

Student-athletes and managers are expected to be citizens in good standing.

- A middle school athlete is a good student.
- A middle school athlete refrains from the use of vulgar, abusive, sexist, racist, and/or discriminatory comments or gestures towards an opponent, teammate, or spectator.
- A middle school athlete is a good sport. You show respect to all teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and fans.
- A middle school athlete is a good example/role model to others.
- A middle school athlete is honest.
- A middle school athlete is prompt to class, practice, and games.
- A middle school athlete is dependable. If you cannot attend practice or a competition you will let your coaches know in advance.
- A middle school athlete is aware of the impact that social media can have on one's self, on others, and on the team.

CITIZENSHIP EXPECTATIONS

WMSABC has high expectations for the students that participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic programs. As such, student-athletes are expected to demonstrate good citizenship in school, during activities, and in the community.

Students and parents must be fully aware that this handbook cannot possibly list every possible conduct violation that might result in a student-athlete facing disciplinary action by a coach or the athletic director of a given school. Incidents involving legal issues, conduct that reflects poorly on program and/or school, and dishonesty with school officials are all examples that may result in a student-athlete being suspended or removed from team. Two of the most important goals of our extracurricular activity and interscholastic programs are to teach student-athletes life skills and respect for others.

Participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic programs is truly a privilege and must be viewed as such. Making good decisions and honoring your commitment that you have made to the program(s) that you represent are essential to maintaining eligibility to represent your school and program.

Student athletes are expected to refrain from the following behaviors and characteristics:

- Tardiness to practices or competitions.
- Careless and/or reckless behavior.
- Inappropriate, harassing, demeaning, threatening or offensive behaviors while participating in online communities. Examples may include, but are not limited to the following: Content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning or threatening; Content online that shows personal use of alcohol or drugs; Photos and videos that are of a sexual nature; and Content online that would constitute a violation of team, school, and league rules (examples: commenting negative comments publicly about a coach, teacher, classmate, athletic opponent, official, staff member, or school employees).
- Racist, Sexist, Profane, Vulgar and/or Discriminatory comments or gestures towards an opponent, teammate, coach, game official, or spectator.
- Dishonesty in any form, including lying, theft, or cheating
- Rebellious, disruptive, or disrespectful conduct and actions that reflect poorly on the athlete, program or school. Examples may include but are not limited to: Inappropriate post and comments in the online community; Obstinate behavior; and chronically disruptive during team events.
- Flagrant disrespect and disobedience

- Harassment or bullying in any form, both physical and/or sexual in nature. Sexual harassment includes all acts of a sexual nature, whether verbal or physical, which are unsolicited, unwelcome, inappropriate, and/or demeaning, that interfere with an individual's performance, or create an intimidating, hostile or offensive atmosphere. Physical harassment includes threats or intimidation of any nature, and inappropriate verbal or physical conduct which creates a hostile, offensive, or fearful environment. Examples of threats or intimidation include, but are not limited to, provoking a fight, fighting, bullying, acts that inflict injury or damage, and/or acts intended to control by fear and/or intimidation
- The use and/or possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and the abuse of prescription medication.
- Use or possession of weapons and/or dangerous items on school premises or at any athletic event (i.e., guns, knives, explosive devices, etc.)

Athletic Disciplinary Actions		
Code of Conduct Discipline Procedures		
Type 1 Offenses	Occurrence	Disciplinary Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Racist, Sexist, Intensely Profane and/or Discriminatory comments or gestures towards an opponent, official, teammate, or spectator. ● Pervasive harassment or bullying of any form physically, mentally, and or sexual in nature ● Careless/ reckless behavior that has the intent to injure or cause property or physical damage. ● Harassing, demeaning, threatening or offensive behaviors while participating in online communities. 	1st	50 - 100% of the contests for that season
	2nd	Suspended for the season
Type 2 Offenses	Occurrence	Disciplinary Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Profanity or poor sportsmanship showed towards an opponent, official, or spectator during or after gameplay. ● Dishonesty in any form including lying, non-criminal theft, and/or cheating ● Any personal conduct that reflects poorly on the athlete, program, and/or school. ● The use and possession of tobacco (cigarettes or smokeless tobacco), e-cigarettes, or vape pens. ● School suspensions that result from behavior in class, or infractions during academic hours. 	1st	Warning / Parent Contact - 10% of contests for that season.
	2nd	10 - 30% of contest for that season
	3rd	50 - 100% of contest for that season.
	4th	Suspended for the remainder of the season.

***Suspension can apply to multiple sports within the academic school year.**

During all periods of their suspension, student-athletes may participate in practices and otherwise remain in good standing with each team from which they are suspended for eligibility to return after their suspension.

The following chart is designed to outline the number of contests that each violation level carries at the middle school level.

Middle School Sport	10%	30%	50%
Baseball	2 games	4 games	8 games
Cheer	1 game	3 games	5 games
Cross Country	1 game	3 games	5 games
Dance	1 game	3 games	5 games
Football	1 game	3 games	5 games
Golf	Of total holes scheduled	Of total holes scheduled	Of total holes scheduled
Lacrosse	2 games	5 games	10 games
Soccer	1 game	2 games	4 games
Swimming	1 meet	3 meets	5 meets
Tennis	1 matches	3 matches	5 matches
Track and Field	1 meet	2 meets	4 meets
Volleyball	2 matches	4 matches	7 matches
Wrestling	2 matches	4 matches	7 matches

Disclaimer: By signing up for Weddington Middle School Athletic Booster Club sports you are agreeing that you have read and understand the policies in this document. Weddington Middle Administrative staff and Athletic Coaches can share information as it relates to disciplinary issues.