

Character Matters:

Athletes must demonstrate behaviors that reflect positively on Willis Junior High School and the Chandler Unified School District. Behavior that is contrary to this expectation will not be tolerated.

The essence of coaching has more to do with character and contribution than wins and losses. It is measured in strong character and changed lives not trophies, status, or statistics. Real success transcends the bottom-line.

Proper conduct of athletes and spectators in the stands is expected and enforced. We want to make athletics a positive and enjoyable experience for our student athletes, while modeling proper conduct.

East Valley Athletic Conference (EVC):

Willis Junior High School is a member of the EVC and competes with the following schools:

- Andersen Junior High
- Arizona College Prep
- Casteel High School
- Cooley Middle School
- Crismon High School
- Bogle Junior High
- Eastmark High School
- Newell Barney Middle School
- Payne Junior High
- Queen Creek Middle School
- Santan Junior High
- Sossaman Middle School

Willis Junior High adheres to the rules of the National High School Federation and the EVC Constitution, which govern our matches.

For more conference information, please visit the EVC website:

www.eastvalleyconference.org

WJHS ATHLETIC STAFF:

Jeff Delp, Principal

Brett Epstein, Assistant Principal / Athletic Director

Sonia Bonilla, Student Services Clerk

Problem Solving:



If you have a concern related to your child's athletic participation, please contact your child's coach to communicate the issue. They will work with you in

an effort to resolve the problem. If you feel you need further assistance, you may contact Brett Epstein (WJHS Athletic Director) at 480-883-5700.

WJHS Web Site:

Additional athletic information, including directions to EVC schools and game schedules are available on the Willis Junior High website:



<http://www.cusd80.com/Domain/4170>



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WJHS ATHLETICS

FIREBIRD PRIDE!



Willis Junior High School

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WJHS Athletic Program Goals and Expectations:

The goal of the Willis Junior High School athletic program is to provide a positive experience for our student athletes through the teaching of sport skills and the principles of sportsmanship.

Athletes in our program are expected to demonstrate leadership and integrity, on and off the field. It is important that student athletes understand their responsibilities as representatives of Willis Junior High School and that they assume a positive leadership role on our campus—modeling respect and appropriate behavior for other students.

Participation in athletics is a privilege reserved for those students who willingly accept and carry out the academic, behavioral, and social responsibilities that accompany participation in sports.

Eligibility:

Student athletes are role models on our campus and are held to high behavioral and academic standards at all times. Student athletes are expected to demonstrate good citizenship and conduct. In keeping with these expectations, regular behavioral and academic checks will be performed and performance in the classroom and on campus will be monitored. Student athletes must pass all of their classes to remain academically eligible to compete. Students receiving failing grades at the time of grade checks, or progress reports, will be ineligible to participate in games or tournaments until a passing status is achieved (MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK). Students who receive failing grades may also be expected to attend an after school program to raise their grades.

Behavioral Expectations:

Willis athletes are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and sportsmanship (both on and off the court).

Improper conduct on campus, or at sporting events, will not be tolerated. Athletes who are unwilling to accept this responsibility may be dismissed from their team.



Participation Commitment:

Student athletes are expected to make a full commitment to the established East Valley Conference schedule of games for each sport. If an athlete is involved in Club/AAU or other extracurricular activities, he/she must be available for ALL school games and tournament play during the season. Failure/inability to commit to this expectation will prevent a student from being selected to participate in the school's sports program.

Practices:

Team practices are scheduled by the coach based upon team needs and facility availability. Typically, teams practice Monday through Friday. In order to maximize facility usage, coaches may hold practices before or after school. Each individual coach will communicate a practice schedule with athletes and parents.



Playing Time:

All athletes will receive playing time during each regular season game. This does not mean that athletes will receive equal playing time. Playing time during play-off games is left to the discretion of the coach.



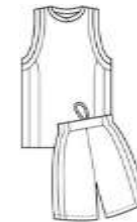
Transportation:

Players are expected to attend all team events and they must arrange their own transportation to and from practices.



Transportation, to and from, away conference games is provided by the district. At away games, parents may pick up their student to transport them home. They may not transport other students. Parents must communicate with the coach prior to taking their student home.

Uniforms:



Team uniforms will be provided to each athlete. It is the responsibility of the athlete to keep the uniform in good condition during the season. Uniforms must be returned to the coach at the end of each season. Athletes who fail to return a uniform will be required to cover the replacement cost. They may be ineligible for participation in future sporting events until the uniform is found or replaced.