

WATERLOO - OXFORD DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT

CONDUCT

Team players are selected to represent WODSS and expected to conduct themselves as suitable ambassadors for our school at all times. All students are responsible to the Principal for their conduct at any school event. **It is a privilege to be on a WODSS team, not a right.**

ACADEMICS

Players are expected to be conscientious students, and good citizens of the school. Schoolwork missed because of athletic activities must be completed to your teachers' satisfaction. All athletes who are in years 1-4 must take at least 6 courses. After the student has 22 credits, a student must take 4 credits to be eligible.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship means showing respect in dealing with teammates, coaches, opposition, officials and spectators. **WODSS players will display good sportsmanship at all times.**

TRANSPORTATION

Strict adherence to the rules while on buses or at other schools is expected. Students must be transported in vehicles arranged by the school, unless otherwise approved.

FEES / UNIFORMS

Students must purchase a Student Activity Card, and pay a Seasonal Activity Fee. Fees must be paid prior to the first league game. A deposit may be required for the use of a school uniform. School uniforms must be returned in good repair and washed. Team uniforms are to be worn for team activities only.

ATTENDANCE

Excessive absence from any course could lead to removal from a school team at the discretion of the coach and/or administration. **In order to play on a specific game day, players must be in attendance at school and in class, unless the coach or the office has been forewarned of a valid reason.** Strict adherence to dismissal times is required to optimize use of class time and related successes.

Players must participate fully in Physical Education classes on game days.

INJURIES

All injuries must be reported to the coach. If warranted, the coach will fill out a Risk Management Form. (Available in the Main Office). Parents are reminded that to increase concussion awareness regarding prevention, management, identification and response they are encouraged to access appropriate resources provided on the Board's website: <http://www.wrdsb.ca/>

VALUABLES

Players are responsible for the safekeeping of their own valuables during practices, games and field trips.

DRUGS / ALCOHOL

Consumption of drugs or alcohol is forbidden on any school premises, and at any school-sponsored event. **Alcohol or drug consumption prior to or at any athletic event will result in suspension from the team for that entire season.**

SMOKING

Since smoking is considered a health risk, players are expected to refrain from smoking during the sports season. **Smoking at an event or activity is strictly forbidden.**

COMMITMENT

Once the commitment to a school team has been made, a player must follow through with their commitment to the team. It is unfair to teammates, coaches, and the school community to leave a team in mid-season. It is also unfair to other aspiring players who were prevented from earning a place on the team. Therefore, a player who quits a school team during the season will be **ineligible** to play on a WODSS team for one (1) calendar year, from that date. An exception to this general rule can be made if the coach and the player have reached mutual agreement that the departure of the player is in the best interest of all concerned. Any absences by an athlete from practices or games must be discussed with the coaches beforehand, or as soon after the absence as possible. Players must abide by decisions made by coaches. Teams with insufficient interest re: attendance at practices, poor effort, attitude, etc. will be subject to cancellation.

<p>NOTE: The Athletes' Code of Conduct has been constructed to assist players, coaches, and administration in making Waterloo-Oxford's Athletic Program rewarding for all those involved. The rules contained in this code are not designed to limit participation, but rather to ensure respect and dedication for the Athletic Program and all individuals involved. Coaches may establish additional requirements, which will be provided to athletes at the beginning of the season.</p>
