

Rules, Regulations for and Expectations of Wesclin Baseball Players

The goal of the Wesclin Baseball Program is to equip high school and middle school boys with the skills and the attitude to become winners, not only in the sport of baseball, but in life.

It is understood that playing baseball for Wesclin High School is a privilege and not a right. Team rules may be enforced as an addendum or addition to the Wesclin Code of Conduct with regard to behavior at the discretion of the coaching staff and school administration.

Rules and Regulations

I) Academics

- a. Academic standards will be as outlined in the eligibility criteria of the Wesclin student handbook. If you fall below these standards, you will be immediately suspended until a note is received from the teacher of the course(s) you are failing, stating that you have attained a passing grade. This suspension will include both practices and games.

II) Absences/Tardiness

- a. All players will report to games and practice sessions in appropriate attire and with all required equipment at the appointed time.
- b. The coaching staff, prior to its occurrence must grant excused absence or tardiness.
- c. Unexcused absences or tardiness will be dealt with immediately and without regard to the value of the player or the success of the team. Detentions/suspensions at school are considered unexcused.
- d. These behaviors will be punished as outlined in Section III.

III) Penalties

- a. In any 1 season
 - i. 1st offense - on field activity at the discretion of the coaching staff (ex: additional physical conditioning).
 - ii. 2nd offense - suspension from games and practices for 1 calendar week.
 - iii. 3rd offense – termination from the team for that season.
- b. Any level of penalty, including immediate termination from the team may be applied at the discretion of the Head Coach should he believe that the offence is serious enough to warrant that penalty.

IV) Appearance

- a. All players will present themselves to games and practices with short, well-groomed hair and sideburns. Hair should be natural color. Facial hair is not allowed.
- b. There will be no jewelry or body piercing worn at practice sessions or games.

- c. All players will report to practice with all required equipment including long pants and shirts (unless otherwise instructed).
- d. All players will report to games in a clean full uniform. Equipment or uniform parts may not be borrowed from another player. Items will include:
 - i. Uniform pants and shirt
 - ii. Appropriate color undershirt, belt and socks
 - iii. Team cap
- e. These behaviors will be punished as outlined above in Section III.

V) Attitude

- a. Wesclin baseball players and coaches will foster an attitude of respect for each other and attempt to make each other the best players and coaches that they can be. This will apply both on and off of the field. No player should consider himself above or better than any other team member.
- b. The locker rooms, buses or other forms of transportation are considered extension of the playing field.
- c. Cursing, demeaning, or other foul language will not be tolerated.
- d. There will be no fighting or taunting of anyone at anytime. This includes team members and non-team members alike.
- e. These behaviors will be punished as outlined above in Section III.

VI) Care of Equipment

- a. Players are expected to care for their own equipment and not to use anything belonging to anyone else without their permission. There may be a penalty imposed for equipment left at games or practices. This will be outlined at the beginning of each season.
- b. While we understand normal wear from use, team equipment or apparel that is abused (i.e.: helmets, bats, uniforms, catching gear, etc.) will be paid for by the individual(s) involved should that equipment need to be replaced due to said abuse. They will be suspended from the team immediately and until appropriate payment is made. Lesser forms of abuse (i.e.: throwing equipment out of frustration) are also unacceptable.
- c. These behaviors will be punished as outlined above in Section III.

VII) Respect Toward Opponents/Umpires (This applies to both players and their parents/guardians)

- a. Wesclin Baseball is well respected by other coaches, teams, umpires, reporters and scouts. We intend to continue to earn and maintain this level of respect. No player or coach is bigger than this team.
- b. We will treat all opponents with respect. Wesclin players and coaches are expected to cheer for their teammates. Opponents are to be congratulated for outstanding play. There will be no taunting, “trash talking” or other disrespectful behavior. Problems encountered with regard to the other team’s behavior should be answered with silence and reported to the coaching staff or administration for further action.
- c. Umpires will be addressed as: “Mr. Umpire Sir” or “Sir” in a respectful tone of voice. Addressing the umpires by name or other term (ex: “Blue”) is not acceptable. Players will not argue with umpires. Coaches will handle all disagreements.

- d. Parents and fans should not address coaches or players during practices or games. We want to have players full attention at all times. They must remain out of the dugouts and off of the field at all times. Coaches will be available to discuss any issues that you may have at other times. Please call or email to set up an appointment for this.
- e. If you use social media, understand that you will be monitored. While we realize that we cannot restrict your First Amendment rights, we hope that all postings will be of a positive nature toward our team and any opponent.
- f. These behaviors will be punished as outlined above in Section III.

VIII) Tryouts

- a. In the event that tryouts are needed to meet limits for teams at any level, the Head Coach will have final say on all decisions. Criteria will be both objective and subjective. Attitudes and behavior (on and off of the field) will be considered. Coaches will attempt to meet with any player that is cut in an attempt to suggest ways to improve his level of play and will be encouraged to tryout again the following season.

IX) Appeals

- a. Decisions of the Head Coach are final. Any appeal should be made to the Director of Athletics for Wesclin High School.

X) Acknowledgment

- a. **No player will be allowed to participate without this signed acknowledgment!**
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Return this page when signed.

I have read, understand and agree with the Rules, Regulations and Expectations of the Wesclin Baseball Program as outlined in this document.

Player Name (Print)

Player's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date