



West Ridge Academy

Athletic Contract

Participation in West Ridge Academy athletics is a **privilege**. Student-athletes represent the school and are expected to uphold strong academic, behavioral, and sportsmanship standards.

This agreement applies to all athletes and families participating in WRA athletic programs.

1. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Students are **students first, athletes second**.

To participate in games and travel, athletes must:

- have an overall grade in each subject/elective of a C (70%) or higher.
- have no Fs.
- no more than one D.

Eligibility will be reviewed twice weekly. Once on Wednesday and again on Friday.

If a student becomes ineligible:

- athletes will continue to practice.
- athletes will not compete in games.
- athletes will not travel to away games.
- athletes will attend home games and sit with the team, but will not dress out.
- athletes will attend ZAP or intervention on Fridays.

Students will have until the following Friday at 3:00 p.m. to improve their grades and regain eligibility. If a student is eligible on Wednesday but not on Friday, the athlete will be ineligible for the following week.

If a student remains ineligible for multiple weeks, the athletic director and administration may:

- place the athlete on academic probation.
- require ZAP.
- remove the athlete from the team.

2. ATTENDANCE FOR SCHOOL, GAMES, AND PRACTICES

Athletes must attend school the full day to participate in practice or games unless the absence is excused by administration.

- Half-day absence: May result in limited playing time
- Full-day absence: May not participate that day
- Unexcused school absence = unexcused practice absence

Parents should schedule appointments outside of competition and practice times when possible.

3. PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

Attendance at practice is required.

Unexcused missed practices:

- 1st: Reduced playing time
- 2nd: May not play next game
- 3rd: May be removed from the team

Communication must occur **before practice**.

Athletes may not skip practice for clubs or other sports without prior coach approval.

4. BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE

Athletes are expected to be leaders at school.

The following will result in removal from the team:

- ISS
- OSS
- Fighting or aggression
- Bullying or harassment
- Repeated detentions
- Habitually disruptive behavior
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

Participation is a privilege and may be revoked at any time by the athletic director.

5. TEAM EXPECTATIONS

Athletes are expected to:

- support all teams (A and B).
- remain at the games until completion.
- follow coach's directions.
- show sportsmanship at all times.

Athletes may not leave games early without 24-hour written notice and must be signed out by the coach after the game.

6. CELL PHONES

No phone use during:

- Practices
- Games
- Team meetings

Phones must remain in backpacks unless permitted by coaches.
For emergencies, parents should contact the athletic director.

7. TRANSPORTATION

Athletes must ride school transportation to and from events unless:

- a written parent request is submitted 24 hours in advance.
- a parent signs the athlete out with the coach.

Only parents/guardians or an **authorized adult listed on the transportation form** may transport their athlete unless approved in writing.

8. MISSED SCHOOL/GAME DAY

Athletes must:

- attend school to play.
- communicate absences to the coach.
- not miss practice for non-school activities without approval.

9. LOCKER ROOM & EQUIPMENT

Athletes must:

- respect locker rooms.
- use appropriate gear.
- return uniforms at season's end.
- leave valuables at home; there will be no locks on lockers.

Failure to return uniforms may result in replacement charges.

10. JEWELRY & SAFETY

No jewelry may be worn during practices or games in accordance with league safety rules. No temporary or permanent tattoos allowed.

11. MEDICAL & INJURY

- Current sports physical required
- Injuries must be reported immediately
- WRA follows concussion return-to-play laws

12. PARENT COMMUNICATION (24-HOUR RULE)

Parents should:

1. encourage athletes to speak to coaches first.
2. wait 24 hours before addressing concerns.
3. follow the chain of communication:
 - Coach

- Athletic Director
- Administration
- Board (if necessary)

Playing time is not guaranteed.

Unsportsmanlike parent behavior may result in removal from events.

13. PICKUP EXPECTATIONS

Parents must pick up athletes on time. Parents will be asked to submit additional contact information for pick up.

Repeated late pickup may result in:

- practice restrictions.
- travel restrictions.
- team removal.

14. SOCIAL MEDIA & CONDUCT

Athletes represent WRA at all times. Inappropriate conduct online or in the community may result in removal from athletics.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION

The Athletic Director reserves the right to determine:

- eligibility.
- discipline.
- playing status.
- removal from the team.

16. Sports Fee

- To participate in a sport, each athlete is required to pay a fee of \$95.00 for each sport.

SIGNATURES

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____