

Wahkiakum High School - Dual Sport Participation Policy

The athletic department wants to inform all students and parents in the high school of a new policy our school board has adopted for a one-year trial basis. After one year, the school board will review this policy for further use in the years to come. The policy is in regards to students who wish to "dual sport". Our new policy allows students to participate in two sports during the same season regardless of the sports being individual or team. In the past we've allowed a student to participate in only an individual sport or team sport; not two sports simultaneously. This new policy allows a student to participate in two sports during the same time if they choose.

If a student desires to participate in two sports, they must do the following:

- 1) Dual-sport athletes will be required to maintain a minimum 2.5 G.P.A from both the previous quarter and the current quarter during that sport(s) season.
 - a. Signing the contract at the beginning of the season commits each athlete to maintaining a 2.5 G.P.A.; even if the athlete quits one of the two sports, the 2.5 G.P.A. still must be maintained for the remainder of the season in order for the athlete to stay eligible.
- 2) Team sports (i.e. football, volleyball, boys & girls basketball, baseball & softball) take precedent over individual sports (i.e. cross country, cheerleading, wrestling, track & golf). The team sports will be the "primary" sport.
 - a. After conferring with the coach of the secondary sport, the coach of the primary sport will provide the athlete and secondary sport coach with the schedule of practices and events the athlete will attend.
 - b. Approval of a parent is needed for the athlete to participate in two sports.
- 3) The coaches of both sports involved **must** give their approval before participation begins:
 - a. A mandatory meeting needs to be held with the individual coach, student athlete and parent(s).
 - b. Approval of participation and of each set of team rules is to be written and signed by the coaches, student athlete, parent(s), and athletic director.
- 4) The coach of the primary sport has the final say on any questions or concerns.
- 5) An athlete who is removed from a team due to disciplinary reasons will also be removed from any other team they are participating on.
- 6) An athlete who violates training rules or becomes academically ineligible will have suspensions/penalties affect both sports.
- 7) A dual sport athlete who quits one/both of their teams will not have the option to participate in any dual sports for the remainder of their high school career.

It is our goal to have continuous communication between the student/athlete, coaching staff, and athletic department to avoid putting the athlete in a difficult situation. Dual sporting may not be the best situation for all students. For this reason, the meeting between all parties involved is vitally important.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have read and understand the rules/regulations for Dual-Sport Same-Season participation and agree to full compliance for the season specified below:

Season Fall Winter Spring Year _____

Primary Sport _____ Secondary Sport _____

Primary Coach _____ Secondary Coach _____

Athlete Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Athletic Director _____ Date _____