

Willis Middle School Athletic Handbook

Participation in middle school athletics is a privilege that carries varying degrees of honor, responsibility, and sacrifice. Since competition is a privilege and not a right, those who choose to participate will be expected to follow the established guidelines contained in this handbook as well as specific coaches' rules for their sports. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for athletes, their families, and Willis ISD Athletics.

Vision Statement

We believe student-athletes should be **Academically** sound, **Accountable** for their actions, and dedicated to **Athletics**. We uphold these values by providing an environment where student-athletes can build character, learn discipline, and see the value of working with others to accomplish a common goal. We hold each student-athlete accountable to a high standard in relation to attitude, work ethic, and behavior. We expect student-athletes to work hard to reach their full potential not only in competition but also in the classroom. We also expect student-athletes to be positive role models in the community as they represent themselves, their families, and their future, as they grow into young women and men. With the solid foundation learned at the middle school level, our hope is to see these characteristics continue to flourish within these young athletes as they enter Willis High School.

Mission Statement

The Willis ISD Middle School Athletic program recognizes its mission to develop student-athletes with the strength, skills, sportsmanship, and leadership so they may be successful in their athletic endeavors. The Willis ISD Middle School Athletic program will strive to build positive self-esteem and social skills, and encourage high expectations regarding academics. Our objectives and values are as follows:

Objectives:

- To encourage the student-athlete to maintain satisfactory grades in school and to emphasize the importance of keeping a proper relationship and balance between academic and athletic ventures.

- To provide a rewarding experience for admin, coaches, teachers and parents involved with the program through positive relationships within teaching and working with student-athletes.
- To provide a well-organized and implemented program that is appreciated and favorably received by the community of Willis.

Values:

1. An appreciation for the benefits of hard work, motivation, and perseverance in both winning and losing situations.
2. A sense of group loyalty and the ability to work as a team.
3. A feeling of pride in accomplishment through fair and honest means.
4. An appreciation for cultural diversity, human development, and continuous learning.
5. A sense of good sportsmanship with a high level of personal integrity and ethical conduct.
6. A sense of community through volunteering.

The Willis MS Athletic Program strives to operate at the highest level allowed. We believe that the student-athlete experiences will help achieve the objectives and values set forth.

Overview of the Program

Our athletic program offers eight sports throughout the school year: football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, tennis, and golf. You may try out for as many sports as you would like to participate in. Not all sports require you to be in the athletic period to participate. Cross country, track, tennis, soccer, and golf practice either morning or after school, not during the class period. The main sports that practice during the athletic period are volleyball, basketball, and football. If a student tries out for one of these sports, makes the team, and is not in the athletic period, we will request a schedule change to accommodate that student-athlete to be in the athletic period. However, sometimes schedule changes cannot be made due to class requirements. The athlete will still have the opportunity to be on the team, as practices are usually before or after school.

Participation in Multiple Sports

It shall be the philosophy of the Willis Middle School Athletic Department that athletes shall enjoy as many sports seasons as athletes and parents wish for them to participate in without influence from any coach to specialize in one sport. Athletes wishing to participate in more than one sport in a season must have the approval of the athletic coordinator and all coaches involved with the sports. Example: volleyball and cross country are in the same season. Athletes cut from one sport may try out for another sport, providing they were not cut from the first sport for academic or disciplinary reasons. No athlete who is dropped from one team for disciplinary reasons shall be eligible to compete in another sport for that year. No athlete may start another sport until the previous one has been completed, and all of the equipment (anything that is issued to the athlete from the school) has been returned to the coach.

Overall Expectations of the Student-Athlete

Athletics will challenge the student-athlete physically and mentally every day. All athletes are expected to participate, give their best effort and display a positive, hard-working attitude. Any athlete that does not make a team or is not in-season, will participate in the off-season program during the athletic period.

Code of Conduct:

WILLIS ISD ATHLETES are held to a **HIGHER STANDARD!**

Student-athletes are expected to:

- Represent the athletic program and the district with respect and integrity.
- Set a positive example on- and off-campus; in uniform or in everyday wear.
- Maintain respect with parents, teachers, fellow athletes (WISD or other districts), coaches and referees.
- Display integrity and sportsmanship on and off the court/field.
- Use technology only when given permission

Consequences will be given for noncompliance.

Inappropriate Behavior:

- Talking while the coach is talking/disrespectful behavior.
- Interacting or visible use of any type of technology (cell phone, computer, camera) during athletic activities, unless specified by coach.
- Refusal to take off jewelry during athletics, athletic events, practice or game.
- Excessive tardies to classes/athletics
- Inappropriate/vulgar language (on/off the field and court)
- Displays any PDA (public display of affection)
- Physical violence
- Disruptive behavior in the classroom and on or off the field/court.
- Possession/use of illegal substances (vape, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, inhalants, etc)
 - 1st offense:
 - Parent contact
 - 30 day athletic suspension. This includes the athletic period, practices, games, and other activities related to athletics in the district.
 - Student-athletes will be in ISS during the athletic period.
 - 2nd offense:
 - Parent contact
 - Student will be removed from athletics for the remainder of the year and they will not be allowed to try out for any other sports in that school year.

The athletic consequence will be in effect after the school consequence is fulfilled.

Consequences will be given for noncompliance.

Cell phones/Social Media:

- Technology of any kind will not be allowed in the locker rooms or bathrooms unless permission is granted.
- Any social media posts, pictures, and personal information could easily be accessed by other students, students from another campus, as well as seen by the community, faculty, future employees, and the district administration.

- Inappropriate material found affects the perception of the student-athlete, the athletic department, and the school. This can also be detrimental to a student-athlete's future, whether it be high school or college.
- Examples of inappropriate and offensive behaviors concerning participation in online communities may include depictions or presentations of the following:
 1. Photos, videos, comments, art work, labels, or posters showing any use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Eg. no holding cups, cans, shot glasses, etc.
 2. Photos that perceive a student-athlete is participating in any type of possession or use of illegal substances.

The possession/use of illegal substances policy will apply.
 3. Photos, videos, and comments that are sexual in nature.
 4. Content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning, or threatening toward any other individual, coach, teammate, teacher, referee or opponents.
 5. Pictures, videos, comments, or posters that condone drug-related activity. This includes but is not limited to images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
 6. No post should depict or encourage unacceptable behavior including: violence, vandalism, academic dishonesty, fighting, discrimination, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, or hazing.
- Any social media posts, pictures, etc. MUST be appropriate. Cell phone and social media violations will result in consequences that may include dismissal from the athletic program.

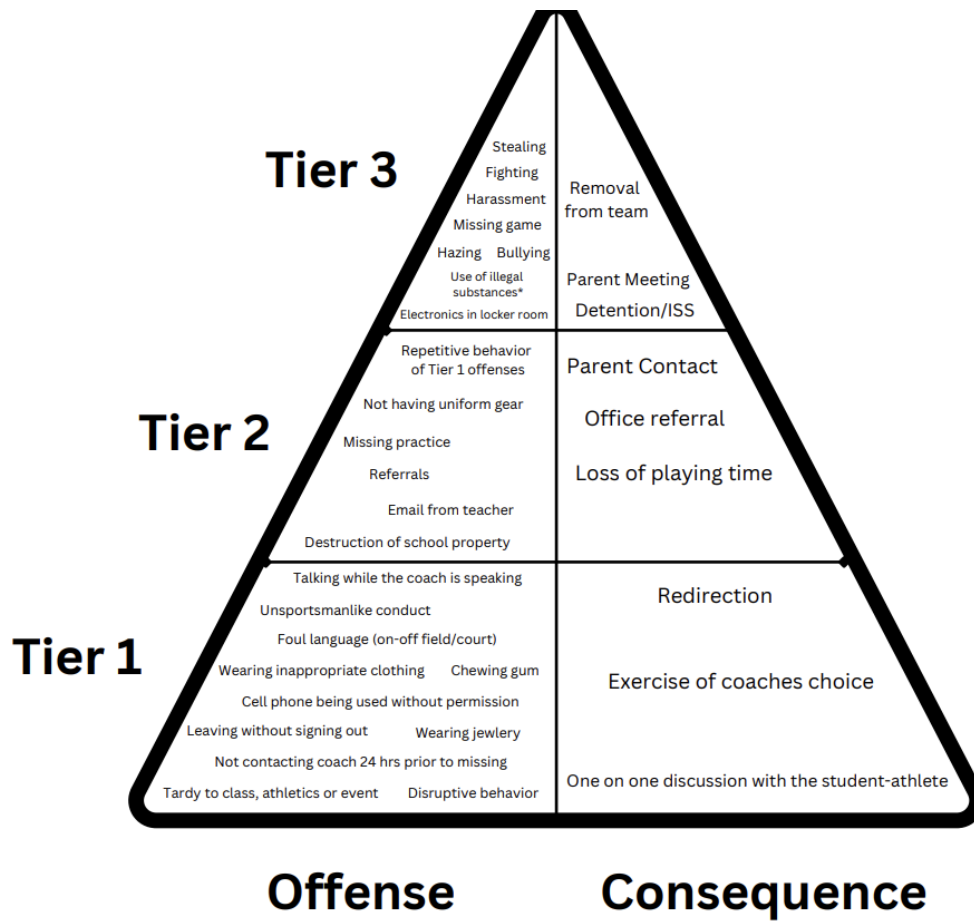
Consequences will be given for noncompliance.

Appearance:

- Hairstyles are to be maintained in a neat and clean manner to present a positive image for both the team and the school.
 - Girls must pull back hair during athletics and games/meets.
 - Boys - facial hair must be maintained.
- Student-athletes are required to follow school dress code anytime on WISD grounds or at WISD functions.
- Only uniforms issued by the department of athletics will be worn for games or on special events.
- Student-athletes are not allowed to wear any game day uniform during school hours or any other time, unless specified by the coach. This includes any school-issued items checked out to the athlete.
- Student-athletes are required to wear athletic gear purchased from the district during the athletics period.
 - Shirt
 - Shorts (not to be rolled up)
 - Athletic shoes (supportive, closed-toe, lace-up shoes, **NO:** crocs, sandals, boots, Vans, Bobs, Hey Dudes, etc.)
 - No jewelry - includes smart watches (up to 4 plastic inserts allowed in the **EAR ONLY**)
 - No gum
- Game day shirts must be worn on game days by all athletes.

Consequences will be given for noncompliance.

Discipline Policy:



*This is not an exhaustive list of all possible disciplinary offenses or consequences.

*Student's will be placed on a probationary term through a behavior contract (given at the coach's discretion) if they are unable to fulfill the expectations set forth.

Attendance on Day of Game or Practice:

- Student-athletes must have attended classes for 50% of the day, on the day of a game, in order to participate in that game.
- Student-athletes must have a 50% attendance on the Friday prior to a tournament in order to attend.
- If the student-athlete goes on an approved field trip, sponsored by WISD, that Friday, then they will be able to attend the tournament.

Missing practice, game or tournament:

- **Attendance is mandatory** unless there is an emergency.
- Doctor appointments must be arranged around practice, not during practice if at all possible.
- If you know you are going to miss a practice, game or athletic event, you must contact your coach at least 48 hours in advance.
- **Excused Practices:** Educational, Medical, and Religious reasons.
(Inform coach prior to the absence.)
- **NO SHOW, NO CALL** = Athlete does not attend practice and did not notify their coach. This will be considered an unexcused absence from practices (this will not be tolerated).
- If you continue to miss practice with a no-show or no call, then a meeting with the parent, coach, and coordinator will occur to discuss possible removal from the team.

In the event that a student-athlete misses practice for any reason, a make-up practice will be available upon request with that athlete's coach. For each missed practice that is made up, there will be no loss of playing time.

Consequences of missed unexcused absences:

Sport/# of missed practices	1	2	3	Missed Game/meet
Cross Country	The athletes that show up the most AND have the best times will be entered into the meets each week.			Miss the next meet
Football	Sit 1st quarter	Sit 1st half	Sit 3 quarters	Miss half the next game
Volleyball	Sit 1st set	Sit 1st set + 15 pts	Sit entire game	Miss the next game
Basketball	Set 1st period	Sit 1st half	Sit 3 periods	Miss the next game
Track	The athletes that show up the most AND have the best times will be entered into the meets each week.			Miss the next meet
Tennis	Sit 1 match	Sit meet	Sit meet	Miss the next meet
Soccer	10 minutes	1st half	Miss the game	Miss the next game
Golf	Missed practices and tournament consequences will be at the discretion of the coach.			

***For 1 excused absence there will be no missed playing time. Any excused or unexcused consecutive absences after the first excused absence will result in loss of playing time at the coaches discretion.**

Practice Philosophy

We will create a practice environment that will allow each player the opportunity to become a better player on a daily basis. Focus on what the team is doing and try to use the practice time to improve on skills and physical abilities, and prepare players for High School or the next level. Those who put forth little or no effort into practice will get little to no progressions. The habits we develop in practice are the habits that will determine how we play the games.

Practice Objectives:

- Development of individual and team discipline and work ethic.
- Development and refinement of specific fundamental and technical skills of the game.
- Instruction of individual and team offensive and defensive strategies.
- Development of optimum levels of strength and conditioning.

ISS/DAEP/OSS:

- If assigned ISS or OSS, the athlete will be required to make up their practice for every day they are out due to being in ISS or OSS. *You cannot attend practice on the days you had ISS or OSS.
- If you are in ISS for one day and on a game or meet day, you are suspended for that game (or meet) and will need to make up practice before being allowed to play in the next game (or meet).
- If you are in ISS for two or more days, you will need to make up practices before being allowed to participate in the next game, if all practices are made up. If not, then you will not play until the following game and consequences will also apply.
- Make-up practices will be available, but must be pre-arranged with your coach to make sure you can both be present. Arrangements will be made between you and the coach to give you every opportunity to make up the practice.
- If you are in OSS, you will be suspended from practices and games while out. Arrangements with the coach for makeup practice must be made immediately on the day you come back to school.

***This rule does not apply to the 30-day suspension associated with the consequence given for possession/use of illegal substances. This rule will apply to athletes who are assigned a week or less of ISS/OSS.**

- If you are assigned DAEP, you will forfeit your spot on your current team and be placed on a behavior contract for any sport following the season in which you were out due to being placed in DAEP.

Communication:

- Information will be delivered through your athlete, SportsYou, website, notes, and emails.
- Parents are encouraged to help their athlete take responsibility for communicating with their coach.
- Student-athletes are responsible for communicating any concerns with the coach prior to the parent contacting the coach.
- 24 hour rule - You must wait 24 hours after a game to contact your child's coach in regards to: playing time, player concerns, etc. This rule also applies to regular correspondence between parents, players and coaches.

Procedure for handling questions/concerns (Chain of Command):

- Athletes should discuss questions with their coach **FIRST**
- If the coach is unable to provide a solution, the parent should email/contact the coach to get questions answered or set up a meeting.
- If there is still no solution after a parent-coach contact, a meeting will be arranged with the athlete's coach, parent, player, and coordinator.

Sports Related Information

Fall Sports:

- Football - August thru November
- Cross Country - August thru October
- Volleyball - August thru October
- Basketball - November thru February

Spring Sports:

- Track - February thru April
- Soccer - April and May
- Tennis - April and May
- Golf - April and May

Requirements:

Physical: Student-athletes are required to have an up to date physical on file and uploaded into RankOne.

RankOne: Student-athletes are required to complete ALL forms located in RankOne. Paperwork that must be completed:

- Emergency Contact Information
- Concussion Acknowledgement Form
- UIL Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form

Grades: A student-athlete's grades will be evaluated as part of the try out process. If a student is failing, it may keep them from making the final cut of a team.

Behavioral: Student-athletes who have more than two referrals in a 9-week period, will not be allowed to try out.

Tryouts: Student-athletes are required to attend every day of tryouts.

- If a student-athlete misses a day due to an illness or funeral, the athlete must bring proper documentation to the head coach. If proper paperwork is not provided, the athlete will not be able to continue with tryouts.
- Student-athletes that DO NOT attend try outs must have a discussion with the head coach and coordinator prior to the try out period. The decision to continue the try out process will be at their discretion.
 - The athletes that do not make one of the teams and are in the athletic period will participate in the off-season program.
 - Off-season includes strength training, conditioning, weight training, circuit training, agilities, and speed drills.

Fundraisers: Student-athletes are expected to participate in all fundraisers.

Team Selection and Cutting:

In accordance with our philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program, coaches are encouraged to keep as many students as they can while maintaining the integrity of their sport. Time, space, facilities, equipment, and other factors can place limitations on team size. Choosing the members of a team is the sole responsibility of the coaches of that team. Prior to trying out, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

- The extent of the tryout period
- Criteria used to select the team
- Number to be selected, when and where the selection will be posted
- Practice commitment and game commitment if athletes make the team

Quitting In-Season Sports:

Athletes are expected to remain committed to their athletic teams for the entire season. Athletes who quit a team may lose their privilege of participating in athletics for the rest of the year. On occasion, an athlete may find it necessary to quit a team for a good reason. If this is the case, the following procedure must be followed:

- Consult with your coach.
- Report the situation to the athletic coordinator.
- Immediately return the issued school equipment to the head coach.
- Will be moved to the off-season program for the remainder of the season unless the athlete needs to be removed from the athletic program, then a schedule change will be requested.

Game Day and Schedules:

- Game schedules and expectations will be passed out during each sport. The 8th graders will play in the main gym and the 7th graders will play in Gym 2. Please see specific sports schedules for start times as each school may vary slightly in start times. *If it is on the schedule, the athlete is expected to attend, no matter the event.

- Players are **not allowed to leave** prior to the end of home or away games/meets (with the exception of track/cross country). All teams will sit together in the stands, support and cheer for each other, and represent the Willis Middle School Athletic Program in a positive manner.
- Players will not be allowed to leave from home games until all equipment used in the game is put away. This includes volleyball nets, volleyballs, basketballs, chairs, clocks, tables, and the locker room is picked up along with bleachers being checked for trash.
- Each team will be assigned an area of responsibility for setting up the gym and taking down the gym.

Uniforms/ Equipment:

- All uniforms are furnished by the school.
- If the uniform, or equipment issued, is not returned in good condition at the end of the season:
 - you (the parent/athlete) will be subject to a financial penalty for replacement.
- Uniforms provided by the school are to be worn for **games only** unless authorization is given by the coach.
- Uniforms are not to be worn during the school day or outside of school functions as attire for the day. All athletes are responsible for the proper care and security of equipment issued to them.
- Equipment furnished by the school is to be worn only for games and practices.
- Additional items may be issued for each sport. The athlete is responsible for the equipment they are issued.

If uniforms or equipment are not returned by the deadline set by the coach, then the athlete will not receive another uniform until it is returned or financial replacement is given. Uniforms vary in price.

UIL Eligibility:

- Being an athlete is very demanding and requires them to be very organized. Student-athletes will need to learn how to manage their time with school work, projects, tests, etc.
- Please talk with your athlete about the importance of passing all of their classes.
- Any grade below 70 in a 9-week grading period or in the 1st 6 weeks of the year will cause a player to become ineligible.
- If a student is ineligible at the end of the grading period, they are still required to participate in practice but are NOT allowed to travel or play in the games.
- They will not be allowed to dress out for games or sit on the bench. They can then only be a spectator for the duration of their academic suspension.
- A student may “regain” eligibility after three weeks if they are passing ALL of their classes with a grade of 70 or above. Coaches will be monitoring the athletes’ academic progress throughout the year.
- Due to the UIL rule of “NO PASS – NO PLAY” our staff can not utilize an athlete that is not passing in the classroom.
- A student failing at the time of try-outs may be at risk of being cut from making a team.

Tutorials:

- Athletes should attend tutorials as needed. It is important for the athlete to communicate with their coach in advance if they will be attending tutorials during practice time.
- Tutorials are considered excused absences as long as the athlete has a written note from the teacher and it is approved by the coach.
- Excessive missed practices due to tutorials could affect the athlete's playing time. Students should schedule tutorials outside of practice time if at all possible.
- Athletes should turn in all assignments and communicate with teachers when they are struggling and not wait until the last minute.
- The athlete should study, prepare, pay attention, attend tutorials when needed, and be successful in the classroom.

- At the end of the day, athletes are responsible for their own education and, therefore, have a responsibility to maintain their academic success.

REPORTING OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

All injuries that occur while participating in athletics should be reported to the coach. It is then the coach's responsibility to report it to the athletic coordinator/athletic director. Athletes treated by a physician as the result of an athletic injury must obtain medical permission before returning to athletic activity.

Illness/Injured:

- If you are unable to participate, due to an injury or illness, a doctor's note or a recovery plan from the WHS trainer is required.
- **If you are sick or injured, a parent's note is NOT acceptable, a doctor's note is preferred. No indefinite doctor's notes. In other words, all notes must specify what the athlete can and cannot do. The doctors' notes must give a time frame for when the athlete may return to training. Per our district policy, the athlete must have a note from a doctor or from a trainer at WHS.**
- **(Subject to change):** If a JH athlete needs to see the trainer, a parent or/ guardian must accompany them. The Willis High School trainer's hours are from 6:30 am to 7:30 am. The phone number to the training room is 936-856-1269 or you can email **Scott McClatchy** the Head Trainer at the High School at mmclatchy@willisisd.org.
- We know that there are times that you are not at your best, but we ask that you try your best to participate each day that you are at school. We can modify the workload/expectations based on the injury/sickness that is approved by the trainer or doctor.
- Please do not schedule any doctor/dentist appointments during practice times. **All injured players are still required to be at practice and dressed out in their athletic attire, including during the athletic period.**
- If your athlete will have to miss practice for any reason please call or email their coach or the athletic coordinator, so they can plan accordingly.

Bus Travel/Pick Up:

- Each athlete is responsible for being picked up ON TIME from practices and games. Pick-up should be by the gym entrance unless otherwise specified by coaches.
- A SportsYou notification will be sent out when leaving an away game, and the athlete will call or text the parent to let them know when we will arrive at home.
- Practice times will be announced and vary slightly per sport. If an athlete is picked up late on a consistent basis, parent contact will be made to discuss the matter and find a solution.
- When traveling to other schools, athletes are expected to act in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the athletic policy. Any inappropriate behavior will result in a parent phone call, game suspensions, and possible removal from the program.
- Athletes will be required to travel to and from all games by bus. Cross country, track, tennis, and golf must ride the bus there, but may ride home with a parent/guardian after their event. In order to ride home with a parent/guardian from an away game, you must obtain permission from your coach **at least 48 hours in advance**. Then, a release form will be required to be filled out before the athlete will be allowed to ride home with the parent/guardian.

Dressing Out in Athletic Attire:

- **Each athlete is required to dress out in their athletics uniform each day.** Even if you have a doctor's note to sit out, you are still required to dress out (exceptions allowed at coaches discretion).
- Jewelry is not allowed. **We recommend you do not get your ears pierced during the season and while in the athletic period unless you can remove your earrings during practice and workouts.** **Covering jewelry will not be allowed.** (Up to 4 plastic inserts are permitted in the **EARS ONLY**). If an athlete does not comply with the policy of no jewelry during athletics or practice, they will not be able to play in the game and consequences will be applied.

If non-compliance of this policy becomes a consistent issue, further consequences will apply.

Locker Room Expectations

Locker rooms are provided for the benefit of athletes. Locker rooms are to be used for preparation for practices or games. The following regulations are meant to maintain a safe environment and, if not followed, may lead to suspension of participation and further consequences.

- Athletes are required to keep their locker locked. **Do not share your combination or your locker with anyone!**
- We are not responsible or liable for any item(s) stolen, lost or damaged.
- Roughhousing and horseplay are not allowed in the locker room. Consequences will apply.
- Only coaches, managers, and in-season athletes are allowed in locker rooms after school.
- No phone usage is allowed in the locker room, athletes must keep their phone in their backpack, locker, or phone caddy.
- No glass containers are allowed in the locker room.
- All spiked or cleated shoes must be put on and taken off outside of the school. No metal or hard plastic spikes/cleats are allowed in the locker rooms or in any other part of the building.
- It is the athlete's responsibility to keep their locker picked up and clean.
- Consequences will apply if the locker room is found to have trash and clothing items left out on the floor.
- If the athlete constantly forgets their combo, there will be consequences before receiving the combo.
- Athletes must be supervised by a staff member in order to enter the locker room.

CONFLICTS WITH NON-ATHLETIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- An individual student who attempts to participate in several extracurricular activities will undoubtedly be in a position of conflict of obligations.
- The athletic department recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular

activities, and to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts.

- Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid conflicts. This would include being cautious about belonging to too many activities with which conflicts may occur.
- Notify the faculty sponsors/coaches involved immediately when a conflict does arise.
 - When a conflict arises, the sponsors/coaches will do their best to work out a solution so that the student does not feel caught in the middle.
 - Once a decision has been made by the student, and the student has followed that decision, he or she will not be penalized by either the faculty sponsor or coach.

Class Grade in Athletics:

Grading will be based on participation/effort and dress. Dressing out daily in issued athletic clothing, no jewelry, hair up and in proper footwear is included in the dress portion of the grade. If your athlete does not meet the expectations, they will receive a zero for the day.

Permission to photograph/ Social Networks:

We have a school district website, WISD Athletics Twitter, Instagram and Facebook account, that features information about our teams, our athletes, and activities we participate in. At times during the year, we will post pictures/videos of our athletes as they participate in our athletics activities. This is a great place for us to celebrate the success of our athletes and our athletics program.

Conroe/Willis ISD JH Athletic Policy Handbook

 (PARENT COPY) 2025-26 Junior High Athletic Policies and Schedules.pdf

Clear Bag Policy

Please read the WISD event and stadium policy regarding clear bags [here](https://www.willisisd.org/departments/athletics).
(<https://www.willisisd.org/departments/athletics>)

Grading Period/Eligibility Calendar

 25-26 Eligibility Calendar.pdf

UIL Junior High Athletic Plan

<https://www.uilTEXAS.org/policy/constitution/elementary-junior-high/7-8-athletics>

Parent and Student -Please sign the Athletic Handbook Acknowledgement Form below.
Return to the program's coordinator.

Athletic Handbook Acknowledgement

Student Athlete's Name (Printed): _____

Grade (please circle one): 7th 8th

School (please circle one): BMS LLMS CMS

I have read the Willis Middle School Athletic Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year,
and agree to abide by its entirety, including updates/changes that may be sent
throughout the school year. I understand that failure to do so will result in consequences
and/or removal from the Athletic program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

By signing this page I give permission for my child's photo/video to be posted to
our Athletics Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and School Website.

**(This must be signed in order to be in our program as we will post
events/happenings regularly.)**

Junior High Athletic Coordinators:

- Fredrick Proctor , Brabham Boys Coordinator, fproctor@willisisd.org
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- Travis Elkins , Lynn Lucas Boys Coordinator, telkins@willisisd.org
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- Michael Nelson , Calfee Boys Coordinator, mnelson@willisisd.org
- Whitney Terry , Calfee Girls Coordinator, wterry@willisisd.org

Handbook Overview

- **Tryouts/acceptance into athletic programs** - All athletes are required to complete online RankOne paperwork and turn in a cleared physical before the first day of any try out period. (pg. 12 13)
- **Dressing out/Grading policy** - All athletes are expected to dress out daily in their athletic shirt, shorts, tennis shoes, no jewelry, and hair pulled back out of their face (except for extenuating circumstances - at coach's discretion). Failure to follow this expectation will result in a zero for the day. (pg. 6, 17)
- **Practice** - All athletes are expected to show up to practice daily, unless a 48 hour notice is given to YOUR coach, with the exception of emergencies (family emergency, death in the family, fallen ill). If an athlete misses a practice due to being sick, a doctor's excuse must be provided. (pg. 8)
- **Game Day/Travel** - Playing time is at the discretion of the coach(es). No cell phones. All athletes will stay at the site until the last game is finished. Everyone rides the bus to and from away games, unless a 48-hour notice is given with an approved reason. (pg. 8, 13, 14, 17)
- **Communication** - Athletes are expected to communicate with their coach directly when it comes to player issues, missed practices, injury, etc. If issues are unresolved with the team coach, please follow the chain of command (team coach, head coach of that sport, coordinator). (pg. 11)
- **Grades** - Athletes are expected to maintain a minimum average of 70 in all classes. Failure to do so during grade checks (according to eligibility calendar) will result in loss of playing time due to the UIL no pass, no play policy. (pg. 15)
- **Behavior/Consequences** - Athletes are held to a higher standard than an average student. Being in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Athletes are expected to uphold the standards set forth within this handbook. Failure to do so will result in consequences and/or removal from the Athletic program at the coaches discretion. (pg.3-10)

*If there are any discrepancies or situations that are not written within this handbook, each situation will be handled accordingly, case by case, and at the discretion of the coach and coaching staff.