



***WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL ATHLETICS***

COACHES MANUAL

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View of Christian Athletics at WCS

The goal at Wilmington Christian School is to create a “Higher Standard for Athletics” and to establish a program that will develop young Christian men and women athletically, academically, and in Christian character that will last a lifetime. To do that as coaches, we have to set the standard. Our philosophy of athletics is God, family, school and athletics, in that order.

Board of Directors’ Policy for Sportsmanship

Interscholastic Athletics are a vital part of the student’s education at Wilmington Christian School. Participation in athletics develops values that carry over into the student being a productive adult citizen. The recognition and practice of sportsmanship is an application of the Biblical principle of loving your neighbors as yourself. Therefore, procedures shall be developed to ensure that the athletic program promotes standards of sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity that are consistent with this principle.

Being a B-I-B-L-I-C-A-L C-O-A-C-H

No other person within a school setting has as much influence in a student-athlete’s life than a coach. “A Coach will impact more people in one year than the average person will in a lifetime”

This carries a great responsibility that encompasses more than just the time spent during the season within the boundaries of athletic competition. Coaches today are looked upon as mentors, role models, personal, and biblical counselors, and perhaps, the only caring adult in an athlete’s life.

In light of this responsibility, coaches have an awesome challenge to positively and biblically affect the lives of the athletes of Wilmington Christian School. We will be evaluated on more than wins and losses. Building a successful program starts with the coach and includes winning along with player development. The following acrostic exemplifies the characteristics of a “Biblical Coach”:

B – Build Structure	<i>Are your practices organized to maximize the time and restraints you have?</i>
I – Integrity	<i>Are you showing respect to officials, school staff and others?</i>
B – Be Responsible	<i>Do you accept responsibility for mistakes and problems?</i>
L – Long Term Strategy	<i>Do you have a written plan to build the program over the next 2-3 years?</i>
I – Influencing Christian	<i>Are you modeling a Biblical Christian life style? Are you “3 Dimensional”?</i>
C – Character	<i>Are you a person of your word?</i>
A – Attitude	<i>Is your attitude positive, up beat and quick to praise and not to condemn? Do you “speak greatness” into your players</i>
L – Loyalty	<i>Are you loyal to the athletes, parents, athletic program, AD, and WCS?</i>
C – Concern	<i>Do you care about your student-athletes beyond the time you see them in practice? Do you value “the person over productivity”</i>
O – Organization	<i>What does your equipment, uniforms, and paperwork look like? Are you meeting deadlines with the AD?</i>
A – Ability to Motivate	<i>Can you keep the morale of your team up in the face of adversity? Is your team ready to play at game time?</i>
C – Commitment	<i>Are you willing to stay with our program to see it through the good and bad times?</i>
H – “Habitudes”	<i>Where you committed to the Team Lessons offered during the season?</i>



Wilmington Christian Athletics.
“Providing a, Christian, Core Value Based Athletic Program”

Coach’s Code of Conduct

1. The purpose of my coaching is to: *help boys become men and girls become women of empathy and integrity who will lead, be responsible, and change the world for good.*
2. I am mindful to never shame a player, but to correct in an uplifting way. I believe in every player. I will respect, affirm and enjoy my players!
3. I protect our players. I am big enough to build up, not tear down. Kids are getting attacked from many places that we don’t often see and of which we are not aware.
4. My job is to put players in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing.
5. Each player is part of our family, deserves every chance to succeed and deserves the utmost respect. I will discipline my players with a gentle yet firm spirit.
6. Coaches can disagree in meetings but never in front of our players or anyone else outside of our family. Disagreements are saved for private meetings.
7. Our players are student-athletes and we are teacher-coaches. We hold ourselves accountable as teachers of young men and women and the lessons they need in order to navigate masculinity, femininity and life.
8. I will look for opportunities to share life experiences with my players off the field of competition. This could be in times of prayer, fellowship during meals, community service or worship.
9. Parents are our partners. I strive to work with each family in helping their child succeed. “Every boy is a son, every girl a daughter to their mother and father.”
10. I love our players and my other coaches.
11. I will not use profanity! I will serve as a Role Model to my players.
12. I know the difference between shaming and coaching. No screaming, shaming, swearing, or sarcasm.
13. I won’t be afraid to apologize! We all make mistakes. When mistakes are made publicly, I will apologize publicly; when mistakes are made personally, I will apologize personally.
14. I treat all opposing coaches and their teams with honor deserving of true competitors.
15. I respect all referees, officials, and timekeepers. They are imperfect and trying their best just as we are. Regardless of our wins and losses, we will be successful, if we carry out the above items.

Because I am a role model who has the power, position and platform to make a positive difference in the lives of my players, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to our standards I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Coaches Responsibilities Checklist (see Coaches on line Section for Checklist)

Prior to Pre-Season

At least four weeks prior to the start of the season make information available on the Warriors Athletics Website Team Info page for returning and potential players about the preseason schedule and what they should be doing. Items to include:

- a. Physicals must be dated after April 1 of the new school year
- b. Practice schedule – times
- c. Pre-season conditioning requirements
- d. What to bring to practice

Pre-Season first day of Practice

1. Collect **physicals** as you take attendance, if the athlete is not on the physical list and they do not hand you a physical the athlete **may not practice**.
2. **Any Coach who allows a player to practice without a physical will be suspended from one day of practice**
3. Make sure each player has turned a **complete** DIAA Physical Form.
4. Give a list of your athletes to the AD after your first practice is over.
5. Make sure you have the following at all practices: water, first aid kit and ice.

One-week Prior to the First Contest

1. Submit player list to the athletic office for eligibility. List must be in grade order, and should include complete names. This form is available on line in the Coach's Section.
2. **No additional athletes may join the team after this point unless it has been approved by the Athletic Department.**
3. Submit a player roster complete with name, grade, jersey #, and position to the athletic office.

In-Season

1. Make sure you post your game results to the WCS Warriors site as required after the completion of every event.
2. Be certain that a coach supervises all athletes **DURING ALL TIMES while on school property (WCS or opponents schools)**.
3. Make sure in the case of any injuries that occur at Away Events the Trainer is immediately notified and the AD is called as soon as possible.
4. Be sure to pray before and after practice/games. Encourage devotionals on regular bases with your athletes. Let's give God the glory!
5. Commit to offering a weekly 3 Dimensional session to your teams.

Post –Season

Within two weeks of your season's completion, submit the following to the athletic office:

1. **Report #1** - Final team roster, please includes managers. With your roster include whom lettered/certificate.

Guidelines of Athletic Letters

Participated in ½ the total games/matches

Baseball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Golf, Volleyball

Participated in ½ the total quarters

Basketball, Lacrosse

Point Participation – discretion of coaches

Cross Country, Track

2. All uniforms must be turned in clean.
3. **Report #2** - Complete inventory of equipment – be sure to indicate if any major expenses will be required for the following year, so that we can prepare ahead.
4. **Report #3** – Complete the report in its entirety
5. **Schedule an End of Season Meeting with the Athletic Director.** This report can be found on line in the Coaches Section and should be completed with all necessary information and signatures included. Allow ample time for items to be ordered and received prior to the start of your season.

Note: The Final 1/3 Coaches Stipend will be approved once ALL 5 Post Season Requirements are met



Joe Thomson, Athletic Director

Fourteen Legal Duties of a Coach (Related to Negligence Litigation)

- 1. Duty to Provide Proper Instruction**
- 2. Duty to Condition Properly**
- 3. Duty to Provide Maintain Safe Playing Conditions**
- 4. Duty to Select, Train and Supervise Coaches**
- 5. Duty to Properly Plan the activity.**
- 6. Duty to Provide Adequate and Proper Equipment.**
- 7. Duty to Provide Proper Transportation.**
- 8. Duty to Match your athletes.**
- 9. Duty to Assess Athletes Readiness for Practice and Competition**
- 10. Duty to Ensure Athletes are Covered by Injury Insurance**
- 11. Duty to Supervise the activity closely.**
- 12. Duty to Warn of Inherent Risks**
- 13. Duty to Provide Appropriate Emergency Care & Assistance.**
- 14. Duty to Develop an Emergency Response Plan**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Academic Eligibility Guidelines

- *Students will have to attain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to participate in Athletics. All grades and courses taken will be counted towards the GPA.*
- *Student receiving an “F” for the MP in any subject will not be eligible to compete for a minimum of the first two weeks of the MP. Participation can resume anytime after the two week period once the teacher, AD, and coach determine that the student is doing passing work.*
- *Students receiving a failing grade in two (2) successive marking periods will not be eligible to participate, regardless of GPA.*

Communication

Clearly communicate expectations, assuring understanding from the outset.

1. *Coaches are to first communicate specific questions, concerns, changes, and notifications to parents with the Athletic Director.*
2. *Coach to player communications should be initiated before communication with parents.*
 - a. *Be honest and direct with your players, so that there is minimal misunderstanding or miscommunication.*
 - b. *Be cautious in what you say without clearance from the AD*
 - c. *Be firm in adherence to guidelines and in following the proper “chain of communication”. See Coaches online Section for “Communication Guide”.*

Complaints/Problems that Occur

Because complaints can generally be handled most expeditiously closest to the source, staff members most immediately involved will be encouraged to take a concern. In the event that a complaint cannot be resolved at the staff level, it may be necessary to refer the concern to the next organizational level. The appropriate administrator will hold an informal conference with the parties involved in an effort to resolve the matter. Any problems relating to athletics should immediately be drawn to the attention of the AD. Head coaches should attempt to handle all problems within their program first. Matthew 18 should always be followed when dealing with conflict.

Dual Sport Eligibility During Same Season

At times we may be asked if a student athlete can participate in two sports during the same season. Below are the guidelines to be used to grant permission. All steps must be approved and in writing for an athlete to be granted eligibility in two sports during the same season

1. *Student Athlete request is put in writing with parents signature. Letter should include that they understand there is a two hour limit per day for sports participation as stipulated by DIAA*
2. *Both Coaches must agree. Once they agree a specific plan for practice attendance and game attendance in case of conflict must be written up. Keep in mind the two hour daily limit when doing so*
3. *The Director of Athletics who will make the final decision must approve all documentation.*

Early Dismissal or Emergency Closing

- *Emergency weather conditions may result in an early dismissal or extended period of school closing. There will be no practice/games on days of early dismissal or closing for weather/emergency conditions unless approved by the administration.*
- *On a day of Early Dismissal due to In-service/Vacation teams may practice before the normal 3:00 start time. You must allow proper time for lunch and digestion before starting practice and your team must be supervised during the lunch break as well.*

Employment of Coaches

A coach is hired on a year –to-year basis with the assumption that the contract continues and will be renewed unless the AD or coach is notified in writing or verbal before or at the end of a season. Coaches will be paid in three equal payments with the final one being released once ALL appropriate paperwork has been completed.

Evaluations of coaches will be based on Biblical Coaching criteria (See Coach's on line section for the Evaluation Form) and how well the coach performed under these guidelines. The evaluation will be based on several components including first-hand accounts, private observations, and general program status. An end of the season meeting will be scheduled and items will be discussed.

Equipment

(A.) Issuing of Athletic Equipment

Each Head Coach is directly responsible for the care and control of all equipment used in his/her program.

- The Head Coach will be responsible to see that all equipment is inventoried when receiving his/her equipment prior to the start of their season.*
- Coaches should carefully consider the selection of all student managers and thoroughly explain their duties. These individuals are the key to good equipment control and maintenance.*
- The Head Coach, although he/she may delegate the issuing of equipment to assistant coaches and managers, is ultimately responsible for the issuing of athletic equipment to all team personnel.*
- Players are to be instructed in the proper use, care (washing) and maintenance of their equipment at the time of issue. This is particularly important for safety equipment.*
- All athletes receiving equipment/uniforms will be responsible for the items issued. If the equipment/uniform is lost or has abnormal damage usage, the athlete will be charged accordingly.*
- Periodically, coaches shall inspect equipment and facilities during the season to insure that equipment has not deteriorated and become unsafe.*
- All general equipment used by more than one sport should always be returned promptly for others to use.*
- Athletic Department issued equipment/uniforms are to be worn only during practice and interscholastic contest or by permission of the head coach. At no time are athletes to wear school-issued equipment or uniforms for gym classes, work, socially, school wear or club teams.*

(B.) Collection and Storage of Athletic Equipment

Coaches are responsible for coordinating with the Athletic Director the collection and storage of all equipment and uniforms, which have been dispersed. If equipment is collected immediately after the season, more of it comes back with less effort.

Uniform Collection Procedure

*Upon completion of a team's season, the head coach will conduct a team uniform turn-in day. This event will take place 2 school days immediately following the completion of the playing season. If the season ends on a Friday, then the turn in day will be Wednesday. **ALL uniforms MUST be laundered first prior to turning them back in.** Students will be held personally and financially responsible for any uniforms and WPS equipment that is not returned at the end of each playing season.*

- No athlete may begin the next sports season unless all inventory issued is returned*
- After a one week grace period a fine of \$25 will be issued and the athlete will not be able to participate in the awards ceremony or receive an award until all obligations are met.*

Illegal Drug/Substance Abuse/Tobacco/Alcohol Use

If a student on a WCS athletic team purchases, possesses, distributes, and/or uses alcohol, tobacco products, and/or illegal drugs, they will be immediately removed from the team and forfeit all privileges that accompany being a member of that team (in addition to other school discipline).

Injury at Sporting Event

*Injuries to athletes will occur in interscholastic athletics at all level regardless of the amount of precautions taken; such as safe playing conditions, proper coaching techniques, the best safety equipment, and the required warnings of injury. The head coach will have the responsibility of administering to all injured athletes and making the proper recommendations. She/he must be prepared to recognize and properly administer first-aid or refer injuries to the appropriate medical personnel. No member of the coaching staff should overstep his/her bounds and attempt to diagnose or treat any injury. ***If there is any question as to the seriousness of the injury, notify the athletic trainer immediately.** It is the responsibility of the coach in charge of a team to have a complete first aid kit, in sanitary condition, at every practice and contest.*

The following policies and procedures have been developed for all high school athletic events involving WCS athletes or being held on the WCS campus. In the event of any emergency, this plan should be carried out to the fullest extent. The emergency action plan (EAP) will be reviewed with coaching staff and athletic personnel, including emergency equipment, as well as updated annually to ensure all team members can fulfill their role in the EAP.

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

Emergency personnel for WCS athletics include: certified athletic trainer (ATC), team physician, emergency medical technicians (EMT), the athletic director, the assistant athletic director, and qualified coaches. It is recommended that all coaches receive training in first aid, CPR and AED use. For scheduled practices, the certified athletic trainer will be on-site for part of the practice time. For home games, the certified athletic trainer will be on-site.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

- *The chain of command (in attendance) during severe or catastrophic injury will be as follows:
 - *Emergency Medical Technicians (if present)*
 - *Team Physician (if present)*
 - *Certified Athletic Trainer*
 - *Qualified coaches**
- *Once the EMT's become involved with the injury, they are in control and have final say over any athlete.*
- *When present, the team physician will take command and make any necessary decisions on the well fare of the athlete.*
- *In the absence of the team physician the ATC will be in control of the care of the athlete and any decisions.*
- *If the team physician and ATC are not present, the next person on the chain of command is in charge.*

ASSIGNMENTS

- *Certified Athletic Trainer, when team physician is not present, stay with athlete.*
- *Head coach maintains crowd and non-injured athletes, contacts parents.*
- *Asst. coach should call 911, wait for ambulance and provide directions to site*
- *Assistant coach retrieves necessary emergency equipment and obtains athletes emergency consent form.*

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

1. *Emergency equipment appropriate to each sport will be on-hand for all games.*
2. *Ice, water and a medical kit will be supplied to each team at the beginning of the season.*

- a. *It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all three are present for practices and games.*
 - b. *When supplies run low, the medical kit will be returned to the athletic training room to be restocked.*
 - c. *Each athlete's emergency consent form will remain with the coach at all times.*
3. *Crutches, ice, medical supplies, and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will remain with the ATC or in the athletic training room.*
 4. *All other emergency equipment is located in the athletic training room.*

TRANSPORTATION

1. *If an athlete needs to be taken to the hospital for a non-emergency*
 - a. *Parents will provide transportation*
2. *In the event of an emergency where EMS is activated*
 - a. *The injured athlete will be transported to the hospital via ambulance.*
 - b. *A parent/guardian will ride with the athlete in the ambulance*
 - i. *If a parent/guardian is not present, a member of the coaching staff will travel with the athlete.*
3. *The closest hospital is:*
 - a. *Christiana Hospital*
 - b. *A.I. DuPont Hospital*

EMERGENCY DOCUMENTATION

1. *All injuries, emergency or not, will be documented in an athletic injury report that will be kept on file in the athletic training room.*
2. *Documentation will include:*
 - a. *A description of the event*
 - b. *How the athlete was treated*
 - c. *Was EMS activated*

NON-EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. *A non-emergency includes:*
 - a. *Sprains*
 - b. *Strains*
 - c. *Concussions without a loss of consciousness*
 - d. *Illness*
 - e. *Abrasions*
 - f. *Minor cuts*
 - g. *Contusions*
2. *The certified athletic trainer will treat the athlete and make any necessary referrals.*
3. *If the certified athletic trainer is not present, the coach will provide appropriate first aid and send the athlete to see the ATC as soon as possible.*

NOTE: **Coaches should follow-up with a phone call home the night of an injury or the next morning depending on time.*

Keys Control

1. All keys/codes to the building, locker room, and equipment room will be issued to Head Coaches by the Athletic Department. All coaches will return their keys one week after their final day of the season, unless permission has been granted for additional time use.
2. Coaches are not to give student athletes their keys at any time.
3. If keys to the athletic area are lost, the coach should report this to the Athletic Director immediately.

Locker Room Procedures (Review the following Rules periodically during the season)

1. Roughhousing, horseplay, rapid movements and throwing towels or other objects are not allowed in the locker room. Hazing of players is not allowed.
2. Be alert to slippery floor conditions
3. Floors must be free of litter.
4. Place all personal belongings in assigned lockers, make sure it is locked if unattended
5. **No female managers are allowed in the boys' locker room. No male managers are allowed in the girls' locker room.**
6. **Remove mud and dirt from shoes outside before entering the building.**
7. **All spiked or cleated shoes must be put on and taken off outside of building at all times. No cleats should be worn inside at any time.**
8. The coach shall see to it that the locker room of the host school is left in a clean, orderly condition with no damage. Report any incidents involving team members to the Athletic Director as soon as possible.

Physicals

- **Every Athlete must have a DIAA sports physical annually prior to participating in athletics each school year – physicals must be dated after April 1st.**
- Clearance from a doctor for the following after starting the season:
 - *Sports injury that has been excused by a doctor
 - *Medical illness for more than a week, except for upper respiratory infection
 - *Operation of any type

Practice/Game Attendance Policies

1. Practice sessions should be well planned, well structured, and should not exceed two hours. No practices on Sundays.
2. In sports where it is necessary to separate back-to-back practices due to lack of facilities, the last practice session must be completed by 9:00 PM.
3. Varsity Coaches are the first to arrive, remain with the athletes, and be the last to leave the practice/game session. **AT NO TIME ARE ATHLETES TO PRACTICE BY THEMSELVES OR BE LEFT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS UNSUPERVISED. COACHES MUST REMAIN WITH STUDENTS UNTIL THE STUDENTS HAVE A RIDE HOME.**
4. **School Attendance** – a student who has an early dismissal/ late arrival from school **may not practice or play** on that day unless
 - a. He/she completes (4) periods of class time
 - b. The athlete submits an acceptable parent's or doctor excuse to the main office (legal excuse due to weather, funeral, legal obligations in court)
 - c. Granted permission by the administration.
 - d. Field trips are excused because of academic classes.
 - e. If a student misses school, is suspended, has detention or has an unexcused absence, then he/she is not permitted to practice or play that day.
5. **Practice/Game Attendance**
 - a. Unexcused absences will follow the same definition as defined in school policy above.
 - b. **Practices** -In terms of unexcused absences from practices coaches will determine how to handle infractions.
 - c. **Missed Games** due to unexcused absence – for every game missed a one game suspension will be administered.

- d. *If an athlete misses two consecutive games unexcused they will be dismissed from the team – or -once an athlete attains three cumulative unexcused absences they will be dismissed from the team.*

Professional Development for Coaches

- *All Head Coaches must **take and complete the DIAA Rules Clinic Course** for their respective sport. Coaches will be notified of the availability of these courses.*
- *All coaches must be **certified in CPR** and also take the **NFHS Concussion in Sports Course every other year.***
- ***Coaches of Excellence 3D Programs.** All Coaches are required to attend a Quarterly Workshop on 3 Dimensional Coaching covering various topics. They will be 1/2-day sessions.*
- ***Also as required Coaches will be expected to attend the Coaches Bible Study group on a regular basis.***
- ***NFHS Coaches Training.** Coaches are also invited to take any of the online NFHS Coaching Classes. Once certification is achieved there will be an increase in pay for the Head Coach.*

Security

1. *Each coach is responsible for the actions of members of his/her squad from the time they report to the locker room for practice until they leave the building after practice. Athletes are to be supervised at all times.*
2. *It is the head coach's responsibility to be present at the time the athletes are to report for practice, games, and meets, whether home or away, and **stay until the last athlete has left school property.***
3. *The coach shall see that lights and showers are turned off, doors are locked, equipment is returned to the Training Room and is locked up, and the room or field is left as neat as possible.*
4. *Since many coaches will be using the locker room office area (PE offices), each coach must make an effort to keep this area as neat and clean as reasonably possible.*

Squad Selection

*Establishing the members and amount of playing time of all athletic squads is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those squads. Assistant and JV coaches shall take into consideration the policies as established by the head coach in that particular program when establishing the team and playing time. **If cuts are needed they must be done one on one – lists are not to be posted.***

***Middle School teams** – selecting as many athletes as the program can handle so that the environment is ideal for skill development, playing time, and uniform availability and coaching management. Everyone should get playing time, not necessarily equal playing time though.*

***Junior Varsity teams** – seniors are not to be on junior varsity teams without the approval of the AD and Coach. These teams are focusing on further preparation for the Varsity level of competition. Athletes may not always play or have equal playing time. Do not keep players that you know you will not play.*

***Varsity teams** – The top athletes in the program. You may bring up Eighth graders if you know for certain that they will be a major contributor to your program. We do not bring up the Eighth graders to sit the bench and occasionally play.*

Team Athletic Values Lessons

- *Every program is required to cover a session on our Athletic Team Values each week. This session is to be a minimum of 30 minutes and **not to be done in addition to the regular practice time.** (2 hour daily time limit)*
- *Coaches are to complete their plan for the season using the **“Coach’s Planner”** found on the Website*
- *This 3Dimensional component is to be considered as important of a program priority as any first level instruction time.*

Transportation Policies

- *WCS will provide transportation to all away games during the school day, except for local evening games.*
- *For any Middle School athletic event with a travel time greater than 15 minutes, we will provide a two-way bus with at least one coach on the bus.*
- *For games with a travel time of 15 minutes or less, a one-way bus will be scheduled. The coach will review the details of the trip with the bus driver to assure that he/she has all necessary information, including directions.*
- *The coach will also provide his/her cell phone number to the bus driver and travel with (following or leading) the bus to the game.*
- *In the event of a health, safety or emergency situation during the trip, the driver is to immediately pull over in a safe location and notify the coach of the issue.*
- *Only assigned personnel may ride on school transportation. No spectators or coaches family members are permitted without prior administrative approval and completion of Emergency Information Card.*
- *The coach will designate someone on the bus to be the last one off and all equipment has been taken off the bus to and from contests.*
- *A student athlete who drives to games will only drive themselves or a sibling to athletic events. They may not drive students they car pool to school or other athletes.*
- *In the event a bus is not available or the group is too small to warrant the use of a bus, consideration may be given to using private automobiles under the following stipulations*
 - *Owned vehicles will be driven by the coach or an adult*
 - *Car Insured with the following Coverage*
 - *Liability*
 - *Bodily Injury - \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per accident or \$300,00 combined Single Limit (prefer \$1,000,000)*
 - *Property Damage - \$100,000*
 - *No-Fault - \$300,000 (including Additional PIP)*
 - *Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist - \$100,000/\$300,000*
 - *Physical Damage – No requirement*

Breakdowns, Delays, and Accidents

If an accident or breakdown occurs, it is the coach's responsibility to provide for the supervision and protection of the students. Students should remain together and on the bus unless instructed otherwise by the driver or other authority. Coaches should remain with students at all times

**Call the AD at the first available opportunity*

**In the event of unusual or unanticipated delays in returning to school, start the communication process with your parents.*

Undue Influence for Participation

It shall be the philosophy of the high school Athletic Department that athletes shall enjoy as many sport seasons as the student/athlete and their parents wish them to participate in without the influence from any coach to specialize in any one sport. All coaches should encourage participation in other sport seasons. Although athletes may choose any sport they wish to participate in, once the season has started no one shall change sports. No athlete who is dropped from one squad for disciplinary reasons, or who "quits", shall be eligible to compete in another sport for that season. No athlete may start another sport until the previous one has been completed.

No coaching is allowed out of season, until June 15 – Aug. 1 look at DIAA Handbook for instructions on the proper and acceptable coaching policies.

Year End Gathering

All coaches are required to attend the end of the year Sports Event, held the Thursday prior to Graduation. Dress is casual. At this time the following will be presented:

- *Head coaches will present any senior trophies (two or more varsity years)*
- *Their three trophies that they have selected for the season*
- *Suggestions about Comments at the Event*
 - *Head Coach should thank those who helped with your season. Keep comments about the season brief and positive. Do not announce anything for next year.*
 - *Do not make public predictions or announcements about the next varsity players.*
 - *No play by play descriptions of a season, tends to drag and takes away from honoring your athletes*
 - *Be positive*
 - *Make sure names are correct*
- *Athletic Director will present the following*
 - *DIAA Scholar Athlete certificates 3.5 or better weighted while earning a Varsity Letter*
 - *Tri – Athlete Awards*
 - *Kelly Marston Award – This award is presented to a Junior Student Athlete who demonstrates Christian Character, Scholarship and Athleticism.*
 - *Chris Landa Memorial Award – This award is presented to a senior athlete who best represents Leadership, Commitment and Christian Character.*
 - *Outstanding Senior Male/Female Athletes*

Middle School Ice Cream Social

Held during the school day, coaches present the three trophies that they have selected for their particular sport. Also presented that day is the David J. Wilson Memorial – Eighth grade athlete, who best represents leadership, commitment, and Christian Character, voted by the eighth grade coaches and staff.

A Big Thank You!

WCS would like to thank all our Coaches for the time and energy that they give to our student/athletes. It is a never-ending job and we appreciate each and every one of you. The examples that you put before our athletes is greatly appreciated and we appreciate the testimonies that you put before the public eye. We thank the Lord for giving you to us at Wilmington Christian School. Thank you!