

**WENATCHEE PANTHER**  
**Boys Basketball**



**HANDBOOK**

**2020-21**

## **2020-21 Panther Basketball Philosophy**

The WHS boys' basketball program is dedicated to educating young men to become not only better basketball players, but also learn life lessons that will apply to all aspects of their maturation and development into contributing members of society. We believe hard work, responsibility for your actions, dedication, determination, and adherence to rules in a team format will aid this process and make basketball and the entire experience something they will never forget and also allow them to have fun in the process. Our main is that your son leaves our program better off than when they came in.

Participation on this team is a privilege and should be regarded as such. There are **no guarantees for playing time**, and each player's actions, work ethic, and willingness to be coachable will all be factors. Both players and parents need to understand that true growth is developed through patience, perseverance, and the ability to handle the emotional and physical ups and downs inherent in any activity or life experience.

### **TEAM - PLAYER PLACEMENT:**

Players will be selected for teams based on the following criteria:

- Offensive Skill
- Defensive Skill
- Game Skill
- Attitude
- Athletic ability
- Athletic potential (potential development)
- Coachable
- Ability to be a positive influence on the team
- Leadership Skills
- Work ethic
- Knowledge of the game

Selecting players for a team is subjective. The coaches will select the players that best fit into a team. Selection of the team can start any time after the first day of practice and continue throughout the entire season. Players will be placed on various teams for a variety of reasons at the discretion of the coaching staff. For example, a player who starts out playing strictly JV is not designated to solely playing on that team for the remainder of the season.

If he proves in practice and in games that he should be playing up he will be moved up. The Head Coach oversees the entire program with input from all staff and all decisions are subjective based on the well being of the entire program as a whole. However, objective measuring tools will be used to evaluate players through the try-out process and during the season.

### **SUCCESS:**

The coaches are exclusively responsible for offenses, defenses, personnel decisions, and fundamental philosophies. If you are questioning what we are trying to do in front of your son, you are putting him in a no-win situation. Please support your son and his efforts, but also respect the coaches and what they are trying to accomplish. **We all**

**want the TEAM to be successful**, and the coaches are working tirelessly to accomplish just that. Don't set your son back by degrading and questioning what the coaches are doing when your son gets home. Support our entire efforts and know that we are doing what we were hired to do and are experienced in. If questions arise please contact us. We expect all players to present themselves to the school and public with respect and class. Members of the Panther Basketball team will follow these guidelines:

- All of a player's efforts are to be oriented for the success of the team.  
Panther players and coaches pride themselves on being part of a team and maintaining an attitude that provides for success. Any action that takes away from the success of the team is not acceptable.  
Depending on the severity of the problem (see WSD Athletics Handbook) consequences may include but are not limited to: extra conditioning, playing time reduction, suspension, or possible dismissal from the team.

**Absences** - Will be excused for illness, school conflicts/activities and family emergencies only. However, missing practice during the week for any reason will result in the student athlete not being eligible to start in contests that occur during that week.

Additionally, any missed classes during the school day must meet the criteria for being excused. These absences must be cleared through the athletic and attendance offices, otherwise the student athlete will be unable to practice or play in any games that day. In the case that the student athlete has an appointment during the school day, he must turn in a doctor's note in order to participate in any practice/games that take place that day. Missing practice the day prior to a game will result in that player not being able to play the next day or that weekend. Missing practice due to reasons that are considered not excused will result in, but is not limited to, the following disciplinary actions:

\*First unexcused absence = **1/2 game suspension.**

\*Second unexcused absence = **1 full game suspension.**

\*Third unexcused absence = **Meeting with coach, student athlete and athletic director as well as possible removal from team.**

**Injuries or Illness** - Players who are absent from or cannot participate in the last official practice before a game because of illness or injury, will not be eligible to play that weekend in any games. Being cleared on the day of the game is NOT an exception. For example, players must participate in the Thursday practice in order to play in Friday or Saturday's games. In the case of a Tuesday and Friday game, if a player were to miss Monday's practice they would not be able to play in Tuesday's game. However, if they returned to practice on Wednesday and Thursday, they would be allowed to play in Friday's game. Also, players who cannot attend practice/games due to illness need to inform coaches of this prior to the beginning of practice, game, bus departure, etc. or the absence will be treated as an unexcused absence and will be subject to the aforementioned disciplinary actions.

### **PLAYER CONDUCT:**

**Technical Fouls** - WHS Coaches are constantly promoting positive interactions with officials. As always, appropriate on-court actions as well as how players react to calls made by the officials is a point-of-emphasis this season. Basketball is a team game and anytime players are charged with a technical foul, it hurts the team. In any case that involves a technical foul being charged to a player, it will be at the coaches discretion to decide what the resulting disciplinary action will be. Coaches will evaluate the events

leading up to the charged technical foul and will make a decision based on the circumstances in which the call was made. Disciplinary actions will at a minimum consist of the involved player being immediately removed from the game and could include that player sitting out the rest of the quarter or remainder of the game. Players may also be subject to additional conditioning for any technical fouls received.

**Ejection Policy** - The WIAA handbook states that the first ejection of the season will at a minimum result in that player being ineligible until after the next school contest at the same level of competition from which the player was ejected. Additionally, any ejection due to violent conduct by a player shall result in a suspension equal to 20% of the number of allowable contests for that sport. For basketball this would be 4 games. Violent conduct is defined by the use of excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not in the play. A player can be guilty of violent conduct if he uses excessive force or brutality against a teammate, spectator, official or any other person. Violent conduct may occur either on the field of play or outside of the boundaries, whether the person is in play or not. Abusive language is defined as harsh or insulting language or profanity directed towards another individual. A second ejection in the same sport and season will result in that player being ineligible for the remainder of the season in that sport. In any instance in which aggressive physical contact with an official occurs, the WIAA has the authority to suspend the individual from further competition for a period not to exceed one calendar year.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

In a perfect world all players would receive equal playing time, however, that world does not exist. Basketball is a TEAM sport that consists of only five players on the court at a time. This can create problems with players as well as parents, and we encourage our coaches to explain in advance the expected amount of time a player can expect to get during a game as well as each player's role on the TEAM. Please remember one thing, we see these players every day in practice. Each player earns what he gets, and it starts in practice every day. If a player does not understand why he is getting (or not getting) the playing time he feels he deserves, HE needs to speak to the coach directly.

The team consists of coaches and players. Should conflict arise, the players should approach the coach immediately to alleviate the problem. We encourage players to be self-promoting and learn how to deal with and communicate directly with their coach. As a coaching staff, we truly understand and appreciate all the work and sacrifices not only the players have given to better the TEAM, but the parents as well. Without all the time and effort parents put into enabling their son to become the best student/athlete he can be, we could not run a successful program.

**\*We are here for the kids, and we certainly want everyone to have a productive experience, so we will work as hard as we possibly can to address any concerns you may have in a productive manner.**

**Parents WILL NOT be granted meetings to discuss playing time. There are two things our coaching staff will not discuss with parents at any time:**

1. Playing Time
2. Other Kids

**The protocol for possible problems/conflicts with each individual in our program is as follows:**

- 1.) Players must address their individual coaches FIRST, regarding any issue/s.
- 2.) If the player and coach cannot directly solve the issue/s, the player and his parents will be asked to come in and discuss it further with the entire coaching staff.
- 3.) Lastly, if need be, the entire staff, activities director, and possibly another administrator will sit down with the player and parents to make sure the issue/s gets resolved in a respectful manner.

- Coaches will not meet with parents "in secret." We are trying to stress communication and its importance to our kids, and if parents are trying to set up meetings with coaches without the player's knowledge we are setting a bad example. Again, players must meet individually with the coach first, and if that doesn't resolve the issue, we will meet with both the parents and the player, please contact Mr. Beeson to set up a meeting. Also, coaches will not respond to text messages outside of general questions, such as leave times, game locations, etc. If there is a concern you would like addressed immediately, contact Mr. Beeson in the athletic office.
- Please refrain from trying to address the issue right before a game, during practice time, or immediately after the game. We believe in the **24 HOUR RULE**. If you have a problem after a game, wait at least 24 hours before trying to contact the coach.

### **ROAD TRIPS/TRAVEL:**

Each player is required to ride the bus to all away games to be eligible to participate in that game, unless arrangements have been made prior with coaches and the athletic office. However, players may ride home with a parent or legal guardian. If the player is riding home with a parent or legal guardian, they need to be signed out at the game by that parent/legal guardian with the coach of the team that the student participates on.

Players will not be allowed to leave with other students. In any instances that would involve the player leaving with an adult other than a parent or legal guardian, parents need to stop by or call the athletic department to confirm these plans in addition to filling out a depart from group form and returning to the WHS Athletic Department 24 hours prior. Adults other than a parent or legal guardian will not be able to sign a player out after the game.

\*Under no circumstance, will players be allowed to travel with the team to away games if that player is determined to be academically ineligible.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT:**

Good Sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic athletic program, as well as for the individuals who participate in the program. People involved in any facet of the Wenatchee Athletic Program are expected to demonstrate qualities that are characterized by fair play, integrity, ethical behavior and respect. Emphasizing and improving the sportsmanship of our student-athletes, coaches, parents and staff is one of our highest priorities. Each coach, student, parent and staff member has a role and responsibility to model and teach good sportsmanship while keeping in mind that athletic participation is a learning experience for the student and the programs are part of the educational process.

## Panther Sportsmanship Guidelines:

- Understand the rules and strategies of the contest in order to cheer at the proper times.
- Maintain enthusiasm and composure.
- Positively support the participants and coaches.
- Exercise good judgment in cheering for outstanding performance, not against opponents or to ridicule an error.
- Show respect and concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Realize that a ticket represents a privilege to observe and positively support a school activity. It is not a license to verbally assault others or to be generally obnoxious.
- Respect fans, coaches and participants.
- Encourage surrounding fans to display only sportsmanlike conduct.
- Display pride in your program at all times.

## **WENATCHEE PANTHERS Believe SPORTSMANSHIP Is An EXPECTATION!**

**Please Let the Players Play,**

**Let the Coaches Coach,**

**Let the Officials Officiate,**

**Let the Spectators Be Positive**

**Be A Fan.....**

**Not A Fanatic!!!!**

**Thank you for your support of**

**Panther Basketball!**

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