# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ATHLETIC AND ATHLETIC SUPPORT GROUP CLEARANCE FORMS

Please read this booklet carefully. All items listed below must be completed and turned in prior to any / all participation.

- ✓ Sport/Activity Acknowledgement Form White (page 2)
- ✓ High School Residency/Custody Statement (page 3)
- ✓ High School Off-Season Sport/Conditioning Permit Yellow (pages 4-5)
- ✓ Athletic Travel Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk (page 6)
- ✓ Private Transportation Release Form Gold (Page 7)
- ✓ Athletic Emergency Information Form 3 Part NCR Form (page 10)
- √ \$35.00 Athletic Transportation Fee
- ✓ \$25.00 Student Body Fee
- \$ 5.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Impact (Concussion) Assessment Fee (all athletics and cheerleading / dance)
- ✓ \$10.00 Athletic Training and Supply Fee (each sport played if applicable)
- √ \$50.00 Golf Fee (if applicable)

To be eligible to participate in athletics and support groups, including but not limited to cheerleading, song team, or mascot, it will be necessary for a student and his/her parent to sign the enclosed forms on pages 2-10. Page 8 & 9 contain important information that must be reviewed prior to participation and should be kept for reference throughout the school year.

# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ATHLETIC INFORMATION

# PHILOSOPHY OF THE WCSD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

High school interscholastic athletics is an integral part of the total educational program in the Washoe County School District. Interscholastic athletics provide opportunities for boys and girls to participate in competitive sports with the emphasis on the development of skills, work ethic, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Our goal is to develop a confident, intrinsically-motivated adolescent; a young adult who begins to understand how their personal habits and attitudes in sports carry over into their adult lives.

Effective schools use athletics as a vehicle to enhance academic achievement, school pride, healthy lifestyles, and team building. Interscholastic athletics are a key component in shaping a dynamic school culture where academics come first. As a District we thank you for allowing us to teach and coach your child in interscholastic athletics and activities.

### STUDENT RIGHTS

Students participating in the Interscholastic Athletic Program are governed by the rights, protection, and responsibilities as prescribed by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Handbook, (available for view in its entirety at (<a href="www.niaa.com">www.niaa.com</a>), Washoe County School District Policies and Regulations, and their respective schools.

# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Participants are required to conform to the rules and regulations of their school, the Washoe County School District, and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA). Student athletes should conduct themselves in a safe and sportsmanlike manner. Violators are subject to probation, suspension, or expulsion.

# ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION IN COLLEGE (NCAA ELIGIBILITY)

If you think you might be interested in college sports you should know that the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) has very strict requirements you must fulfill in high school in order to participate in Division I or Division II intercollegiate athletics. The NCAA Eligibility Center must determine your initial eligibility status. Interested student should consult the most current NCAA "Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete" or the NCAA website. Obtaining and understanding the necessary information is the responsibility of the student athlete and their parent/guardian and should begin upon their enrollment in high school.

For more details and guidance, talk with your counselor or visit <a href="www.eligibilitycenter.org">www.eligibilitycenter.org</a>. To contact the NCAA write to P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222 or (317) 917-6222. The Eligibility Center number is (877) 262-1492 or go to the web address at <a href="www.ncaa.org">www.ncaa.org</a>.

### **ATHLETICS CHAIN-OF-COMMAND**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's participation in athletics, the following is the order of contact to resolve those issues:

- Coach
- Head Coach
- Athletic Director
- Athletic Administrator
- Principal
- WCSD Student Activities Office
  - Phone calls during school hours are acceptable. If a meeting is necessary it should be scheduled. It is never acceptable to interrupt a practice or game.
- Please be aware that there are four main roles in sports: Coaching, Playing, Officiating and Spectating. When we avoid crossing over from our role we help to ensure a positive experience for all.

# TRANSFER STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All students coming from outside the Washoe County School District must provide a copy of their last report card or transcript with grades from the prior semester. Athletes will not be eligible to play until grades are provided and verified by the school registrar.

# WEBSITE GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETICS

All athletic websites must be directly related to the WCSD mission and not in conflict with any district policies, rules and regulations. Individual athletic teams may not use any social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, or similar sites to promote their athletic teams or as a tool for communication for the season. Permission for any additional sites must be approved by WCSD Student Activities office.

Individual teams may have a website that must be linked to the school website and follow all WCSD policies, rules and regulations. Go to <a href="https://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/staff/web-development/guidelines">www.washoe.k12.nv.us/staff/web-development/guidelines</a> for all guidelines.

# SPORT/ACTIVITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To be eligible to participate, read this booklet carefully and be sure to return this form and those indicated below.

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		SIGN & RETURN: AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS IN ATHLETICS. (yellow) (pages 3-4)								
SIGN & RETURN: ATHELTIC TRAVEL WAIVER OF LIABILI SIGN & RETURN: PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION RELEASE I						RISK (page 5)				
If student is participating in FOOTBALL, I have read and understand the FOOTE (page 7)				TBALL PARTIO	CIPATION WARNING					
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		SIGN & RETUR	N: ATHLETIC EMERGI	ENCY INFORM	MATION (3-part for	n) (page 9)				
		I have read and understand the WCSD HAZING POLICY (page 8)								
HEALTH/ACCIDENT INSURANCE: I understand my child/ward must participate in this athletic activity and it is solely my responsibility health/accident insurance. By initialing and signing this form, I attest that minsurance.				responsibility to e	nsure my child	l/ward is covered by				
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# HIGH SCHOOL RESIDENCY/CUSTODY STATEMENT

The Administration of this high school recognizes most parents and students abide by athletic eligibility and residency policies. We also recognize some policies can be confusing and unclear. It is our intent to educate parents and students as well as protect those who follow the regulations. Please read the statements below and provide both parent and student initials on the spaces to the left of each item. Your awareness of some of the more significant policies and assistance in maintaining an effective and respected athletic program will benefit everyone associated with the Washoe County School District.

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Please answe	er the follow	ring questions (Yes) or (No):			
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# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR SEASON AND OFF-SEASON SPORT/CONDITIONING PERMIT

# AGREEMENT TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS IN ATHLETICS

Instructions to Student and Parent:

Please read both the STUDENT and PARENT provisions of this form. Sign, date, and return this form.

# **STUDENT**

I am aware playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving MANY RISKS OF INJURY. I understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing to play/participate in an off-season sport/conditioning program include, but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system, and serious injury, but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.

Because of the dangers of participating in a sporting activity, I recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training, and other team rules, etc., and agree to obey such instruction.

In consideration of the Washoe County School District permitting me to participate in a regular season or off-season sport/conditioning program and to engage in all activities related to said program, I hereby assume all risk associated with participation and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the Washoe County School District, its Trustees, employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with my participation in a regular season or off-season sport/conditioning program.

I fully understand that participation in an off-season program does not guarantee me a position on a team and/or a place in the starting line-up. I have not been pressured by a coach to participate nor have I been informed that this off-season program is a requirement in order to be a member of said team.

The terms hereof shall serve as a release and	l assumption of risk for me, my heirs, estate, execut	tor,
administrator, assignees, and for all member	rs of my family.	
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Signature of Student	Date	_

# PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

I affirm that I am the lawful parent/legal guardian of the previously mentioned student. I have read the student warning and release and understand its terms. I understand that all sports can involve **RISK OF INJURY**, those risks outlined in the **Student** section above. I also certify that my child/ward has no ailment or organic defect that would make participation in a sport activity dangerous to his/her health.

In consideration of the Washoe County School District permitting my child/ward to participate in a regular season or off-season sport/conditioning program and to engage in all activities related to said program, I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the Washoe County School District, its Trustees, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches, and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation of my child in any activities related to a regular or an off-season sport/conditioning program.

As parent/legal guardian, I authorize and direct the Washoe County School District to obtain medical care for my child/ward in the event such care is necessary. I understand that, if possible, I will be contacted in the event my child/ward requires medical attention. I grant to a licensed health care provider or accredited hospital permission to perform any necessary medical and/or surgical procedures that are essential for the treatment of my child/ward and agree to be responsible for payment for such care. I release the Washoe County School District, its Board of Trustees, employees, volunteers and agents from any costs, damages, liability or loss resulting from the exercise of discretion in securing medical care for my child/ward.

I fully understand that participation in an off-season does not guarantee my child/ward a position on a team and/or a place in the starting line-up.

The terms hereof shall serve as a release for me, and for all members of my family.	my heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees,
Signature of Parent	Date



# Administrative Form 5307 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY & ATHLETIC TRAVEL WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

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# PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION RELEASE FORM

# **Transportation and Accommodations for State Tournaments**

When a school / team participates in a State Tournament, all athletes and coaches **MUST** use the travel and room accommodations arranged by the Washoe County School District Student Activities Office. Athletes who fail to use district travel and accommodations may **NOT** compete at State Tournaments.

I hereby assume full responsibility and obligation for the private transport of said student both to and from all such Events to the extent the Washoe County School District does not provide student transportation, or I and/or my child choose not to use District transportation when provided, whether such Events are currently scheduled or are scheduled at some future time. In consideration of the rights afforded herein, I HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS INSURERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS, DEMANDS OR EXPENSES IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR ARISING OUT OF PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION OF (student)

TO AND FROM ALL EVENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I understand that I may rescind this release by providing the appropriate School District personnel with a written retraction, and that such retraction will be effective for only those future Events specifically referenced in the retraction and shall not be effective as to any prior transportation.

I hereby represent and warrant that in signing this release, I have been fully advised and represented by legal counsel of my own selection, or that I have had full opportunity to do so, that I am fully familiar with all circumstances incident hereto, that in executing this release, I rely wholly upon my own judgment and the advice of counsel of my own independent selection, or that I have waived the right to rely on such advice, and that I have been in no way influenced in making this release by any representative or servant of the Washoe County School District.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	

# **IMPACT - Concussion Management**

The Washoe County School District utilizes the ImPACT, Concussion Management Program. The intent of this program is to reduce the risk of injury to your son or daughter due to concussions. It is a program used by the National Football League, the National Hockey League, many minor league teams, including the Las Vegas Gladiators and many college and high school programs across the nation.

Developed by the University of Pittsburgh, the program allows provider of health care to determine when an athlete should continue athletic participation after suffering a concussion or head injury. This may reduce the likelihood of "Second Impact Syndrome", which can lead to serious or permanent head injury or death.

Each student who participates in interscholastic athletics at this school is required to be covered by this program and is responsible for a \$5.00 annual fee. If your son or daughter suffers a concussion or head injury, he/she will be reassessed and monitored. Our WCSD Trainers and Athletic Departments are directed to take the following steps before releasing a concussed athlete back into action:

- Must receive clearance from ImPACT, <u>and</u>
- Must have written clearance from their doctor.

We are pleased to provide this low cost program for your son or daughter. If you have any questions, please contact your school's athletic department.

# FOOTBALL PARTICIPATION WARNING

Participation in competitive athletics may result in severe injury, including paralysis or death. Changes in rules, improved conditioning programs, better medical coverage, and improvements in equipment have reduced these risks, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE SUCH OCCURRENCES FOR ATHLETICS.

Players can reduce the chance of injury by obeying all safety rules in their sport, reporting all physical problems to their coaches, following a proper conditioning program, and inspecting their own equipment daily. DAMAGED EQUIPMENT MUST BE REPLACED IMMEDIATLY.

EVEN IF ALL THESE REQUIRMENTS ARE MET AND EVEN IF THE ATHLETE IS USING EXCELLENT PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, A SERIOUS ACCIDENT MAY STILL OCCUR. AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS BY YOUR SON, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS WARNING STATEMENT.

# **WARNING**

DO NOT USE FOOTBALL HELMET TO BUTT, RAM, OR SPEAR AN OPPOSING PLAYER. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF THE FOOTBALL RULES AND SUCH USE CAN RESULT IN SEVERE HEAD OR NECK INJURIES, PARALYSIS, OR DEATH TO YOU AND POSSIBLE INJURY TO YOUR OPPONENT. NO HELMET CAN PREVENT ALL HEAD OR NECK INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT RECEIVE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL.

# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAZING POLICY

# **Student / Parent Agreement Concerning Hazing**

The Washoe County School District supports only those athletic activities which are constructive, educational, inspirational, and that contribute to the personal development of student/athletes. The Washoe County School District unequivocally opposes any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule.

# **Definition**

Hazing is a broad term that encompasses any intentional action or activity which does not contribute to the positive development of a student/athlete; which inflicts or intends to cause physical or mental harm or anxieties; which may demean, degrade or disgrace any person regardless of location, intent or consent of participants; any action or situation which intentionally or unintentionally endangers a student for admission or affiliation with any athletic team or other school organization. Additionally, hazing can include any exaggerated or excessive teasing. Any requirements by a student which compels another student to participate in any hazing activity which is against this Washoe County School District policy or state/federal law will be defined as hazing. The fact that a hazing victim may seem willing or may even agree to participate in some form of personal embarrassment or physical/mental danger does not change or lighten the responsibility of the one who is doing the hazing. Any person who knowingly witnesses or fails to report knowledge of any incidents of hazing may be considered to be a participant in the hazing.

Actions and activities which are prohibited include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any type of initiation or other activity where there is an expectation of individuals joining a particular team to participate in behavior designed to humiliate, degrade, or abuse the student/athlete regardless of the person's willingness to participate.
- Any requirement or pressure put on an individual to participate in any activity which is illegal, perverse, or publicly indecent, contrary to his/her genuine moral and/or beliefs, e.g. lewd conduct or public profanity.
- Any activity or action that creates a risk to the health, safety, or property of the Washoe County School District or any member of its surrounding community.
- Expecting or pressuring individuals to participate in an activity in which the full membership is not willing to participate in.
- Forcing, encouraging, or pressuring someone to wear in public apparel which is conspicuous and not in accordance with the WCSD dress code policy or what is not generally considered to be in good taste.
- Assigning or endorsing "pranks" such as stealing or the harassment of another organization.
- Degrading or humiliating games or activities that make the member the object of amusement, ridicule or intimidation.
- Subjecting a member to cruel and unusual psychological conditions.
- Retaliation: Harassment, intimidation or bullying toward a person in response to previously reported
  harassment, intimidation or bullying. Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have
  reported, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is prohibited. Such
  retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of board policy and independent of whether a complaint
  is substantiated. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and can result in disciplinary action
  or other appropriate sanctions.

I have been given an opportunity to read and understand this policy and understand the following:

I agree and promise not to participate in any activity deemed to be hazing. I have read the examples of hazing as described in the Washoe County School District Hazing Policy.

This policy/regulation shall be in effect from the time a student athlete first participates in a NIAA sanctioned sport and shall remain in effect until the student graduates from high school.

If, after an investigation by the school which would include the WCSD Coordinator of Athletics and Activities and could include school police, and it is determined that the student/athlete is in violation of this policy, then the student/athlete will be subject to disciplinary action by the school. Each individual school site will determine the type and duration of consequences based on the decision of the school's administrative team.

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# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Student's Name	's Name Date of Birtl				
Parent/Guardian's Name					
Address					
Home Phone		Cellular Phone number(s)			
Mother's Business Phon	e	Father's Business Phone			
Two persons you recomme	nd we call in the event you	cannot be reached:			
1		Phone:			
2	Phone:				
Preference of physicians: (	Please include name, telepho	one number and address.)			
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2					
Name	Phone	Address			
Preference of Hospital:					
Medical history and physic	al limitations or problems th	nat should be known by the coach:			
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Student Signature		Parent Signature			
Date	<del></del>	Date			
ORIGINAL Office YELLOW Athletic Tr. PINK Coach – W		form (must have both forms before athlete can participate)			