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Deerfield-Windsor Athletics

We extend a warm welcome to all students, coaches, parents, and supporters of Deerfield-Windsor Athletics. Our athletic program boasts a rich tradition, and we are immensely proud of the dedication and achievements of our student-athletes and coaches who continuously strive to uphold and enhance this tradition.

At Deerfield-Windsor, we believe in the holistic development of our students, and our athletic program is designed to contribute to their educational journey. Through participation in sports, students learn valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, and leadership, which are integral to their overall growth and lifelong learning experience. We aim to maintain a program that aligns with the values and objectives of Deerfield-Windsor School, fostering a sense of pride, camaraderie, and respect among our student-athletes.

As participants in our interscholastic athletic program, students commit themselves to the following goals:

- **Academic Development and Attendance:** Prioritize academic responsibilities and maintain regular attendance in all classes.
- **Respect and Integrity:** Uphold the highest standards of behavior on and off the field, demonstrating respect for oneself, teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and the community.
- **Skill Development:** Continuously strive to improve athletic abilities and contribute positively to the team.
- **Sportsmanship:** Embrace a competitive spirit rooted in fairness, respect, and humility, while consistently representing Deerfield-Windsor School with pride.

We take this opportunity to acquaint you with the specific policies that are necessary for a well-organized program of athletics. Please note that although the following policies and procedures are intended to set minimum guidelines for participation in athletics at DWS, the administration may establish additional sport specific rules or procedures from time to time that must also be observed. DWS reserves the right to interpret, amend or alter these policies at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the materials contained in this handbook or about any aspect of the athletic program at DWS, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Allen Lowe
Head of School

Rod Murray
Athletic Director

CORE VALUES

The Deerfield-Windsor School family consists of our faculty, students, parents, and grandparents. Our core values are:

HONOR: The DWS family shows honor and treats each other respectfully in all circumstances.

ENCOURAGEMENT: The DWS family recognizes that our words and actions should have a positive impact on the lives of others.

CHARACTER: The DWS family promotes a positive representation of themselves and the school while believing in the education of our students beyond the confines of the classroom.

SERVICE: The DWS family believes that serving others is part of one's positive growth.

TEAM SPORTS AND PARTICIPATION

Participation in athletics is an integral part of the student's total educational experience at Deerfield-Windsor School. Athletics provide experiences that help our student athletes develop physically and emotionally. However, participation is a privilege that carries responsibility and commitment.

Programs and Teams Offered:

Varsity	Jr. Varsity	Middle School	Jr. Pro	Jr. Knights
Football	Football	Football	Football	Football
Softball	Softball	Softball	Softball	Basketball Boys
Cross Country	Cheer Football	Cross Country	Basketball Boys	Basketball Girls
Clay Target	Basketball Boys	Clay Target	Basketball Girls	
Cheer Football	Basketball Girls	Cheer Football	Soccer Boys	
Dance Football	Soccer Boys	Dance Football	Soccer Girls	
Basketball Boys	Soccer Girls	Basketball Boys	Baseball	
Basketball Girls	Baseball	Basketball Girls		
Cheer Basketball		Cheer Basketball		
Dance Basketball		Dance Basketball		

Wrestling		Wrestling		
Archery		Archery		
Soccer Boys		Soccer Boys		
Soccer Girls		Soccer Girls		
Baseball		Baseball		
Track & Field		Golf		
Golf		Tennis Boys		
Tennis Boys		Tennis Girls		
Tennis Girls				
Swim				

Tryouts

For some sports, due to size of teams, cuts may be made at the discretion of coaches. Tryouts may be held at any level of competition. The method of evaluation will be determined by the Athletic Director and head coach. For any athlete that does not make a team, we encourage them to meet with the coach to discuss what they can do to improve their performance in the future. The Athletic Director or coaches will be available to speak with parents upon request.

Participation

GIAA/DWS Grade Levels Restrictions:

- Varsity level can consist of student-athletes in grades 8-12 (excluding Football).
- JV level can consist of student-athletes in grades 8-11 (excluding football)
- MS can consist of students-athletes in grades 6-8.
- Jr. Pro can consist of student-athletes in grades 3-6
- Jr. Knights (interscholastic) can consist of student athletes in grades PreK-5

Levels of Play

Middle School Level, Jr. Pro, and Jr. Knights:

The goal of DWS is to be inclusive of all grades in development and participation of sports.

Junior Varsity (JV) Level:

Beginning in the 8th grade, DWS students are eligible to participate in JV and/or varsity sports. A JV program will be offered based upon interest of participation, and will be determined by the AD and head coach. GIAA requires that varsity level team rosters be filled first.

The philosophy of the program is to provide an opportunity to develop young athletes for varsity level competition. Coaches will focus on skills development, teamwork, and instilling in players a high level of competition and sportsmanship.

Player rosters will be determined by coaches to balance skill levels, player development, and to contend at the highest level of competition.

Varsity Level:

Beginning in the 8th grade, DWS students are eligible to participate in varsity sports. The philosophy of the program is to provide an opportunity to continue to develop student-athletes for varsity level competition. Coaches will continue to focus on skills development, teamwork, and instilling in players a high level of competition and sportsmanship.

Player rosters will be determined by coaches to balance skill levels, player development, and to contend at the highest level of competition.

ELIGIBILITY

Deerfield-Windsor School adheres to the academic eligibility policy set forth by the Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA). Student-athletes must meet both the academic requirements outlined by GIAA and Deerfield-Windsor School to participate in athletic events.

Bona Fide Student

A student must be enrolled and in attendance at their grade level and must remain enrolled, sustain regular attendance and assigned a typical class schedule, which will allow normal progression toward graduation. Deerfield-Windsor School does not allow home school students to participate in athletics at DWS.

Transfer Student

- Must have their transcript on file in the administrative office and be in compliance with all stated eligibility requirements before participation.
- A student meeting all requirements, transferring from a non-member school to an GIAA member school is eligible immediately.

- A student transferring from a GIAA member school will not be eligible for 1 year of the transfer date, unless that student meets all bona fide move requirements and is approved by the Athletic Director, Head of School and the GIAA Office.

Athletic Eligibility Forms

All student-athletes must have the following forms on file with the school before participating in tryouts, practice or competition:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Physical Form
- Medical History Form
- Medical Release Form
- Heat Policy Awareness Form
- Student/ Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form
- Concussion Information Form

Students must have a certificate of an [annual physical examination](#) on file at the school prior to participating in any athletic try-outs, practices, voluntary workouts, or games that indicate the students are physically approved for participation.

- Physical examinations will be good for twelve (12) months from the date of the exam. EXCEPTION: Any physical examination taken on or after April 1 in the preceding year will be accepted for the entire next school year.
- The physical exam must be conducted by a licensed medical physician, doctor of Osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.
- The exam must be signed by an M.D., D.O., or by a Physician's Assistant, or an Advance Practice Nurse who has been delegated that task by an M.D., or D.O.

Academic Requirements

Students must meet both GIAA and DWS grade requirements prior to participation in a sport.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITIVE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (per GIAA guidelines)

1. For schools offering courses with year-long grading, eligibility will be determined at the end of each individual semester. Yearly averages will not be used for determining eligibility unless half credits are issued each semester.
 - **Fall** – To be eligible for fall extracurricular activities a student must pass five (5) classes for the prior spring semester or for the year. (Exception: ninth-grade)
 - **Spring** – To be eligible for spring extracurricular activities a student must pass five (5) classes for the prior fall semester. Students failing to pass the required 5 subjects for the fall semester may become eligible at the end of the next quarter (midterm) if they are passing all current subjects. Of the 5 unit subjects, 3 units **MUST** be in the following subject areas: English, Foreign Language, Science, Social Science, Mathematics, Religion, and Business Education. Excluded from any credit is teacher's aide, office aide, or their equivalent.
2. Students gain or lose eligibility on the first day of the subsequent semester. The first day of the Fall semester will be interpreted as the first date of practice for the first sport.
***DWS Note:** *A student on Academic Probation may be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities. Any student failing more than one academic class may be pulled from activities.*
3. Independent study courses taken during the school year must meet the criteria above.
4. All Students must be currently taking 4 or more classes to be eligible.

DWS Academic Probation and Athletics: Students who are failing two or more academic classes (below 70) at midterm will be placed on Academic Probation. Academic Probation is a warned status that signifies the student is not meeting the academic expectations of the school. Students on academic probation may not participate in extracurriculars and can only return to play when they are within eligibility standards (only failing one).

In addition, it is important for the Middle School student to understand the importance of being a Student-Athlete; thus, for every class a student fails, (s)he will have to sit out that number of contests of the sport (s)he is currently playing. Once their grades are passing in all academic subjects they may resume play.

Make-up and Recovery Program:

In accordance with GIAA and DWS policy, students are allowed to make up credits in order to regain eligibility status under the following conditions:

- Provider must be approved by DWS
- Make up work may not begin until end of failed semester
- Students must discuss with the division director or counselor academic plan and timeline.
- Coursework must be completed by a date set by GIAA and DWS for eligibility.

Students should be aware that coursework does not replace other grades earned at DWS. The coursework is added to the student's transcript.

For further details regarding credit recovery, please see the division director or Guidance Counselor for more details or to discuss academic needs.

ACADEMIC PRIORITIES

Student-athletes attend DWS primarily for a quality education. Nothing should interfere with this objective. Athletics is a part of education, requiring student-athletes to use discipline and demonstrate good work habits in organizing a study schedule which will help lead to academic success. One of the fundamental responsibilities of a coach is to encourage each player to achieve academic success. The student-athlete, as a leader is expected to demonstrate above average conduct in all aspects of school life.

- A student's grades should not suffer due to athletics.
- Participation in athletics requires a great deal of personal commitment from the student-athlete. Each student-athlete is expected to organize and discipline him/herself so that the academic and athletic endeavors do not conflict.
- Coaches, sponsors, and administrators can determine student participation in all activities based on academic, behavior, and attendance records.
- Students have an obligation to perform in the classroom on a daily basis with acceptable academics, exemplary behavior and consistent attendance void of unexcused absences and tardies including unnecessary checkouts from school. Students not in attendance for at least three full classes will be counted absent for the day. To be eligible to practice or compete, the student must also be present in the last class of the day unless pre-approved by the upper school director or head of school.
- Regardless of the return time to campus after a late game/math, students must attend all morning classes which includes the first period. Only the Head of School can approve late starts.

Class Work Policy

On days of athletic events when early dismissal will be necessary, students are responsible for keeping up with class work on a day-to-day basis and should contact teachers at least one day before the athletic event, for classes a student will miss during their time away from school to:

1. Turn in homework due

2. Make sure he/she understands assignments and collect class work that will be missed
3. Students who are absent from class and miss a review for an exam/test/quiz are required to schedule the exam/test/quiz after returning to school. They should take this test/quiz as directed by the teacher.
4. Contact through Google classroom is an acceptable form of communication.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Sportsmanship

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of a DWS student-athlete. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team or the school is considered to be unacceptable.

- All rules set forth in the [Middle School Handbook](#) [Upper School Handbook](#) will be followed by our athletes.
- Students are expected to maintain high standards of behavior and sportsmanship. Use of profanity and displays of anger towards teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and fans will not be tolerated. Any infringement could result in disciplinary action.
- Coaches may determine student participation in athletic events based on practice attendance, skills, effort, team strategy and understanding of rules.
- Coaches may determine student participation in athletic events based on the number of discipline infractions a student has received due to failing to adhere to the Code of Conduct in the Athletic Handbook.
- Coaches will also have policies that must be followed to participate with a team. Flagrant displays of poor sportsmanship may result in disciplinary action by the Athletic Director or Head of School.
- Students who are absent or suspended from school are ineligible to practice or play during that time. Students may further be restricted from eligibility for sports based on the unique disciplinary record of the student.
- Any serious breach of school policies, both on and/or off campus, could result in suspension of athletic participation and/or removal from the team. A meeting with the coach and Athletic Director will take place to determine appropriate consequences.

Student-athletes should compete skillfully, guided by the rules, and show respect to their competitor's, coaches, and officials with respect to performance. Athletic participation is a privilege, not a right.

Failure to follow good sportsmanship policies outlined by the GIAA/DWS can result in suspensions, disciplinary action, fines, or permanent expulsion from GIAA/DWS athletic sponsored events.

Student Appearance

Students may not participate in events:

- With visible body art (Tattoos)
- No face painting by athletes (eye black allowed)
- No jewelry or body decorations (piercings)
- Non-traditional hairstyles or unnatural coloration of the hair is prohibited.
- All Athletes should not do anything to alter their appearance to draw attention to themselves over the team.
- All student-athletes are expected to follow the dress code outlined in the [Middle School Handbook](#) [Upper School Handbook](#).

No Quit Policy

If a student is selected for a position on a team, it is important that he/she makes a firm commitment to that team. Therefore, quitting a team after being selected is strongly discouraged. If any student athlete quits a team after the first contest, that student athlete may not participate on another team in that same season. A student athlete also will not be allowed to work out or practice with the next season's sport until the team that they quit has finished their season. This includes post season playoffs.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

All DWS coaches should display the highest level of integrity and conduct at all times and manage his/her program in a way to support the student-athletes success on the field and in the classroom. Each should adhere and support the following:

- To ensure that all rules and regulations set by the GIAA, Athletic Handbook, and Student Handbook are met and enforced at all times.
- To promote sportsmanship.

- To complete the GIAA required rules clinics
- To attend required CPR, AED, & First Aid training as scheduled
- To manage the budget by getting a signed and approved PO before making Purchases.
- To ensure all lay coaches have been vetted properly prior to any contact with student athletes.

FAMILY CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents have a responsibility to both their child and the team. Without strong parental support the student athlete will not be able to achieve their greatest potential.

It is important that parents:

- Provide positive reinforcement
- Be supportive and encourage athletes
- Trust coaches in their leadership of their teams
- Follow guidelines set forth in the handbook
- Parents of a non-driving student are responsible for getting to athletic events and practice on time and picking up on time.
- Parents should promote the program in a positive manner.

“The GIAA encourages and promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Disruptive behavior of any kind, including but not limited to protests, demonstrations, profanity, racial, ethnic, or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions, will not be tolerated and may be grounds for removal from the event, as well as a possible cause for dismissal from the event.”

Deerfield-Windsor School will follow the [GIAA Code of Good Behavior](#).

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETICS

Signing Ceremony

The requirement for a signing ceremony is D1 or D2 monetary athletic scholarship/benefits. Official documentation from the college or university must be submitted to the Athletic Director for approval.

Commitment Ceremony

The requirement for a commitment ceremony is a Letter of Intent to play or an official invited walk on. Official Documentation from the college or university must be submitted to the Athletic Director for approval.

COMMUNICATION

The following guidelines are designed to assist coaches, parents, and student-athletes in understanding the expectations for communication within Deerfield-Windsor School Athletics. It is essential for employees to maintain professionalism and establish clear boundaries in their relationships with students. Email or Google Classroom are the required form of electronic communication between coaches, students, and parents within the athletic program. All communication, whether initiated by employees, students, or parents, should be treated with respect and responded to in a timely manner. Prompt and courteous responses contribute to effective communication and relationship-building. Personal information should be handled with discretion and shared only on a need-to-know basis. Adhering to these communication guidelines fosters a positive and productive environment within Deerfield-Windsor School Athletics, promoting transparency, accountability, and mutual respect among all stakeholders.

We encourage all student athletes to discuss any concerns with their coach first. If there is no resolution, then the parent should follow this chain of command regarding communication:

- Coach
- Athletic Director
- Head of School

What are appropriate concerns for parents to discuss with coaches?

1. The treatment of their child, both mentally and physically.
2. Skill improvement and development.
3. Concerns about their child's behavior.

What things are not appropriate for parents to discuss with coaches?

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student-athletes.

Communication Parents Can Expect from Coaches

1. Location and time of practices and games.
2. Description of coach's philosophy.
3. Coach's expectations for all players on the team as well as the individual student-athlete.
4. Team requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Notification when a student-athlete is injured during participation.
6. Notification of disciplinary action resulting in removal of student-athlete from participation.
7. Request for support toward the commitment of the program. For example, coaches may ask a parent's help in ensuring that a student-athlete is at practice on time or imposing a reasonable curfew.

Communication Coaches Should Expect from Parents

1. Individual concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Advance notification of any schedule conflicts.
3. Support toward the commitment of the program. For example, coaches may ask a parent's help in ensuring that a student-athlete is at practice on time or imposing a reasonable curfew.

If a parent has a concern to discuss with a coach, what procedure should be followed?

1. Make an appointment with the coach. It's our recommendation to wait 24 hours before contacting the coach of the incident you would like to discuss.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, contact the athletic director to set up a meeting.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a game or

practice. These are emotional times for both the parent and coach and this period does not promote objective analysis of the situation.

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide resolution?

1. Contact the athletic director to set up an appointment to discuss the situation further.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next steps can be determined.

Unacceptable communication

1. Physical Threats.
2. Using profanity.
3. Entering the playing area.
4. Intimidating or harassing the players, coaches, officials or fans that could result in ejection.

*****Violation of any of these actions result in being asked to leave the athletic event. Furthermore, such actions could result in the issue of fines, legal action, denial of access, or a ban from future athletic events per DWS and GIAA policies. School administration reserves the right to make this decision.***

MEDICAL AND SAFETY

GIAA Concussion Protocol

- At the beginning of every school year, all Member Schools will provide to the parents or legal guardians of every Student-Athlete a "Student/Parent Concussion Awareness Form". This informs them of the nature and risks of concussions and head injuries and the actions to be taken by the schools to minimize the risks and effects of concussions and head injuries. Each Member School will maintain a copy of the form signed by each Student Athlete's parents or legal guardians for that school year.
- If a Coach observes a Student-Athlete exhibit any sign, symptom, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury, the Coach must immediately remove that Student-Athlete from practice, conditioning, or game. The Student-Athlete may not return to practice, conditioning, or game until a Health Care Provider has determined that the Student-Athlete has not suffered a concussion. In the case where a Health Care Provider has determined that the Student-Athlete has suffered a concussion, the Student-Athlete may not resume practice, conditioning, or participation in games until medically determined capable of

doing so for full or graduated return. In no circumstance may a Student-Athlete return to practice, conditioning, or a game on the same day that a concussion has been diagnosed by a Health Care Provider or cannot be ruled out.

- All Coaches must participate every year in a course on concussion management approved by the GIAA. All Member Schools must maintain a record of each Coach's participation in the course. The online course in concussion management entitled "Concussion in Sports" and prepared by the National Federation of High School Sports Associations is acceptable and is available free to Member Schools at www.nfhslearn.com.

Parent/Student-Athlete Awareness

1. Coaches will schedule meetings with parents and players prior to the start of each sport.
2. Discuss possibility of injury while participating.
3. Equipment care and use and limitations.
4. Conditioning requirements
5. Fundamental and techniques being taught and physical requirements
6. Specific rules of the sport
7. Individual accountability of athletes & parents to make coaches aware of injuries or disabilities.
8. Insurance Coverage, Permission to Treat, and Parents permit to participate

Supervision Requirements

1. A coach/administrator must be on site in the supervisory capacity at all times when equipment and facilities are in use.
2. Recommend that a certified person trained in CPR, AED, and First Aid be on site for all practice sessions, games, and conditioning drills.

Emergency Action Plan and Emergency Communication Overview

Please see [DWS EAP](#) for more details.

In the case of Physical Emergency:

1. Athletic trainers will take control of an emergency.
2. If an athletic trainer is not present, the head coach should take control of the situation once EMS has been called.
3. Assistant coach will call 911 and then direct EMS to the athlete in need.
4. Head coach/athletic trainer will remain with the athlete until EMS arrives.

5. The head coach should inform the Athletic Director or the administrator on duty immediately of the emergency situation.
6. Transportation of athlete: Athletic trainer or a designated coach will remain with a participant until parent or guardian arrives. In the event a parent or guardian cannot be contacted, AT or head coach should remain with the student-athlete.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED):

Is located outside the Athletic Training Room, cafeteria, football concessions, and lower school cafeteria.

Severe Weather/ Tornado:

- The school building will be utilized for severe weather conditions.
- Watch—prepare for warning and monitor the situation
- Warning—Clear field and head to safe rooms

Lightning

Play will be suspended upon the following criteria:

- Lightning within ten miles of facility (monitored by lightning detector)

A coach or an administrator will direct all athletes and staff to a safe location.

Please see our website for [weather alerts](#).

Fire

In the event of a fire, pull the fire alarm and clear the facility immediately. All coaches, student-athletes, and fans must vacate the athletic facility and remain at least 500 feet from the building until emergency personnel arrive.

OPERATIONS

Team Policies:

Each sport may require additional expectations of their participants. These policies must be consistent with all DWS/GIAA policies and never contradicted. The athletic director and head coach of the sport may approve these additional requirements. These

additional policies may be enforced once the coach has both a player and parent meeting informing the participants of these expectations.

Transportation:

Transportation to and from all athletic events will be coordinated through the athletic director, coaches, and school administrators. Decisions will be based on availability, number traveling, distance, and priority. Every effort will be made to accommodate participants and to minimize the loss of classroom time. The head coach will coordinate communication to the students and parents of travel arrangements. If school transportation is not available we will coordinate with parents, coaches, and staff on other options.

Athletic Facilities and Equipment:

DWS Athletic facilities and equipment are to be used exclusively by our student athletes under the direct supervision of faculty and staff. Anyone not employed by the school must get approval by filling out the schools facility user agreement and provide a certificate of liability. All equipment purchased and owned by DWS must be inventoried and maintained by the athletic department. If anyone damages or misuses the school facilities or equipment, it must be reported to school administration immediately. Individuals or teams may be held financially liable for replacement or repair of damages.

Fundraising:

Athletics' primary resource of funding is accomplished through the primary school budget and supplemented through the All-Sports Booster club, which includes sponsorships and memberships. Each sport receives a yearly budget and it is the coaches' responsibility to manage these budgets and request to the AD and Head of School expenditures not budgeted. Additional fundraising activity must be submitted to the Athletic Director, Head of School, and Development Office for approval.

Donations

Deerfield-Windsor School Athletics gratefully welcomes all donations that support our programs and student-athletes. However, it is important that donations go through the proper processes to ensure transparency and accountability. Coaches are not permitted to solicit donations from individuals or businesses without prior approval from the Athletic Director or Head of School. If a parent approaches a coach expressing interest in making a donation, the coach must seek approval from the Athletic Director or Head of School before proceeding. Once approval is obtained, donations should be directed through the Development Office. This ensures that donations are appropriately

recorded, acknowledged, and utilized in accordance with the school's policies and priorities. By adhering to these guidelines, we maintain the integrity of our fundraising efforts and ensure that donations are used to enhance the athletic experience for all Deerfield-Windsor student-athletes.

Team Fees and Spirit Packs

Teams may have extra costs to cover meals, hotel rooms, etc. These fees will be submitted by the head coach to the athletic director for approval before parents are notified.

Teams may require student-athletes to purchase spirit packs for their season. These spirit packs will contain items at the discretion of the head coach that could include practice gear or any other sports related items. These spirit packs will be presented and approved by the athletic director before parents are notified.

Branding

All athletic wear, including uniforms, warm-up attire, and accessories, must feature approved logos and branding. Prior approval from the head coach and/or Athletic Director is required before any logos or branding are applied to athletic apparel. To maintain consistency and professionalism in representing our school's athletic program, only logos and branding officially sanctioned by the school are permitted. Any deviation from this standard must be authorized by the appropriate authorities. This policy ensures that all athletic attire aligns with the school's image and values while promoting unity among our athletes and teams.

Booster Club

The DWS Athletic Booster Club serves as the "all sports" volunteer organization for Deerfield-Windsor School. Membership is open to all Knights who share an interest in supporting DWS athletics. Parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends are encouraged to become part of the DWS Athletic Booster Club community. Members of the Booster Club have the opportunity to serve on the board, contributing to the planning and execution of various activities and initiatives to support DWS athletics. Concession stands play a vital role in fundraising efforts for our athletic programs. It relies on parents/ members' time to help run the concession stand during games and events. Your participation and support through the DWS Athletic Booster Club make a meaningful impact on our athletic community and the overall success of our programs. We invite you to join us in celebrating Knights athletics and fostering a culture of pride and support.

Media and Public Announcements

Local media frequently cover athletic news and events for our sport teams.

Student-athletes may be videotaped or photographed by the media while participating in practices and/or games. In addition, the media often may feature individual athletes.

Athletes should notify their coaches or athletic director anytime a member of the media contacts them to insure the legitimacy and credentials of the media outlet. Parent's who do not want their student-athlete to be interviewed by the media or photographs to be used on school publications should notify the school administration of this request.

Honors and Awards

The C. Z. "Bobo" Webb Memorial Award- The Deerfield-Windsor Booster Club annually presents a Scholar-Athlete Award to a graduating senior in memory of "Bobo" Webb. This award is in recognition of Mr. Webb's enthusiasm and great love, devotion, and support of Deerfield-Windsor School. The qualifications are as follows:

- Six athletic letters earned in a GIAA sponsored sport
- Two of these letters must be earned during the senior year
- Recipient must exhibit leadership and citizenship
- The recipient must have the highest GPA of the possible candidates

Athlete of the Year- The Deerfield-Windsor School Athlete of the Year shall be that senior boy or girl selected by the coaches as the one who, barring injury, has participated in three varsity sports, excelled to achieve recognition beyond team membership, demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and leadership, and who has proven himself or herself to be scholastically conscientious and socially responsible.

Byers Morris Service Award- The Byers Morris DWS Service Award is presented to a student who shows exemplary service to the Deerfield-Windsor School Athletic Program. This student exhibits the spirit and characteristics of Byers Morris by going above and beyond the call of duty to the athletic department

Jersey Retirement- The retirement of a jersey is the highest honor one can receive regarding athletic competition. To be considered, one must have met the following criteria:

Helped lead their team to success while acquiring individual recognition from outside DWS.

Continued to pursue their athletic career past high school and, barring injury, complete their college tenure as a member of the team.

Deerfield-Windsor School Athletic Handbook

NOTICE OF RECEIPT

We hereby acknowledge by our signatures that we have received and read or had read to us the DWS Athletic Handbook. We understand that these policies apply to all student-athletes and parents at Deerfield-Windsor School.

Student - Athlete Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE:

- The student is to sign the above statement.
- If a family has more than one child participating in athletics each student-athlete must have a separate signed copy.
- If the student lives with two parents or guardians, both are to sign the statement.
- If the student lives with only one parent or guardian, only one is to sign.
- Please sign this page and have the student return it to his head coach prior to the start of the season.
- Keep the Athletic Handbook for future reference.

Permission to Release/Sign-Out

I understand and agree as a parent/guardian of _____, that I am releasing Deerfield-Windsor School, their directors, coaches and faculty, from the responsibility and liability for the transportation of my child from this school related activity.

Event/Match

Date

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Sign Parent/ Guardian Name

Deerfield-Windsor School Student Transportation Consent and Release

There are times during the school year when activities, athletic events, and practices will be held away from the school. Deerfield-Windsor School will strive to provide transportation for the student-athletes, but there are times when students may require other transportation options. Please review the transportation options listed below for your student.

I/we hereby give my/our student, _____
permission to:

- ride to and from activity events and practices on school authorized vehicles,
- ride with his/her parent /legal guardian,
- ride with an adult licensed driver that has been recorded by the school as an insured authorized driver,
- ride with a sibling who is at least 16 years of age and a licensed driver.

Note:

A student-athlete may not travel by any other option unless they complete a written request for that specific event that has been signed by the parent(s), coach, athletic director, and school administrator prior to release. The optional transportation request form should be requested by the athlete from the coach or athletic director. Optional transportation requests should be approved a minimum of two (2) days prior to the event date.

Disclaimer:

In consideration of DWS allowing the above-named individual to participate in athletics, we agree to release and hold DWS, its athletic coaches, and other employees free, harmless, and indemnified from and against any and all claims, suits, or causes of action arising from or out of injury that the student-athlete may suffer from participation in athletics and the transportation to and/or from athletic events other than an injury from gross or willful negligence.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE