

Niagara Wheatfield Athletics

Parent and Athlete Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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ANOTHER GREAT YEAR (2023-24)

- **NFL Supremacy winners (Fourth time in six years)**
- **NYS Academic School of Excellence**
- **NFL Sportsmanship Award**



WHAT'S NEW?

Name Image and Likeness (NIL)

NYSPHSAA states that student-athletes can “participate in commercial endorsements provided there is no school team, school, section or NYSPHSAA affiliation.”

Student-athletes who land endorsements are not allowed to appear in the uniform of his or her school for the endorsement. Further, logos or identification of the school, section or NYSPHSAA cannot be part of any endorsement.





Final Forms

- ▶ Please register at:
- ▶ <https://niagarawheatfield-ny.finalforms.com/> and follow the prompts to create your account, create your students and sign your forms.
- ▶ The Parent Playbook that was handed out tonight will walk you through how to get started in FinalForms. If you require any support during the process, while in your account, scroll to the page bottom-right and click “Get Help”.
- ▶ You may review your data at anytime to verify it is current. You will be required to sign your forms and update once a year before each season.
- ▶ You will be able to upload your childs physical form from your doctor.
- ▶ We will not longer be using paper copies.

NW ATHLETICS MISSION

The Niagara Wheatfield Central School District athletic program is a part of the school district's total educational program.

Athletics is a valuable educational experience that helps to develop character, citizenship, civility and competence in all participants.

Character- responsibility, accountability

Citizenship- Respect for oneself and others

Civility- Sportsmanship, teamwork

Competency-Skill, strategy development



Code of Ethics

Athletic Director

Strives to develop and maintain a comprehensive athletic program which seeks the highest development of all participants and which respects the individual dignity of every athlete and coach

Coaches

Exemplify the highest moral character as a role model for young people

Spectators

Display good sportsmanship by being modest in victory and gracious in defeat

Parents

Be a “team” fan, not a “my kid” fan. When there is an issue always use the 24 hours rule when speaking to the coach. Always follow the chain of command.



Academic Eligibility

To ensure that all students work towards achieving their academic potential, the NWCS and Niagara Frontier League have established the following eligibility criteria for participation. To remain eligible for participation in interscholastic sports activity, a student must have a minimum of four (4) passing grades plus have a passing grade in Physical Education.

If at any marking period a student is not passing four classes plus Physical Education, they will be required to participate in an academic intervention process.

See Academic Eligibility in the Parent Athlete Handbook for more information



Sports Physicals

*****ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE A SPORTS
PHYSICAL CLEARED BY OUR SPORTS DOCTOR OR
BY THE ATHLETES PEDIATRICIAN IN ORDER TO
PARTICIPATE!*****

ALL "paperwork is now done with Final Forms.



APP Testing

Athletic Placement Testing is to provide for the students in grades 7-8 a mechanism allowing them to participate safely at an appropriate level of competition based upon readiness rather than age and grade.

The Athletic Placement Test is for exceptional athletes that have been recommended by a coach or Physical Education teacher.

The Athletic Placement Test is comprised of 5 athletic tests determined by NYS. Each athlete must pass 4 out of the 5 tests with the score that is needed for their sport. They must also meet the tanner requirements.

Athletic Placement Testing
Thursday, August 15, 2024
You must receive an invitation to attend.



Code of Conduct

Student athletes are very visible within the school and community and are often emulated and respected. Therefore, it is the expectation that all students exemplify competence, civility, good citizenship, and good character at all times both in and out of school, as well as in and out of season. This includes, but is not limited to the following examples:

- Demonstrating self-control and respect for others at all times.
- This includes teammates, coaches, opponents and spectators.
- Respecting officials and other game personnel.
- Respecting others possessions and property.
- Accepting responsibility to set a good example for the community



Code of Conduct

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CATEGORY I VIOLATIONS

- ❖ **Truancy**
- ❖ **Insubordination**
- ❖ **Ejection from a contest**
- ❖ **Illegal absence of school or class**
- ❖ **Careless Reckless Behavior**
- ❖ **Profane or vulgar speech/gestures.**
- ❖ **Dishonesty -lying, theft or cheating.**

Consequences for Category I

Violations will be communicated through individual team rules at the beginning of each season. Any violation of Category I rules the Athletic Director will determine if there will be a loss of participation & leadership positions.

Category 1 Violations will include discipline given from the High School Administration



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CATEGORY II VIOLATIONS

- ❖ Substance Abuse Use
- ❖ Parties/Gatherings/ Other Events

Any student/athlete that is in violation of using or possessing illegal drugs, controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, VAPING, drug paraphernalia or prescription drugs not intended for them, in or out of the school, will be in violation of the district's athletic policy.

- ◆ **The Code of Conduct is in effect from the beginning of the student-athletes' interscholastic participation through the student-athletes' high school graduation for 365 days a year. (7-12 grade). For All Category II violations (see next page), each occurrence is accumulative throughout the student's middle/high school career (7-12)**



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Violations will be handled as follows:

First Offense:

Upon determination that a violation has occurred, **the student shall be removed from participation in any extracurricular and or interscholastic activity for a period of four (4) weeks. The student may be reinstated after two (2) weeks of the suspension if the student provides documentation/verification of attendance at a voluntary session for substance abuse prevention education course.**



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Second Offense:

Upon determination of a second violation by any student athlete already suspended (grades 7-12), **the student will be removed from participation in any and all extracurricular and/or interscholastic activities for the remainder of the current season and the ensuing season.** (i.e. 2nd violation occurs during fall season, the student must sit out their next sport season. If 2nd violation occurs during spring, the student must sit out fall season or the next season they participate in)

***Students will not be allowed to earn any awards or attend the awards ceremony.**



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Third Offense:

Upon determination of a third violation by any student athlete already suspended (grades 7-12), **the student will be removed from participation in any and all extracurricular and/or interscholastic activities for one calendar year and will not be allowed to return until proof of attendance at a voluntary session for substance abuse prevention education is produced to the Director of Athletics and/or Principal of the school. At that time reinstatement may be reviewed.**

****Any student-athlete found manufacturing, distributing, or is involved in the sale of any of the above, in or out of the school, will be removed from all athletic teams for a period of 1 year. The student may not return the following year until a hearing with the Athletic Director, Principal of the school, and parent/legal guardian takes place.****



Spectator and Parent Parking / Pick up

- △ If your athlete is playing on the side fields next to the middle school, you may park in the parking lot in front of the side fields **ONLY** until it is full. **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!**
- △ **DO NOT DRIVE OR PARK IN THE BUS LANE-- LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL TICKET VEHICLES.**
- △ Please observe all traffic laws and adhere to the 10mph speed limit on campus.
- △ **Please be respectful to all staff and follow all directions they communicate to you**



Important Up-Coming Dates

Athletic Placement Testing (APP)

August 15, 2024

Must be recommended

All JV, Varsity and Modified Sports start date

August 26, 2024

Varsity and JV Football start date

August 19, 2024

Modified Football start date

August 21, 2024



Breakout Locations

- **Cafeteria (Gym side) – Girls Volleyball**
- **Cafeteria (Aud side) – Boys Volleyball**
- **Gym Boys side- Football**
- **Gym Girls side A – Girls Soccer**
- **Gym Girls side B – Boys Soccer**
- **H - 104 – Cross Country**
- **F -104- Tennis**
- **F-106 – Cheerleading**
- **F-114 - Girls Swim**
- **Small Gym –Golf**





Breakout Sessions Modified Sports

- H - 106 - Mod. Cross Country
- H - 108 - Mod. Football
- H - 112 - Boys Mod Soccer
- H - 102 - Boys Mod. Volleyball
- H - 110 - Girls Mod. Soccer
- H - 104 - Girls Mod. Volleyball