Washburne School Athletic Program Parent/Student Guidelines



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THE WINNETKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 36

Welcome to the Washburne Athletic Program. We are looking forward to another great year of supporting athletic teams here at Washburne School. There will be a total of six sports offered through the school, including girls' volleyball and coed cross country in the fall, boys' and girls' basketball in the winter, and boys' volleyball and coed track and field in the spring.

If your son/daughter is interested in participating in any of these sports, please complete the registration process online prior to the start of the season. Please note that the Medical Clearance Form will need to be printed out and completed by a licensed physician. All of these documents must be on file before your son/daughter can participate in the Washburne Athletic Program.

Thank you for your support as we look forward to a successful year of Washburne Athletics.

Sincerely,

Andy Becker, Athletic Director, Carleton Washburne School

Dr. Luke Livingston Principal, Carleton Washburne School

Ben Horwitz, Assistant Principal, Carleton Washburne School

Contact Information

If you have general questions regarding practices, games, or other information you should first contact your coach. Coach contact information will be given to your child at the beginning of the season. Washburne School personnel should be called only in the case that the coach cannot answer your question or if it is an emergency.

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Washburne Athletic Program Philosophy

The Washburne Athletic Program is designed to incorporate the positive benefits of organized sports while following the theories and practices set forth by the Winnetka Public School District Philosophies. Our goals of the program are to help all students have age-appropriate opportunities to:

- Develop skills and knowledge of game strategies and rules;
- Enhance the normal physical and social growth and maturation process;
- Improve socialization, self-esteem, self-perception and psychological well-being;
- Use and increase their unique talents and skills;
- Understand the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect teammates, coaches, officials and opponents.

Our objective is to have students, coaches, and parents understand the importance of development and learning over the notion of winning at all cost. We strive for the athletic program to enhance life lessons that are taught in the classroom, while at the same time helping improve individual physical skills.

Player Guidelines

Important Documents
All students must register online for the sport they wish to participate. Registration can be found on the District 36 Athletics website. The **Medical Clearance Form** (also found online) needs to be printed out, and completed by a licensed physician.

Academic Eligibility
Students who are earning at least a C or higher in all of their classes will be eligible to participate in organized team activities. This applies to all classes taken, both core subjects and related studies. Students will be able to participate in practices or games once they have improved their grade(s) to a minimum of a C.

Attendance in School
Students must be present for a minimum of four (4) hours of school to be eligible to participate in team-sponsored activities for that day. This includes both practices and games. Students are also expected to be at school and in class on time. Actions may be taken if a student collects 5 tardies or more per trimester.

Participation in Kinetic Wellness
If a student does not participate in kinetic wellness class on a particular day because he/she was unprepared or was medically excused by a physician or parent, the student may not participate in practices or games on that day.

Student Behavior
As a member of Washburne athletic teams, student-athletes are expected to represent Washburne in a positive manner by conducting themselves as good citizens and exemplars of their school at all times, including after school, on days when school is not in session, and whether on or off school property. Students should behave in a way that reflects good sportsmanship, citizenship, and caring towards others. We expect our student-athletes to be role models on proper behavior. Hazing and bullying activities are strictly forbidden at any time and at any location.

Use of School Property
Students are expected to properly use and respect school property. This includes keeping the locker rooms clean, respecting the gym spaces (no food/drink/gum in gyms), using equipment properly, and keeping track and care of team issued uniforms. Uniforms are property of Washburne School and will be issued to participating students.

Students are expected to clean and care for these uniforms throughout the season. The student must replace any property that is damaged or lost/misplaced. A $75.00 fee will be assessed to any unreturned or damaged uniform.

Fees
Student-Athletes will be expected to pay the fees that are assigned for each sport before the first day of practice. These fees balance the Athletic Program's budget, which includes jerseys, home game operations (referee and scoring table fees), coaching and athletic director salaries, tournament fees, and equipment. Students will not be allowed to participate in team-organized activities unless they have paid their fees for each sport they participate in. Financial Aid in the form of athletic scholarships is available for those in need. Please see the principal for more information.

Formation of Basketball and Volleyball Teams
The Washburne Athletic Program has been developed following the school district's ideas and practices in progressive education. In stating this, we believe that athletics should focus less on "winning at all cost" and more on child centered, age-appropriate development in the specific sport. Washburne will be offering two teams per grade level and gender, as dictated by interest level. These teams will be referred to as "Washburne Green" and "Washburne White." The talent level of the student-athletes will be diversified between each of these teams per grade/gender. In other words, there will be a "Washburne Green" and "Washburne White" team for 7th grade boys, 7th grade girls, 8th grade boys, and 8th grade girls, depending on the interest levels. The placement of the student-athletes into one of these teams will be at the sole discretion of the coaching staff and athletic administration.

Practices
Students are expected to be present for all practices and games unless ill or previously excused. If something should come up that would exclude a student from participation, please contact your coach as soon as possible. Each coach will determine length of practices. Practices will be held before or after school on days when school is in session. Visitors are not permitted to attend practices unless specifically invited by the coach. Practice schedules will be available at the beginning of each season.

Pick-up/Drop-off
Parents should arrange for the prompt pick-up and drop-off of students after and before practices and games.

Student Safety
Safety for students will be a high priority of the Athletic Program. While injuries are a risk in any athletic activity, appropriate protective gear is required, including sturdy

athletic shoes. It is the responsibility of the parents/legal guardians to notify the coach in writing before the season, or as soon as practical, of any medical condition or physical limitation, which could impair their child's ability to safely perform sports related activities.

Each coach will have access to a first aid kit at practices and games. The kits will include band aides, gauze, and ice packs. Any injury, other than minor, will be treated as an emergency and 911 will be called.

Uniforms

Per Public Act 102-0051, Students may modify his or her athletic or team uniform for the purpose of modesty in clothing or attire that is accordance with the requirements of his or her religion or his or her cultural values or modesty preferences. Please notify Athletic Director, Andy Becker, for assistance.

Website

The athletic program website includes information such as schedules and contact information. Please visit this site for more information.
https://www.winnetka36.org/washburne/athletics

Code of Conduct Violations

A student may be excluded from activities or competition, or be subject to disciplinary action, if he or she violates the Code of Conduct.
See School Board Policy 7:240

Parent Guidelines

Interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character. Parents are an essential piece that will help with the success of the athletic program in this area. Parents serve as role models that students emulate.

Parent Pledge

As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that school athletics is an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for the students. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by our school and school district. I hereby accept my responsibly to be a role model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.