precedence over the practice times scheduled for either the primary or secondary sport.
6. The student/athletes & parent must read the Dual Participation Requirements and sign Dual Participation Agreement Form designation the **PRIMARY** and **SECONDARY** Sport.
7. The student/athlete and the parent(s)/guardian(s) must attend the OHSAA mandatory parents meeting in order to participate in Waynesfield-Goshen Athletics.

PLAYING ON INDEPENDENT TEAMS:

A member of a squad shall not take part in a contest on an independent team, or as an individual, in the same sport during the school's varsity season. Examples of independent teams are: AAU, Sunday school, Church, Intramural, YMCA, Shop, FFA, City Recreation, All-Star, Club Championship, etc.

The maximum penalty is ineligibility in that sport for the remainder of the season. Any questions concerning this matter should be directed towards the Head Coach, Athletic Administrator, and or Principal.

EXPECTATON OF PARENTS:

1. Always be positive! Parents serve as a role model for the student/athlete, become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by both your child's team and the opposing team.
2. Respect the property and equipment of the school facilities both home and away.
3. Encourage good sportsmanship through your actions by demonstrating positive support of all players, coaches and officials at every game.
4. Promote the physical well being of the athlete ahead of any personal desire to win.
5. Demand that my athlete treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect in language, attitude behavior and mannerisms.
6. Let the players play and the coaches coach, remember the game is for the athlete and not the parent.
7. Inform the coach of any absence from practice or game in a reasonable amount of time.
8. The role of parents is to be a support system for the players and coaches. This entails respecting the rules and decisions, made by those in charge, staying positive about every aspect of the team and all the players, keeping negative thoughts to themselves. It also entails thoroughly understanding the role of the coach and knowing not o interfere with that role.

WHEN SITUATIONS REQUIRE A CONFERENCE:

Call the Athletic Department and set up an appointment with the coach. If the coach cannot be reached, speak to the Athletic Director. A return call from the coach will be arranged or a meeting set up. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COACH AT HOME. A coach's time with family is severely limited during the season. The family's privacy should be respected.

PLEASE DO NOT CONFRONT A COACH BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER A CONTEST OR AFTER PRACTICE. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings under these circumstances do not promote resolutions. It is important to not make an issue in front of players. They are trying to learn to work as a team and learning how to respect authority. If a meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director and the Administrator.

SPECTATOR CONSEQUENCES:

If I/We fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I/We may be subject to disciplinary action. This action may include but is not limited to:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Parental one-game suspension – (next regularly scheduled contest)
- Parental disbarment

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:

1. No student shall be allowed to participate in practice or games without having had a physical examination using the current OHSAA Physical Form & an EMA form on file in the Athletic Office.
2. Students are expected to obtain a physical examination on non-school time.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Athletes shall abide by all rules and regulations established by the OHSAA, Waynesfield-Goshen Board of Education, the Athletic Council and the members of the coaching staff.
2. A player must be in good standing and not under disciplinary action in order to be eligible for interscholastic competition.
3. The athlete is expected to know the training rules as outlined by the Athletic Department.
4. All equipment issued to a player is to be worn only at practice sessions or scheduled games involving that particular sport, or when given special permission by the head coach.

5. Each athlete is individually responsible for all equipment issued to him.
6. Athletes may not participate in assemblies for awards or banquets or go out for another sport if they have not returned all equipment or paid for same.
7. Athletes shall conduct themselves in such a manner that they will create a positive reflection upon themselves, their teammates, school, student body, and Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools in general.
8. Athletes must be in school all day to compete in a contest or practice that day or night. Any exception must have approval of the AD and/or Principal.
9. All athletes should uphold the traditions of sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing field.
10. Athletes may not quit one sport squad after the first scrimmage, or contest, if there are no scrimmages, and join another in the same season without approval of both head coaches and the athletic director.
11. Athletes shall be expected to dress properly when representing their school in all athletic contests both home and away. They should attempt to create a positive image of themselves and their team in the eyes of their fellow classmates, student body, and the community in general.
12. While a member of a school team, a player must comply with all rules of the OHSAA with regard to out-of-season practice, playing on independent teams, post-season games, and attending summer training camps.
13. Athletes shall notify the coach ahead of time if they are going to be absent or late for a practice session.
14. Unexcused absence from practice will result in disciplinary action by the coach. The only valid excuse will be an excused absence from school or personal excuse by the coach.
15. All team members shall travel to and from all away contests by means of transportation provided by the school. Special consideration will be given only in the case of injury, illness, or other unusual circumstances.
16. All athletes shall not begin practice until a physical examination card has been completed and filed in the Athletic Director's office.
17. Student/athletes who will miss practices or contests because of a vacation or trip which is to be taken with their parents or legal guardian must inform the coach well in advance of their planned absence.

18. The missing of practices or contests due to reasons other than family commitments, illness, or other extenuating circumstances will be considered unexcused absences.
19. A player must be in good standing at the conclusion of the season to earn an award.
20. Athletes are responsible for following all rules contained in the student Handbook.

WARNING, ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

1. Playing or practicing in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving **MANY RISKS OF INJURY**. The dangers and risks of participating in sports include, but are not limited to: death, serious neck and spinal injuries which result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joint, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of the body, general health, and well being. The dangers and risks of participating in sports may result not only in serious injury, but also in a serious impairment of future ability to earn a living, to engage in other business, social, and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.
2. Because of the dangers of participating in sports, student-athletes must recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and must obey such instructions.
3. In consideration of the Waynesfield-Goshen School District permitting a student to try out for the team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including but not limited to: trying out, practicing or playing/participating in that sport, the student assumes all the risks associated with participation and agrees to hold the Waynesfield-Goshen School District, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches, and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation in any activities related to the

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After both athlete and parents have studied these policies, please return this page with all required information and signatures. This page will be kept on file in the Athletic Department Office to cover any sport in which the student participates during the school year. To access the Athletic Handbook go to the schools website at www.wgschools.org , then go to Athletics and click on the link: Student/Athlete Handbook.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT STATEMENT

We have read and understand the Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools Interscholastic Athletic Code of conduct including the section “WARNING, ASSUMPTION OF RISK.” Also, we understand that we are responsible for obtaining a copy of any additional training rules set by the coaches of sports in which the student-athlete participates. Furthermore, we recognize that participation in the interscholastic athletic program is not a right, but a privilege that will be regulated. Our signatures below indicate that we will abide by these policies of the Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

INSURANCE STATEMENT:

_____ (Name of student)

Do you have the school insurance policy? _____ Yes _____ No
If “no”, sign below and provide name of your insurance carrier.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Insurance Company Name

My signature above indicates that our policy is equal to or better than the school policy, and that I relieve the Waynesfield-Goshen Local School District of all responsibility in this area, and that I assume the responsibility for insurance coverage.

Parent or Guardian Signatures