

NWMS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

Academic & Conduct Standards

1. Education is my first responsibility. Grade policy states that all students must be passing all classes to play in games. My grades will be checked before events and/or weekly. My ability to participate in events is based on passing grades. Students ineligible to compete will continue to practice with their team however will not be able to suit up with their team for competitions.
 - My teachers have the authority to require me to stay after school in their rooms to make-up work, tutoring, or instruction, after which I may attend practice.
 - If a grade check shows that I am failing one or more classes, I will be placed on one week probation, during which time I may participate in all practices and competitions. At the end of the probationary week, if a grade check shows I am passing all classes, I will be released from probation and allowed to practice and compete. If I am still not passing one or more classes at the end of that week, I know that even though I will be allowed to practice that week, I will be ineligible to attend or compete in competition for a week. At the end of the ineligible week, I will be eligible if I am passing all classes. If I am still not passing one or more classes, I will remain ineligible until I am passing all classes. Additionally, if I am not eligible due to grades or meeting the required number of practices, I will not travel with the team to away games. WIAA states that 8 practices are required before participating in competitions (games/matches).
2. All school and district rules must be followed and will be enforced during athletic activities and competitions, including practices and away games. For the violation of school rules, I will be treated the same as any other student, and in addition to the school response, may receive athletic penalties for my behavior/choices. I understand that as an athlete, I represent my school and my community and are held to a high standard in doing so. Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, use of tobacco in any form; illegal use, sale, distribution and/or possession of alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia including look-a-likes; truancy; tardiness; swearing; fighting; intimidation/harassment; inappropriate use of technology; stealing; or criminal activity. Specific details are available in the middle school handbook.
3. Use of personal technology devices must be appropriate for school (all content utilized) and during an athletic event or transportation. Technology should not be out or in use during a team competition without a coach's permission.
4. WIAA states that athletes must complete 8 practices before the first competition. Players must attend practices on a regular schedule. If a practice is to be missed they must have a written note from the parent or guardian. If the player needs to leave early from an away game, a written notice of parent pickup is required. I must be at practice the day before a competition, and I must attend 3 consecutive classes the day of a competition. If any part of an absence is unexcused, I know I am not allowed to practice or compete.
5. Un-sportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated by athletes or spectators. I understand that temper tantrums, arguing in front of my team-mates with my coach, being rude to an opponent, or being negative toward any athlete will impact my ability to compete.
6. All players are required to stay with the team during competition. I understand that I am responsible to assist with set-up and take-down for an event.
7. Appropriate bus conduct is expected whenever using district transportation.
8. I know that I am personally responsible for all school equipment and/or uniforms checked out to me, that I cannot wear them as personal clothing and that I am expected to return them in good condition, on time. If I damage or lose anything belonging to the school, I know that I am obligated to pay for the loss. I will remember to lock up equipment and uniforms when not in use.
9. I understand that I must show respect to all fellow participants and visitors using the locker room. Rough-housing or horseplay of any sort in the locker room can lead to serious injury and will not be permitted at any time. I will keep locker rooms clean and my valuables locked up at all times. When using another school's locker room, I will conduct myself in the same manner expected in the home school locker room.
10. My parents/guardians and I agree to report all injuries to the coach immediately. If any injury requires a doctor's care, a doctor's release must be given to the coach in order for me to participate in an athletic contest.
11. Players must have all completed paperwork filed with the athletic office and any fines paid before game play.
12. I understand that I and my parent/guardian must sign that we read and agree to this policy before I am allowed to participate.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The following information is provided for your review. Please retain for your information at home.

Physical Examination

The State requires every athlete to undergo a medical examination and be approved for interscholastic competition by a medical doctor, **(MD, DO, ARNP, PA, or Naturopathic physician)**.

School District Policy directs that all participants in athletics, grades 7 through 12, will be required to undergo a physical examination. ***This physical will be valid for a period of 24 months from the date of the examination*** and must be on file in the school Athletic Office.

Medical Insurance

All participants of NWMS athletic sport program are required to be covered by ***medical/accident insurance***. For those who do not have insurance or adequate protection through their own insurance coverage, the school makes available a low-cost accident insurance plan, which covers participation in interscholastic sports. To provide more complete insurance protection, we strongly recommend purchase of the student accident insurance plan. An enrollment form is provided in the athletic office.

ASB and Activity Fees

Thanks to our ongoing levy support, all athletic registration and ASB fees are being covered by the district. All student fines must be paid prior to participation and can be paid directly to the ASB office, or online through E-Funds. Please make checks out to North Whidbey Middle School or NWMS. Students who are in need of financial assistance should speak to their coach, counselor, or the athletic director. Coaches will receive updates from the ASB office to ensure that students are eligible for practice and competition.