



# WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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## The Athletic Experience at Walt Whitman High School

We are continuously working to make your child's participation a positive experience. Whitman Athletics has a long and excellent tradition. We have many State Champions, but more importantly, many students point to their athletic involvement as paramount in their development as a person, a team player, and learning the lessons of winning and losing with class. We want your children to play on our teams and for you to be a supporter of our programs. We always stress good sportsmanship.

## Whitman Athletics on the Web

We have all of our information available on our athletic website. You can find schedules, directions, cancellations, results and much much more. All the coach's emails are also on the website. Please contact the coaches with team related questions. The website is updated quite frequently. All cancellations and rescheduling will be posted on the website first. Please do not call the school.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/whitmanhs/athletics/>

## Our Teams/Coaches/Seasons

### **Fall: Begins August 14**

Football – Jim Kuhn	Field Hockey – Melissa Caswell	Coed-Golf - Karl O'Donoghue
Poms – Kristen Rudolph	Cross Country – Steve Hays	Boys Soccer – Dave Greene
Girls Soccer – Greg Herbert	Girls Volleyball – Meryl Wagman	Girls Tennis – Julie Frank
Cheerleaders – Alana Blanks	Corollary Track and Field – Steve Sutherland	

### **Winter: Begins November 15**

Boys Basketball – Chris Lun	Girls Basketball – Pete Kenah	Wrestling – Derek Manon
Indoor Track – Steve Hays	Swim & Dive – Geoff Schaefer	Cheerleading – Alana Blanks
Poms – Kristen Rudolph		

### **Spring: Begins March 1**

Boys Baseball – Joe Cassidy	Softball – Anne Marie O'Donoghue	Outdoor Track – Steve Hays
Boys Lacrosse – TBA	Girls Lacrosse – Mary Pat Veihmeyer	Boys Tennis – Jasen Gohn
Coed Volleyball – Geoff Schaefer	Boys Volleyball – Hao-lan Chai	Girls Developmental Golf – Andy Lee

## Club Teams

Whitman has many Club Teams that the athletic department does not sponsor. All our Varsity Sports are listed above. Activities such as crew, ice hockey and rugby are club sports and fall under the SGA. I do not have any information on them. Please contact the coach/sponsor directly.

## Tryouts

All the forms you need and information about tryouts can also be found on the athletic website. All forms must be completed and turned into the coach before an athlete may tryout. These forms can be downloaded from our website. We do not have paper copies at school. Forms required for tryouts:

- \*Completed Physical ~ Good for 1 calendar year (365 days). Whitman has a physical day on June 7th. Check the website for information.
- \*Completed parent/student contract. Forms must be signed by both parties.
- \*Medical Emergency Card
- \*Paid ECA Fee. This form is mailed to all MCPS students over the summer. The fee must be paid before the first contest. Do not send it to school. It goes directly to the county.

**NO FORMS = NO TRYOUTS**

**DO NOT SEND FORMS TO SCHOOL ~ GIVE THEM TO THE COACH**

**MAKE COPIES OF YOUR FORMS**

## All Sports Booster Club

The Walt Whitman High Athletics Booster Club is a volunteer organization established to promote school spirit and work to improve our sports teams and clubs. Our primary purpose is to get students, parents, staff and the community involved in our programs so we can improve WWHS athletics. Our athletic program not only serves more than 700 athletes each year on 38 teams, it allows students with other interests and talents, opportunities for growth and innovation. These include trainers, team managers, sports writers, scouts, film crew and editors, still photographers, statisticians, pep band and the marching band. With so many students involved our teams consistently draw enthusiastic crowds. Your contribution to the All-Sports Boosters supplements the limited county funds and resources available for athletic activities in these times of fiscal and budgetary constraints. GET INVOLVED!

## Season and Year Passes

Prior to and during the seasons the Whitman Athletic Department will be selling season and year passes. This will save you a considerable amount of money if you go to many events. The passes are good for *Whitman Home Regular Season Games*. They will not be honored at other schools or during the playoffs. Information of purchasing passes can be found on our website.

## Tryouts/Cuts

Some teams have tryouts and cuts. These cuts are done by the coaches. Each coach that cuts has a written criteria that each parent and athlete must sign before they can participate. Coaches will make their cuts based on their expert analysis of the athlete. Coach's cuts are final. This is competitive high school athletics, not everyone will be able to compete.

## Vacations

All our coaches require your child's attendance at every practice. If you miss tryouts, you miss being on the team. If your child plays a fall sport, make sure they are available to start on or about the second weekend of August. If they play a winter sport; all teams have practices and many play in tournaments over winter break. Spring athletes can look forward to practice and play during spring break. If you schedule a vacation or trip during the season, be prepared for the consequences up to and including removal from the team. This is going to be a big change for some, but we have the same expectations for athletics, that you do for academics. We want Whitman to be the best in everything.

## Final

I hope you will encourage your child to participate in our athletic program. We have many talented and dedicated coaches. WWHS always stresses good sportsmanship. Please cheer in a positive way. Remember, these are amateur athletes and .... kids. Please allow them to play the game. We would ask that you be involved in the athletic department. Volunteer to help your child's team. Join the Booster club. Come enjoy the games!

Thanks and I look forward to meeting you at the events.

