

Appendix A

Johnson-Williams Middle School

Athletics



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Johnson-William Middle School's interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the educational program and are designed to have a positive influence on students. In addition to athletic skill development, we are charged with the responsibility of instilling proper attitudes and behaviors that reflect the ideas of citizenship, sportsmanship, and cooperation, as well as building self-discipline and self-esteem. These goals can best be achieved through a successful partnership between student-athletes, coaches, and parents.

Player/Coach Communication – It is the responsibility of the student-athlete, not the parent, to notify the coach well in advance of any scheduling conflict that may involve an absence from practice or a game.

If your son/daughter has a concern, encourage him/her to resolve it directly with the coach. The majority of issues are successfully resolved through direct communication between the student-athlete and the coach. There is an open door policy for players. Players need to have confidence that their concerns will be heard and addressed with respect and confidentiality in a timely manner.

Parent/Coach/Player Communication – If an issue is not resolved after the student-athlete has met with the coach, the student-athlete's parent should then contact the coach directly at school via email or by phone. Leave your name, number, a short message, and the best time to call. The coach will contact you in a timely manner.

Please be prudent with your decision when contacting the coach. Coaches spend significant time preparing for, and supervising practices and games. Moreover, the period of time after a game can be an emotional time for student-athletes, parents, and coaches, and therefore is less conducive to solving problems rationally. We respectfully request that you abide by the 24 hour rule, which states that you wait 24 hours after a game to contact/discuss any issue or concern with a coach.

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you had hoped. Yet, coaches make decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all student-athletes involved. **Therefore, coaches are not expected to respond to parents' questions about amount of playing time, positioning, team strategies or tactics, or any discussion about another student-athlete.**

Player/Parent Communication – Understand that you are a role model for your son/daughter. Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play, and your child will too.

If your child's performance produces strong emotions in you, maintain a calm demeanor. Your relationship with your child remains long after competitive sport days are over. Keep your goals and needs separate from his/her experience.

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The essential elements of character building and ethics in athletes are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of athletics is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character”.

Therefore I agree:

1. I will let the coaches do the coaching for all team members.
2. I will support the program by volunteering to assist the team in some way.
3. I will respect the integrity and judgement of sports' officials.
4. I will eliminate criticism of coaches, this only diminishes my child's respect and has no place in middle school athletics.
5. I will model good sportsmanship at all times during games.
6. I will encourage my child to speak directly to his/her coach if he/she is having difficulties in practice or games or can't make a practice.
7. I will support the 24 hour rule: Parents are not permitted to discuss athletic concerns with the coach for at least 24 hours after an issue arises at a game, practice, or other instance.
8. I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring positive feedback to our athletes, our school, and our community.
9. I will remember that the game is for the students – not the adults.
10. I will demand that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
11. I will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanship conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, and using profanities.
12. It is never acceptable for a parent to attempt to discuss a child's playing time during a game or practice. It is never acceptable for a parent to attempt to discuss another student's playing time or performance.
13. I understand that any violation of this code will be cause for potential disciplinary action.

I have read and understand the Parent's Code of Conduct at all Johnson-Williams Middle School's

Wrestling sporting events.

By signing, I acknowledge the receipt of these guidelines/expectations.

Student Athlete Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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