

Athletic/Academic Policy

As is the case with many schools, WCA standards of eligibility are higher than those of the AHSAA. Our mission statement requires that we educate and train students to be useful to God in life long service to Christ. While we recognize that God did not equip all of our students to be superior scholars, we must work to ensure that all of our students are equipped to their potential. Athletic eligibility is based upon our desire to ensure that this is happening. WCA student athletes who fail to maintain an overall average of 76.5 for the quarter or have more than one grade below 73.5 on the quarterly report card or any grade below 64.5 will become ineligible for athletics. However, a player may be placed on Academic Probation if these requirements are not met. His eligibility is then probationary. All conditions of Academic Probation (described below) must be met in order for the athlete to continue in his sport.

Academic Probation

After quarterly report cards are issued, if a student does not have a 76.5 overall average or has more than one grade below 73.5 or any grade below 64.5, the student must do the following to gain a probationary status of eligibility.

1. Meet with the Athletic Director. Parents must either attend this meeting or acknowledge in writing that they understand the Academic Probation program and will be supportive of it.
2. Students must agree to have each teacher sign, on/by the last day of the week a Progress Verification form indicating that the student has all work turned in and is making progress in the class. This applies to all classes, and not just the class or classes where grades are below the 73.5 grade level. This form must be turned in to the Athletic Director by 3:15 of the last day of the week each week during the quarter of Academic Probation. If the student fails to have a teacher sign the form or if a teacher signs that all work has not been turned in, the athlete will become ineligible for athletic competition, practice, conditioning, etc., for the following week. If the student fails to have a teacher sign the form or if a teacher signs that all work has not been turned in twice in one quarter, he will be ineligible for athletics for the rest of the quarter and will be ineligible for Academic Probation for the next quarter.
3. If the student fails to turn in the form one week, the student will be ineligible to participate in any form of athletic competition, practice, conditioning, etc., for the following week. If the student fails to turn in the form twice in one quarter, he will be ineligible for athletics for the rest of the quarter and will be ineligible for Academic Probation for the next quarter.
4. A student who receives an "F" on a quarterly report card and fails to bring the grade up to at least a "D" during the period of Academic Probation will not be eligible for Academic Probation in the following quarter.

Uniform Usage

Your athlete will be issued a WCA uniform. As uniforms must last for several seasons, we ask you take care of these uniforms by washing them with like colors and either hang or lay them flat to dry. Please avoid putting uniforms in the dryer. We understand in some sports athletes will play on back-to-back dates and may be absolutely necessary to dry the uniform in a dryer. However, we ask on a normal basis you do not put the uniforms in the dryer. You **MAY NOT** alter the uniform in any way. We do not ask you purchase your uniforms; therefore, they do not belong to you. They are the property of Westminster Christian Academy. We will do the best we can to issue a uniform that fits the athlete as best we can. It is very expensive to order just a part of a uniform. A pair of shorts that only cost \$30 per pair when we ordered the entire set may cost as much as \$75 to replace as an individually ordered piece and may take months to get after we have ordered it. If we detect a uniform has been altered, the cost of replacement will be passed onto the parents of the athlete. If we are not able to order that individual piece (if the uniforms have been discontinued) we will pass the cost of replacing the whole team's uniforms onto the parents of the athlete.

Uniforms will have to be returned to the COACH on the designated turn in day. This is typically done within a week of the last competition. Parents will be charged for the uniforms that are not turned in on time. Considering how difficult it is to order pieces of uniforms, we would much rather the uniform be turned back in. If either money or uniforms are not turned in, report cards and transcripts will be withheld.

Insurance

Athletics carries inherent risks. If an athlete should become injured in any way while participating in WCA athletics, the cost of medical treatment will be the responsibility of the athlete's parents. WCA will not be responsible for medical bills or co-payments. WCA does carry a Catastrophic Insurance Policy on each student through the Alabama High School Athletic Association. This policy begins coverage AFTER the first \$10,000 of medical expense. For more information on this, you can visit their website at www.ahsaa.com.

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