

NWCS Athletic Code of Conduct

Purpose of NWC Athletics

To glorify God by establishing and maintaining a Christ-centered athletic program that reflects Christ to our surrounding communities, develops athletic excellence, establishes Biblical character qualities in our student-athletes preparing them for Christian life and service.

Commitment

Athletes and parents must understand they are making a commitment to the Lord, their teammates, and their coach when participating in the athletic program. This commitment carries with it the expectation of attendance at all games, practices, and meetings unless excused by either illness or the coach's permission in advance. Participation on teams outside of school should be considered secondary and therefore should have secondary priority when there is a conflict, unless prior arrangements can be agreed upon between the athlete and the coach. This commitment extends to getting proper nutrition and rest, and even to sacrificing personal activities in order to keep up with schoolwork. This commitment also extends to quitting a team. Once selected to a team, the athlete and his or her parent/guardian have committed themselves to supporting the school and team through the completion of the sport season. Each athlete has a responsibility to him or herself and the team to finish the season unless, in consultation with the coach, early release from the team is advisable.

NWCS belongs to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). NWCSS upholds all of the standards of the WIAA and in certain circumstances may have more restrictive rules.

Participation Requirements

1. All paperwork filled out and on file with the athletic office prior to any (practice or game) participation. To be eligible to practice or play an NWCS athlete must complete online registration with Family ID, have a current physical on file, and have paid their sports fee.
2. A minimum number of practices must be completed.
3. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.00 with no failing grades in any one class.
4. Maintain your commitment to your team (See Above)
5. Signed Athletic Code of Conduct

Misconduct

Involvement in the Northwest Christian Schools interscholastic athletic program is a privilege, not a right. The conduct rules listed below are a 365 policy that apply to all student/athletes at Northwest Christian High School year-round. Violations of the Code of Conduct are cumulative for grades 9-12.

Procedures

The investigation of incidents, disciplinary actions and procedural due process shall be the primary responsibility of the Principal of the school in which the student/athlete attends and the Athletic Director(s).

Determination of Misconduct

- a. Student/athletes determined to be in violation of the Northwest Christian High School Athletic Code and his/her parents shall be notified by the Principal or Athletic Director of the specific violation as well as the consequences.
- b. If the student-athlete and/or parents are not in agreement with the decision of the Principal and/or Athletic Director, they may appeal to the Headmaster within three (3) business days of the decision. The disciplinary action will remain in effect while the Headmaster studies the appeal.
- c. Following violations, the student shall be eligible for reinstatement only after the terms of his/her suspension have been fulfilled and a reentry meeting with the Principal/AD has occurred. The school principal or athletic director shall have the final authority as to the student's reinstatement of eligibility.

Disciplinary Actions

* %of season will be determined by multiplying the number of regular season contests by % and rounding to the nearest whole number. Carry Over Language – if the % is not fulfilled during the present sports season, it will carry over to the next sports season that the athlete completes in good standing.

Definitions Pertaining to illegal Substances

- a. **Actual Possession:** The act of having a substance in one's custody or control. Actual possession occurs when the item is in physical custody of the person charged with possession.
- b. **Proximity Possession:** In the absence of physical possession, if a student-athlete covered by this code is inadvertently at an event and becomes aware of the illegal use or availability of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, legend drugs, anabolic steroids, or tobacco products at that event, they are required to remove themselves from that event immediately and self-report (Refer to letter f below). *Student athletes who fail to self-report OR make a willful choice to remain at the event are in violation of the rule.*
- c. **Discovery by Investigation:** The process by which an administrator/coach/advisor arrives at a conclusion regarding a student's involvement in an activities code infraction without the student's full/honest cooperation.
- d. **Discovery by Self Report:** Participants who self-report must do so within 2 school days after the event.

Violations Concerning Behavior/Alcohol/Tobacco/Illegal Drugs			
Prohibited Conduct	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Flagrant/Volatile One Time Event or a Pattern of Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Taunting, Physical or verbal abuse, inappropriate gestures, public foul or abusive language, negative or inappropriate social media posts	Reviewed case by case by AD/Administrator; 1 to 2 game suspension or removal from team.	Suspended for a season*	Suspended for 1 Calendar Year*
Actual Possession/Use of: <i>Alcohol/Illegal drugs or marijuana, Tobacco/E-Cigs/Vaping Products</i>	Investigative: 30% of Season* Self-Report: 15% of Season *	Investigative: 100% of Season* Self-Report: possible reduction with certain criteria met. ie. substance abuse counseling	Investigative: 1 Calendar Year* Loss of letter, awards, or records earned
Proximity Possession for: <i>Alcohol/Illegal drugs or marijuana, Tobacco/E-Cigs/Vaping Products</i>	Investigative: 15% of Season* Self-Report: 0% of Season without usage	Investigative: 30% of Season* Self-Report: 0% of Season without usage	Investigative: 100% of Season* Self-Report: 0% of Season without usage
Illegal Acts Including hazing or conduct unrepresentative of NWCS	Reviewed case by case by AD/Administrator		

I have read and agree to comply with the Northwest Christian School Athletic Code.

Student/Athlete's Signature _____ DATE _____

Parent's Signature _____ DATE _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

- I understand that once signed, this Code of Conduct will be in effect for 365 days along as I am a student and involved in athletics at Northwest Christian School.
- I understand violations are cumulative for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.
- I understand that if I falsify any signature on any required forms, I will lose eligibility for that activity.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____