



# STUDENT/ATHLETE CONTRACT

*Athletes, Parents and Coaches working together in harmony for success (Revised 6-2016)*

## PROCEDURES

- All participants must have a signed Physical and Student-Athlete Contract on file in the Athletic Office in order to participate in interscholastic sports programs.
- Athletes must meet Wildwood and NJSIAA eligibility requirements (as found in the Wildwood High School and the NJSIAA Handbooks) and must have a clean discipline and attendance record at Wildwood High School. Athletes must abide by all school policies, which are located in the Student Handbook.
- All injuries are to be reported immediately to your Coach and to our Athletic Trainer for proper examination and if needed, a referral to appropriate medical personnel or services.
- Students are to be in school by 11:00 a.m. if they wish to participate in a scheduled practice or game on that day. Any exception must be approved by the Athletic Director or a building administrator.

## CONDUCT

- Athletes are representatives of Wildwood High School and at all times must present themselves in a positive and sportsmanlike manner. ***All athletes, spectators and coaches must show proper respect for opposing teams, their coaches and officials alike.***
- Bus behavior will be beyond reproach. Appropriate demeanor and reasonable volume must be maintained at all times. No abuse, distasteful or obscene language or unsafe actions will be permitted. ***All athletes are expected to arrive and return to the school as part of the team.*** The coach may allow a student athlete to return home from an away event only after a parental release form is signed in front of the coach. At this point, the parent of that child will assume all responsibility. At no time are students allowed to drive themselves to or from athletic contests. Any other arrangement must be made prior to the beginning of the day through the office of the Athletic Director or the building Principal. That will include written parental permission, a detailed rationale for exemption, and the name(s) of assigned driver(s) who will be responsible for the child's safety. ***We encourage all team members, whenever possible, to use the assigned school transportation. This promotes team unity, ensures proper supervision and allows for greater safety of our students.***
- **Hazing:** WHS will not tolerate hazing of any kind to our student athletes. Students who disregard this rule are subject to suspension and/or expulsion from their team, as well as appropriate school consequences set forth by the Assistant Principal.
- Similar to comments made in person, the WHS Department of Athletics will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior via social media, such as:
  - o Derogatory or defamatory language;
  - o Comments that create a serious danger to the safety of another person or that constitute a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person;
  - o Comments or photos that

describe or depict unlawful assault, abuse, hazing, harassment, or discrimination; selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other illegal or prohibited conduct, including violating the School's Policy on Prohibited Harassment and Discrimination. Any violation, or evidence of such violation in your online content, is subject to investigation and possible immediate sanction by Wildwood High School, and/or local law enforcement agencies.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to decide which student/athlete will participate and at which level of play, as well as the amount of playing time that the student will have. Questions regarding this area will be addressed directly to the Head Coach in a mutually acceptable timeframe and in an appropriate, professional manner (see Parental/Coach Communication Pamphlet).
- Athletes will be on time for practice and will be prepared for practice every day. They should prioritize their affiliations with community teams, placing the needs of the WHS team first.
- Athletes are responsible for all equipment issued and for the care of said equipment. Equipment and uniforms are to be worn and used only at WHS events. Athletes will be held accountable and submit restitution for any equipment/uniforms mistreated or not returned.
- Failure to comply with requirements stipulated in the WHS Handbook or any of the rules stated in this contract or stipulated by the Coach regarding curfews, detentions, etc., will result in disciplinary action which may include suspension or dismissal for a designated time as determined by the Head Coach and/or the policy set forth in the Student Handbook.

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, all athletes are required to be alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and drug-free twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (24/7) throughout their season. Student/athletes who use and/or are in possession of these items are subject to disciplinary action as outlined by Board of Education Policy and Page #20 in the Wildwood High School Student Handbook. Attendance at parties or gatherings where alcohol, tobacco or drugs are present is strictly prohibited and is also considered a violation of the 24/7 policy. This rule does not restrict athletes from attending family functions where alcoholic beverages are present. The purpose of this rule is to deter under-age drinking and/or substance abuse.

**Remember:**  
Everything you say and do should be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.**  
Student/Athlete and parent/legal guardian must sign this document prior to the athlete listed on the team roster.

SPORT

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

**GO WARRIORS!**

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE