

Athlete's Code

Athletes who participate in organized sports have a tremendous opportunity for growth. Athletes develop their strength, coordination, endurance, and specific skills related to the sport they play. But athletes would be missing the greatest gift sports have to offer if they limited themselves to physical prowess. Athletes who gain the most from sports have allowed their minds and spirits, as well as their bodies, to grow as they experience the wins and losses of organized sports. Those who have challenged themselves to be the best they can be, not just in the game, but during practice as well, will develop characteristics they will use throughout their lifetime. Athletics, if allowed, will teach young people about never giving up, about taking pride in all they do, about feeling joy or empathy for others, and about making friends. Most of all, sports will teach athletes to believe in themselves and their abilities.

Walton Verona Athletic Code of Conduct for Athletes:

- I will always be a good sport, whether winning or losing.
- I will always show respect for *all* players, coaches, and officials.
- I will never use obscene language or gestures.
- I will support my team in a positive way, whether playing or on the sidelines.
- I will understand that I am a role model for others.
- I will give my best effort and attention at practice and during the games.
- I will play fair, and follow the rules of the game.
- I will respect all opponents and their effort.
- I understand that the amount of time I participate in each contest will be determined by the coach.
- I will be humble and realize that my individual accomplishments are only possible because of my teammates.

Parent's Code

Parents are offered a rare opportunity as they allow their child to enter the world of sports. This world provides the student with an arena for exercise, competition, and learning about life. It provides parents with the opportunity to teach, communicate, and build character and self-esteem in their child. While winning a game can be exciting and inspirational, Walton-Verona parents are expected to help teach students that winning does not define the importance or worth of the school, the team, or the individual player.

Walton Verona Athletic Code of Conduct for Parents:

- I will always be supportive.
- I will not coach from the sidelines.
- I will not yell negative remarks at players, other teams, or referees.
- I will support the coaching staff.
- I will always have praise for my child's athletic performance.
- I will help the athlete to set realistic goals.
- I will provide a shoulder to cry on when needed.
- I will teach sports etiquette and good sportsmanship.
- I will educate the athlete regarding team loyalty and responsibility.
- I will help the athlete to communicate with the coaching staff in a positive way.
- I will follow the proper line of communication to resolve problems.
- I will always cheer the athlete and the team.
- I understand that the coach will determine the amount of time my child participants.
- I will do my best to realize that my child's shortcomings and accomplishments are not my own.

Coach's Code

The role of a coach is unique and most challenging because he or she is attempting to modify the behavior of both mind and body. The school and parents are depending on the coach for the welfare of the student as well as for developing proper attitude and physical skills. The coach is in the position to demonstrate moral leadership during pressurized and competitive situations. The coach is in the unique position of being liked, trusted, and respected in a informal atmosphere. In effect, the coach can bridge the gap between home and school life. At Walton-Verona, our coaches are expected to accept the responsibility as well as the rewards of furthering the development of a student. We have adopted the National Youth Sports Coaches Association Code of Ethics Pledge.

Walton Verona Athletic Code of Conduct for Coaches:

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my very best to provide a safe situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children, and not the adults.

Rules & Guidelines

The line of communication to resolve problems will be:

1. Player to coach or coach to player
2. Parent to coach or coach to parent
If the above line of communication is not effective;
3. Coach or parent to Athletic Director.
Please set up a day and time with Athletic Director for this meeting.

If the above line of communication is not effective;

4. Coach or Parent to Principal.

- A meeting of all coaches will be held to discuss and review policies.
- All coaches must adhere to WV's academic policies. No student may practice or play while on academic probation. Coaches will be notified on Monday of each week which player (s) are not eligible.
- Foul language and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by coaches, players or fans. Violators may be asked to leave the team and/or not permitted to attend games.
- Middle School teams will be more competitive than the intramural teams at the elementary school. All players will be given playing time when possible, as long as the player has followed guidelines (attendance at practice, etc.). However, it is possible that in certain games, all players may not play, or may not play equal amounts of time.
- Players may be moved up at the coach's discretion only. There are no tryouts for this possibility, but the coach could invite a player based on the coach's knowledge of the player's skills. If this occurs, and if the coach and parents agree, the player may still play on his/her grade level team.
- Each coach should also have a meeting with the parents of their players, to go over team rules, expectations, etc. Coaches should give each parent a monthly schedule of all practices and games.

Field House / Stadium & Field Access / Locker Rooms

- These places are for coaching staff, support staff, officials, school representatives, press and players.
- Parents should not be in these areas, unless specifically asked by the Varsity Head Coach.

Athletic Eligibility (Grades):

- Athletes must be passing all but 1 class for the year & current nine weeks (after 3rd week)

Gender Equity Committee Members

Student Representative: Cody Catlett & Maddie Herbstreit

Parent Representatives: Michelle Gregg

Coaches Representatives: Grant Brannen & Dan Trame

Administration Representatives: Mark Krummen, Adam Nash & Kyle Bennett

Walton-Verona student-athletes are required to follow the Walton-Verona Code of Conduct at all times. Student-athletes who violate the Walton-Verona Code of Conduct can face additional disciplinary actions imposed by the coach, athletic director, or administration that affect their athletic eligibility. This code of conduct will be in place during instructional and non-instructional hours. There are two levels of offenses:

Level 1 Offenses: dealt with by team coaches, Athletic Director, or School Administration

- Violate Team Rules/ Regulations
- Use, Possess, or Distribute Tobacco Products
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Level 1 Consequences: Includes, but is not limited to player reprimand & short term suspension from athletic activities

Level 2 Offenses: dealt with by Athletic Director & School Administration

- Conduct unbecoming of a Walton-Verona Student Athlete
- Multiple Level 1 Violations
- Suspension from School
- Police charge/citation for Drug or Alcohol

Level 2 Consequences: Includes, but is not limited to: suspension (short/long term) & dismissal from all athletic participation

Due Process and Appeal Process

Student athletes will be provided due process.

- The athlete is entitled to be informed of the charges against him/her, and an informal meeting where he/she has an opportunity to be heard. The Athletic Director shall render a decision within one school day of the meeting.
- A student athlete and his/her parent (s) may appeal the athletic director's decision to the building principal, in writing, within one school day of the athletic director's decision. The principal shall render his/her decision within four school days of the consideration of the appeal. The original decision will not be deferred during the pending outcome of an appeal.

School Attendance for Extracurricular Activities (Games & Practices)

To be eligible for participation, a student must be at school:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

- Arrive by 10:23am
- Leave Early sign-out after 12:22pm

Wednesday

- Arrive by 10:39am
- Leave Early sign-out after 12:31pm

Flexibility would be examined on a case by case basis for funerals and other reasons. Parents need to communicate with the school administration if their child will be missing school on a game or practice day.

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WV Athletic Code of Conduct

The mission of the Walton-Verona School is to provide, in partnership with the home and community, a safe and comfortable educational atmosphere, which respects the diversity of individuals. Within this environment, it is our goal to motivate all students to achieve at high academic levels, to engage in a lifelong pursuit of learning, and to become responsible citizens of the world.

In an effort to have our athletic program reflect the mission statement of the school, we are providing guidelines to understanding the roles of parents, coaches, and athletes involved in Walton-Verona athletics. All are essential participants in the success of our athletic program, but more importantly, they are the key to the healthy development of each young student who chooses to participate in a sport at Walton-Verona. We want that experience to be a positive one that fosters the pursuit of excellence in all facets of life. It is important to understand that participation in Walton-Verona athletics is a privilege.

Organized sports provide the perfect arena to learn about life. What athletes experience and learn in that arena should become part of a strong foundation from which to build the rest of their lives. We look forward to your involvement in the WVHS athletic program.

Kyle Bennett

Athletic Director