

**Athletic Participation Information & Permission Form
School Year 2023-2024**

NO STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO BEGIN PRACTICE WITHOUT THIS SIGNED FORM.

ATHLETICS IN GENERAL

Students wearing a sports uniform represent our school; their conduct reflects on the student body as a whole. Athletes must watch every aspect of their behavior during play, travel, or while in the stands. Fighting, abusive language (especially directed at opponents or officials), or poor conduct may subject the athlete to immediate removal from the team and may include school discipline, as well. Athletes are to be picked up within 15 minutes after practice or the designated pick-up time following a game. Players who sustain minor injuries are to stay with their team and are not allowed to loiter around the school. The weight room is for the use of athletes or PE. At no time is the weight room to be occupied by boys and girls at the same time or used without a trained coach present.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Westwood Christian School maintains an active interscholastic sports program competing in major sports through membership in the Florida High School Athletic Association. Many of the eligibility requirements are set by the FHSAA.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS

Incoming Sixth and Ninth Graders (First Semester)

To be eligible in the first semester of sixth and ninth grades, the student must have been promoted from the fifth and eighth grades, respectively, the immediate preceding year.

Second Semester Sixth and Ninth Graders

To be eligible in the second semester of the sixth or ninth grades, the student must have a 2.0 G.P.A. for the immediate, preceding, first semester in that grade.

Students in Middle School (Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades)

Students entering 7th and 8th grades must be promoted from the preceding grade. A student repeating 6th, 7th or 8th grades is not eligible for athletics the entire year of the repeated grade. A middle school student must have a 2.0 GPA at the conclusion of each preceding semester to be eligible the following semester.

Students in 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades

Students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades must maintain a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses since entering the ninth grade. GPA's will be verified each semester.

Home School Students and Home School Transfer Students

Students who are currently home schooled and students who have transferred to WCS from being home schooled, shall be eligible for participation in athletics when they meet the requirements of the FHSAA and the WCS Administrative Committee. Certain records will be reviewed and some financial fees will be applicable.

If the home schooled student's participation in athletics carries over from the first to the second semester (Dec – Jan, i.e, the winter athletic season), the first semester's GPA must be documented and provided in official transcript form by the academic institution from which the student is receiving his/her education in addition to the FHSAA standard form (EL09).

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RESTRICTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY

Any student who earns 50 demerits will automatically become ineligible to participate in sports. A student who receives an "I" (incomplete) on a progress report or report card will not be permitted to participate, practice, or travel to any game until the incomplete is cleared and written notice to this effect is given by the teacher to the Coach. Note: Students may be declared ineligible if the administration deems that the time involved in extra-curricular activities is not in the best interest of the student. Students who are required to serve a detention may not miss detention to practice or attend an athletic event. Athletes who come to school late or leave early on a game day may not participate in the game that day until all missed work due that day is completed and turned in. Athletes who miss class time to go to the school clinic may not participate in games or practices on that day. Suspended students may not participate in athletic events or practices. Further eligibility requirements and restrictions will apply as determined by the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSA).

SPORTS FEES

The school's activities are not funded by tuition; therefore, there must be some means of generating income to defray the expenses that ticket sales and fundraisers do not cover such as uniforms, equipment, insurance, official's fees, transportation, etc. Students are charged a school improvement fee which entitles them to admission to any sporting event on our campus. In addition, athletes are charged a sports fee per sport played plus a fee for uniform maintenance. Fees are not refundable and are due upon team selection by the coach. By signing this form, you are authorizing Westwood Christian School to add a Sports Fee to your school financial account. All athletes are expected to participate in fundraisers either by making a contribution or by selling the "goal" amount.

2023-24 Sports Fees

Flag Football V	\$175.00				
Flag Football MS	\$150.00				
Volleyball GV	\$180.00	Volleyball JV/MS	\$150.00	Soccer V	\$200.00
Soccer MS	\$140.00	Basketball V	\$225.00	Basketball MS/JV	\$220.00
Volleyball BV	\$180.00	Baseball V	\$225.00	Baseball MS	\$170.00
Softball V	\$225.00	Soccer MS	\$160.00		

I have read and understand the requirements for my child to participate in athletics at Westwood Christian School. I further understand that my child may attend "try out" practices for one week in any sport, and I will not be billed a sport fee during the "try out" period. After the one week "try out" period, the coach will determine who will be selected as "the team" and only those students will be billed the sport fee. No refunds will be made after "the team" selections have been made.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____