

STUDENT-ATHLETE/ACTIVITY CONTRACT

This document is a written agreement, between student-athlete, parent/guardian, coach, and Whiteriver Unified School District. This contract requires all parties to take responsibility for their actions for the duration of the **current** school year, as long as participating in any athletic program.

GENERAL RULES & EXPECTATIONS

1. At all times, we represent the Whiteriver Unified School District, we must do so in a positive manner. This includes good sportsmanship at all times, including but not limited to all competitions and events we are participating in.
2. Student-athletes will be on-time, prepared, honest, loyal, and cooperative in participation during school, practices, and all competitions or events.
3. Student-athletes will be open-minded with their coaches, including pride and constructive criticism. Any concerns with coaches will be addressed following the chain of command: *coach, athletic director, principal*.
4. Student-athletes are team players. One cannot succeed unless we are all succeeding. Sportsmanship and Team Work are key principles of the athletic/activity program.
5. Student-athletes will abide by all rules as established for you by the WUSD Student Handbooks, WUSD Student-Athlete Handbook, and the Arizona Interscholastic Association, White Mountain League, and Ft. Apache Youth Athletic League Bylaws.
6. Attendance at all meetings, practices, and games is required. If a player ***must*** be absent, he/she is responsible for communicating with the coach. Students with multiple unexcused absences will have consequences. Unexcused absences include any absence without a valid excuse.
 - 1st unexcused absence= Playing Time Warning
 - 2nd unexcused absence= Loss of Playing Time
 - 3rd unexcused absence= 1 Game Suspension
 - 4th unexcused absence= Removal from Team
 - Tardiness will not be tolerated. Two Tardies = 1 Unexcused absence. Practice Punctuality.Valid excuses could include medical appointments, immediate family emergencies, educational conflicts, bereavement, traditional/religious purposes, etc. If excusing an absence from school ask to inform coach also.
7. Student-Athletes are role models on and off the playing field/court. Behave honorably at all times. All players must respect all opponents, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.
8. Students must be in-school & on-time all day in order to travel and compete **on** game/competition days.
9. Students may not attend practice if they were absent **more than** half of the school day.
10. Students must come to practice prepared with all necessary gear and needed equipment. Students may be sent home if they are not prepared, resulting in an unexcused absence. (*No Jeans, Crocs, Etc.*)
11. All practices are **CLOSED PRACTICES**. If you have concerns regarding practices, please contact the athletic director of your school site.
12. All student-athletes must be picked up within 10 minutes of practice/competition ending. If students are continuously late being picked up, they may be removed from the team. (*3 Strike Rule*)
13. Playing time is not guaranteed, it is earned at practice through hustle and hard work. Playing time is at the coach's discretion. Concerns may be addressed with the coach.
14. Players must travel to all events or competitions with the team/school- per district policy.

15. Players may ONLY be picked up by their parent/guardian after games.
If someone else is to pick up their student after a game, you must complete the Transport Athlete form with the school office prior to the game day which is then approved by a school administrator.
16. Parents are not allowed on the field, court, etc. during any athletic events or activities.
17. If you wish to discuss any concerns, there is a *mandatory 24-hour cool-down period* and a conference may be scheduled with the player, coach, and athletic director/admin. Aggressive or negative behavior will not be tolerated.

ELIGIBILITY

You are a STUDENT-ATHLETE, student first. All student-athletes are to remain eligible in order to participate in athletics. Eligibility is assessed weekly.

Academic Eligibility: Each school site will follow the eligibility guidelines set in the WUSD Student-Athlete Handbook.

Attendance Eligibility: Students are to be in school daily. (Refer to: #6, #8, #9) Attendance at school impacts practice and participation at competitions/events.

Behavior Eligibility:

- Student-athletes should not have any disciplinary infractions. Should there be any need for discipline, consequences will be determined in a meeting with administration and follow the WUSD Discipline Matrix and the WUSD Student-Athlete Handbook.
- There is Zero-Tolerance for infractions including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or violence.

VALUES, SPORTSMANSHIP, & LEADERSHIP

- I understand that my actions and if I choose to put down, harass, bully, or belittle my teammates, fans, or coaches will result in disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by my coaches and school administrators. By agreeing to be a part of my school's athletic program, I will only treat others the way I wish to be treated. Failure to do so may result in a loss of playing time or removal from my team.
- My family is a direct representation of myself. I understand that when my parent/guardian signs this form, they too are bound by the rules of respecting all, including but not limited to: myself, my teammates, my coaches, officials, opponents, opposing coaches, and fans.
- I understand that this includes all representations of myself including social media. I may be held responsible for any implications that are conducted online. Due process will be followed.

We agree to the terms of this Student-Athlete Contract as presented.

Student-Athlete Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Email Address: _____