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1.0 Purpose

To provide middle school students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular athletic activities. The athletic program will act as an extension of the Wasatch Charter School.

The purpose of this program is to create a fun learning environment where students can experience different sports. Development of fundamental skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship will precede the desire to win. The addition of the athletic program was designed to create a positive culture around the art of sports and movement at WWCS.

2.0 Definition

3.0 Policy Content

League / Sports Information

The leagues and sport offerings provided by the Wasatch Waldorf school may include, but not be limited to the following:

- Utah Charter and Small School Athletic League <https://www.ucssal.org/>
 - Girls Volleyball - Fall
 - Boys Volleyball - Spring
 - Girls Basketball - Late Winter
 - Boys Basketball - Early Winter
 - Girls & Boys Cross Country - Fall
- Utah Disc Association <https://utahultimate.org/>
 - Girls & Boys Ultimate Frisbee - Spring
- National Archery in Schools Program <https://www.naspschools.org/>
 - Girls & Boys Archery - Late Winter

The gamut of sport leagues officially engaged in by the school at any given time will be chosen based on student population and campus/facility attributes. For example, soccer was offered in

the beginning years of the athletic program, but little to no interest was shown by the parent community, thus Soccer was removed from the list of active sports league participation. Any sport offered by a league or local programming could be adopted or dropped based on popularity.

Wasatch Charter School will abide by the Codes of Conduct and regulations of the various sports leagues in which we are actively participating, including in relation to the eligibility of players and the placement on teams.

Athletic Director Responsibilities

The Athletic Director (AD) is ultimately responsible for the school facilities and the conduct of all those in attendance (coaches, referees, players, scorekeepers, spectators, etc.) and is expected to abide by and enforce relevant league rules.

The Athletic Director will be selected and hired by school Administration. Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- attending all home games/meets, and other events as practicable (If the athletic director cannot attend, they must designate a responsible substitute to manage the event.)
- reporting all incidents to league directors
- communicating all vital information to their coaches, players, and families
- hiring coaching staff
- scheduling of all sports
- selecting leagues for participation by the student body
- registering teams into leagues
- budgeting for the athletic program
- facility maintenance and scheduling, for sporting events
- addressing behavior issues of students and/or coaching staff
- overseeing necessary discipline actions for students and/or coaching staff
- ordering and maintaining of uniforms
- ordering and maintaining of equipment

Coach Responsibilities

School staff will have the first priority for coaching staff positions, and, in the absence of any school staff willing or able to meet the coaching requirements, positions will then be offered to the parent community when the need arises. Coach hiring will be decided by the Athletic Director and/or the School Administration.

Coaching responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Undergoing a background check, per school policy
- Receiving training on athlete safety and whichever sport is being coached
- Communication with parents about athlete expectations and requirements, as well as timing of practices, games, carpools, trips, etc.

- Supervision of student athletes during practices and games/meets
- Uphold the purpose of the program as defined in 1.0 of this policy

Student Athletes

Students must be in Grades 6 through 8 to be eligible to participate in the Athletics program at WCS.

Registration for athletics is first-come, first-served, and some sports may have a maximum number of students who can participate.

Student Athlete Code of Conduct

Student Athletes are expected to complete all school work and abide by the school's Code of Conduct in order to participate in athletics. Students whose teachers report a regular lack of work completion during the school day, may be ineligible to participate in athletic activities. Parents of students at-risk of being denied participation in athletics based on a lack of completion of school work will be notified and a plan of action for remediating the problem will be made prior to suspension from an athletic team. Students who are subject to disciplinary action based on violations of the Code of Conduct at school may be suspended from participation in athletic activities. Students who are suspended from school for any given day will not be eligible to participate in any athletic activities for the days of the suspension.

Students must be in attendance at school on a given day to be eligible for practice or games.

Students are responsible for communicating injuries to the coach or Athletic Director. Students are also responsible for uniform care and equipment usage. Uniforms must be returned after the season is completed; fees for unreturned uniforms will be charged to students.

Students are expected to have exemplary sportsmanship, including encouraging teammates and opponents through positive interactions and sportsmanship, being an ambassador for their sport and our school, and demonstrating a recognition that athletics is an extension of the school community. All student participants in all UCSSAL sponsored events are expected to follow the UCSSAL Code of Conduct (can be found on ucssal.org).

Fees

Athletics participation is subject to a fee based on the costs of administering the program. Fees are determined and administered in accordance with the School's School Fee Policy and subject to fee waivers, as applicable.

4.0 Relevant Procedures, Guidelines & Restrictions

5.0 Exhibits / Appendices / Forms