

WESTBURY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Wildcat Basketball

Program Principles

I. Basketball

A. Eligibility

1. All players must complete a Rank One profile and sign all online documents
2. All players must have a physical on file with the Athletic Office

B. Practice

1. Practice is important. Each player will need to be a part of practice each day, whether as an active participant or a passive participant due to injury or illness.
2. Players are responsible to communicate to coaches in a timely manner of any conflicts that will lead to absences at practice.
3. Players are asked to be on time for practice dressed and ready to participate.
4. Practice schedules will be posted weekly on both the athletic website as well as communicated through email.
5. Players will be provided with practice shorts and tops that will be worn during practice and left at school each day in order to be washed and prepared for the next day.
6. Practice is for both individual and team development.
7. What is Needed For Practice: a workman's attitude, mentally prepared, physically prepared.

C. Games

1. Basketball at WCS is an interscholastic competitive sport and not a recreational sport. Therefore players will play at the coach's discretion. Coaches will make decisions based on what is best for the team by putting players in the best position for team success.

2. Individual player development will take place at practice, and voluntary gym time; games are the opportunity for the individual development to be used for team goals.
3. Players are responsible for being prepared to compete each game, which means being on time with the things needed to play each night.
4. Players and parents are responsible for communicating to coaches any obstacles that can lead to an absence from a game or tardiness for scheduled meeting times.
5. Game Transportation- transportation will be provided to and from away games, unless otherwise communicated by the coaches. Players-middle school and junior varsity- may travel home with parents at the conclusion of their scheduled games. Varsity players are required to ride home with the team unless otherwise decided by the head coach.
6. Players will be provided game uniforms as well as individual water bottles. Game uniforms will be kept at the school where they will be washed and ready for the next game.
7. Any other game day wear will be communicated to the players through the coaching staff in order to be ready on game day.

II. Academics

- A. Players are required to be good students in order to remain academically eligible as well as on track to meet the requirements for graduation.
 1. WCS works on a nine-week grading period. In order to remain academically eligible a student cannot fail (less than 70) more than one class, or nor more than one incomplete during a nine week period.
 2. Academic Ineligibility will run for two weeks beginning with the issuing of reports cards. After a two week period student grades will be checked again and if they are passing classes then they will become eligible. Grade

checks will be conducted every week after the first two weeks.

3. During academic ineligibility players can attend all practices and should be in attendance at all games, however they cannot dress for games.
4. Grade Checks will be conducted every three weeks during the nine week grading period. Grade checks will be conducted by the coaching staff and will be communicated to the players any possible classroom problems.
5. Through partnership with the player and parents, coaches will help facilitate any tutorials or support options in order to improve in the classroom.

B. Classroom Behavior

1. Players are expected to respect teachers, aides, substitutes or administrators.
2. Players should not be disruptive to the classroom environment established in each classroom.
3. Classroom behavior that is reported to the coaching staff as disruptive will result in consequences in order to establish appropriate classroom behavior.
4. Behavior that results in detentions, will result in individual and team consequences. (See Consequences)

III. Spiritual

A. Players will be given the opportunities to grow and develop spiritually.

1. Bible Classes- each player will be active participants in all bible classes.
2. Chapel- each player will be active participants in all chapels.
3. Team Devotionals- players will be active participants in all team devotionals. Team devotionals will take place over the season, prior to games or after practices

4. Prayer- prayer will be a part of all practices and games. At the conclusion of home games, the team will meet at half court for a post game prayer.

IV. Team Behavior/Conduct

- A. Players will respect their teammates, their coaches, the officials and the opposing team.
- B. Players will respect teachers, staff, and administrators of Westbury Christian School.
- C. Players should not use abusive or inappropriate language during practices or games.
- D. Players will not be allowed to wear earrings while engaged in team events whether on or off campus.
- E. Players will dress appropriately to all games or team events. Player dress will be communicated by the coaching staff.
- F. All school rules apply to players whether on or off campus.
- G. Social Media- social media is a useful tool to provide and gather information. Players are not allowed to use social media for make complaints about teammates, school, coaches or other schools.

V. Consequences

- A. Consequences for behavior detrimental to the team dynamic will be at the discretion of the coaching staff and will be communicated to the player and parents.
- B. Parents and coaches will work in partnership in order to correct behavior that will allow a player to be the best version of themselves.
- C. Possible Individual and Team Consequences
 1. Individual Conditioning Sessions
 2. Team Conditioning Sessions
 3. Reduction in Playing Time
 4. Suspension From Games or Team Activities.
 5. Removal From the Team

VI. Conflict Resolution

A. At times during the season there might be things that need to be discussed or explained further between the coaches, players and parents. Coaches will make themselves available under the following conditions:

1. 24 Hour Rule- parents must wait 24 hours in order to set up meetings. After games is not the best time for individual discussion.
2. Coaches will not discuss other players nor basketball strategy. Coaches will discuss the basketball player's development.
3. Proper Chain of Communication:
 - a) Player to Coach
 - b) Parent to Coach
 - c) Parent to Athletic Director
 - d) Parent to Head of School

VII. Team Foundation

A. The program is built on three primary foundational principles.

1. Servant Leadership
 - a) Players will learn to serve others before themselves.
 - b) Philippians 2:3-8 “Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” ...
2. Championship Effort
 - a) Players will learn to give their whole selves.
 - b) Colossians 3:23-24 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

3. Team Attitude

- a) Players will do all they can to put team goals ahead of individual goals.
- b) I Corinthians 12:20-25 “As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ...”