



## WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL

*Come of the*  
**BLACKHAWKS**

Athletic Department

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### REVIEW OF IMPORTANT ATHLETIC POLICIES

**ATTENDANCE:** The Athletic Department expects our athletes to attend practice regularly and adhere to specific attendance requirements for each sport. We firmly believe that if an athlete is to attain their fullest potential, daily attendance at practice is essential. Non-attendance may result in suspension from contests and/or dismissal from the squads. Athletes may **not** participate in practice or contests unless present at school for at least three (3) periods.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** Both the athlete and their parent/guardian have signed a "Code of Conduct" form in order to be eligible for athletics. We expect all of our athletes to adhere to that Code in order to maintain their eligibility and continue the privilege of participating in athletics at West Aurora. Our Code is rigorously enforced! **Reminder** ... no athlete will be able to tryout, practice or participate in a sport without all three (3) required forms on file in the Athletic Department ... physical exam, parent permission and emergency medical release.

**ACADEMICS:** It is a state law that athletes meet academic requirements in order to be eligible for IHSA athletic competition. The District 129 Policy requires that athletes pass four (4) classes to be eligible. Grades are checked weekly during each athletic season. Any athlete **not** passing four (4) classes will be held from competition for the following week. This shall continue until the athlete is passing four (4) classes. At the semester, any athlete not passing four (4) classes will be ineligible for competition for the **ENTIRE NEXT SEMESTER**. Additionally, any athlete receiving a combination of three (3) D's or F's on the weekly grade check shall be placed on a probation list. Appearing on the probation list for four (4) consecutive weeks will result in suspension from athletics until the athlete is no longer on probation **unless** the athlete submits to their coach written documentation of extra academic assistance from a teacher.

**MEDICAL CONCERNS:** Our first priority is the safety of our athletes. The Athletic Department and coaching staff understand that sports-related injuries do occur. If an athlete is injured, **he/she must report to a trainer!** We have certified trainers on staff who effectively deal with most injuries. Should an athlete see a physician for an injury, he/she must have a **WRITTEN RELEASE** signed by that physician allowing the athlete to resume participation in any athletic activity--including practice and competition! If a student is excused from P.E. for medical reasons, he/she cannot participate in athletics until cleared by the physician in writing.

**TRANSPORTATION:** All athletes are encouraged to use district transportation to and from events. This is team time and most coaches would like to have the athletes on the bus to and from events. Should there be an emergency; an athlete may be released only to their parent/guardian with a signed written release. Whenever possible, this should be completed 24 hours in advance through the Athletic Department. **ATHLETES WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO A TEAM MATE'S PARENT/GUARDIAN.**

**COMMUNICATION:** Several avenues have been created for parents to obtain information regarding scheduling, results, directions, cancellations, etc. The web site may be the best resource for game times, locations, directions and schedule changes. Each sport has a hotline number and that information will be distributed at the parent meetings at the beginning of each season. **EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ATTEND THE PARENT MEETINGS.** They are held immediately following introduction night for each season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Athletic Department. We hope your athletic experience at West High is a positive and enjoyable one!

**GO BLACKHAWKS!!!**