

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The Waunakee Community School District Board of Education believes individual students will benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contribution to team effort made possible through competitive interschool and/or intramural team and individual sports activities.

The Board shall provide grade 7-12 students with interscholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Qualified personnel will be provided for coaching and supervising individual sports.

### POLICY CONDITIONS

- 1) Participation in interscholastic athletics is limited to students in grades 9-12 with participation of properly supervised teams from grades 7 and 8 also permitted in a limited program within their own grade levels with other schools.
- 2) Students in grades 8 and/or below are prohibited from competing with or against 9-12 grade students in member schools without a waiver from the W.I.A.A.
- 3) The athletic program is an integral part of the school curriculum and comes under the authority of the principal to the same degree as do all other phases of the curriculum.
- 4) Those teachers/Coaches having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the Board and administration, including such matters as schedules, financial expenditures, relationships with other schools, and health and safety regulations.
- 5) The Waunakee High School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (W.I.A.A.), and in all athletic matters will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of sports which WIAA encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in athletic programs is determined in accordance with WIAA regulations and WCSD Board of Education policies.
- 6) No student may start practice for any athletic team until he/she has obtained written consent from the parent or legal guardian which includes Knowledge of Risk and Informed consent, Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment, Co-curricular consent form, and Parent & Athlete Concussion form.
- 7) No student may start practice for any athletic team until he/she has a physical every other year.

- 8) Expenditures for the athletic program are incorporated as part of the general budget of the Board. Coaches of each sport will submit their budgetary needs to the athletic director for the next school year, and the latter will present the total athletic budget request to the Business Manager for approval and inclusion in the general budget. No expenditures for athletic purposes may be made in excess of those listed in the budget without approval of the Business Manager.
- 9) District participation in interscholastic athletics will be subject to approval by the Board.
- 10) Arrangements shall be made by school administration for the provision of emergency services at all extra-curricular events. This provision may be letting the coach/advisor know whom to contact in case of emergency. The designated person shall be knowledgeable of the school's emergency nursing policy and procedures as well as the After School Event Emergency Plan. Other school personnel may handle routine first aid procedures and first aid kits must be on hand at every athletic event.

The District shall not discriminate in participation in interscholastic athletic programs or activities, rules, behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established complaint procedures.

Legal Sections:       118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
                               120.13(1)  
                               252.14

Cross Ref.:            370-Rule (1), Co-Curricular Activity Size Limitations  
                               370-Rule (2), Co-Curricular Eligibility  
                               377-Rule (1), Athletic Code Regulations  
                               377-Rule (2), Athletic Program Rules  
                               411-Rule (1), Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures

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