

# Whitman Middle School

Studies show that students who participate in athletics have higher GPA's, better attendance, lower dropout rates, fewer disciplinary problems, higher graduation rates, and better success in college than non-participants. This is done by providing healthy, supervised after-school activities for students. Athletic participation teaches teamwork, goal setting, discipline, sportsmanship, leadership, and other valuable life-skills, helping students to become contributing members of their school and community.

## **WMS Athletic Policies & Expectations**

1. Without exception athletic participants must turn in completed sports paperwork, with guardian signature acknowledging student athlete responsibilities regarding rules/regulations as well as academic expectations prior to any participation.
2. A student athlete who receives a disciplinary action or who does not follow the Whitman Way, may not be allowed to participate in upcoming scheduled games.
3. Athletes are expected to attend practice on specified days and on time. If an exception is required, the student should let the coach know as early as possible with a note or email from their guardian explaining the absence(s) and/or late arrival. Families, please pick up your child immediately after practice/games. Coaches will not be available for supervision once practice/game ends.
4. Players and families will act in a respectful manner toward coaches, officials, opposing players, teammates, and fans at all times.
5. Players must follow the Whitman Way at all times.
6. At the coach's discretion, if a player misses one practice that is unexcused, he/she may not be eligible to play in the next game. Two or more missed practices may result in him/her being dismissed from the team.
7. Progress reports are to be turned in to the main office by Thursday at 4 p.m. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA with no more than one failing grade to be eligible to play. Additionally, students who receive a failing grade in citizenship or poor remarks regarding behavior, may be ineligible to play.

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By signing below, we state that we have read and agree to follow the WMS Athletic Policies and Expectations. This agreement will be effective for the 2018-19 Whitman Middle School Sports year.

The following family contact information will be used by the coaches for team communication:

Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below any pertinent medical or personal information that might be needed by the coach: