

# Wayland Union High School

## Dual-Sport Participation Procedures

### Athletic Department

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\*To be initiated by the student-athlete and/or parents

#### **RATIONALE**

Wayland Union High School seeks to provide quality co-curricular high school athletic opportunities for its students. Some students have talents and abilities in which they have a desire to contribute to more than one team in a particular athletic season and both of these teams can benefit. Generally speaking, an athlete will be allowed to play only one high school sport during a season. The parties involved in the contract agree that dual sport participation is in the best educational and athletic interest of the student-athlete. If an athlete or parent has requested dual participation, the following criteria should be adhered to:

- A student-athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by MHSAA for the season of participation.
  - A Primary sport is defined as the sport which takes precedence over another sport in the event there is a conflict of schedule or any other matter that could lead to a conflict.
  - If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence. Varsity contests will take precedence over Junior Varsity, Reserve, and Freshman contests.
  - In the event that a student is disciplined for an infraction in a specific sport, the consequence will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation.
1. Coaches affected by the move should meet to discuss the following, with the outcome being positive for the athlete:
    - a. How will the participation affect the academic work of the athlete?
      - i. What kind of student is the athlete?
      - ii. What kind of study habits does the athlete have?
      - iii. Are the length and number of practices going to affect his/her class work?
      - iv. Will the time and number of contests affect the athlete's class work?
      - v. What kind of help is available for the athlete?
    - b. How will participation affect the athlete emotionally?
      - i. What kind of pressure will be on the athlete?
      - ii. Is the athlete emotionally mature enough to play two sports?
    - c. How will the participation affect the athlete physically?
      - i. Is the athlete physically mature enough to play two sports
      - ii. Will the chance of injury be increased greatly?
  2. Parent Contacted—Athletic Director will contact the parents/guardians of the athlete to:
    - a. Discuss the pros and cons of participating in dual sports.
    - b. Get input from the parent/guardian about participating in dual sports.
    - c. Obtain a signed consent form from the parent/guardian supporting “dual sports”. (See form)
  3. Re-evaluate—the athlete allowed to “dual sport” should be re-evaluated periodically during the season

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#### Dual Participation Contract

Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: 9 10 11 12 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Schedules: (attached, if necessary) Possible conflicts

Game Schedules: (attached, if necessary) Possible conflicts

Tournament Situations! [Example: Conference vs. District vs. Regional vs. State Finals]

We understand that we are committing to each sport by following the terms listed above. In case of an unforeseen conflict, the coaches involved will be the determining factor in regards to deciding where the athlete will attend. In such a case where the coaches cannot come to an agreement, the athletic director and/or principal will make the final decision. The athlete will not be able to pick and choose what events they do or do not want to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athlete Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Signature of Primary Sport Coach Date

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Signature of Secondary Sport Coach Date

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Signature of Athletic Director Date

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