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Athletic Placement Process (APP)

Purpose: The Athletic Placement Process (APP) is a program that is established by the New York State Education Department that is designed to ensure student-athletes participate at the level that best supports their educational, social, emotional, and athletic development. It provides an opportunity for qualified student-athletes in 7th and 8th grade to participate at a higher athletic level when appropriate. This process is meant for exceptional athletes who are seen as a potential starter, or significant contributor of 50% or more playing time at the level of participation. The following steps outline the process for consideration within the West Irondequoit Central School District.

Step 1: Varsity Coach Recommendation

The varsity coach completes the evaluation form that identifies and recommends a student-athlete who demonstrates the skill, maturity, athletic ability, and commitment necessary to be considered for placement at a higher level of competition. The evaluation includes a comprehensive rationale supported by objective data and observations.

Step 2: Administrative Approval

The recommendation is reviewed by the Athletic Director and/or appropriate school personnel to determine whether the student is eligible to move forward in the process. In addition to having the appropriate sport specific skill and fitness level, the review will include administration and student services staff to determine the student's emotional, mental, and academic readiness.

Step 3: Parent/Guardian Permission

If a recommended student is approved by the district to participate at a higher level, written consent must be obtained from the parent or guardian before the student can try out.

Step 4: Registration and Medical Clearance

The student must complete all required athletic registration procedures and receive medical clearance in accordance with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and district requirements.

Step 5: Team Tryouts

The student-athlete must participate in team tryouts and demonstrate the ability to compete safely and effectively at the higher level. Trying out for the team does not guarantee a roster spot. Final team selection is determined by the coaching staff.