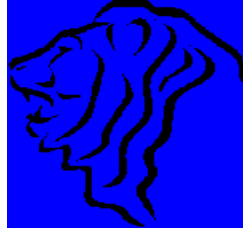


# SWA Athletics Participation and Eligibility Form



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*“Lions Have Pride”*

## SWA Student-Athlete Eligibility Requirements

### Attendance

- Must follow SWA attendance policy, which requires students to miss no more than 19 days for the previous semester and includes all absences. Student may appeal the SWA policy for extenuating circumstances to the Director. Director’s decisions are final.
- SWA requires the student-athlete to be present at least a half-day to participate in practices, scrimmages and or meetings for that day. (Student-athletes must be present for a half-day on the prior Friday to be eligible to participate in a Saturday game or practice.)

### Academics

- Must meet promotion requirements at their school to be eligible for the fall semester.
- Must earn passing grades in five subjects during each semester in order to be eligible for participation during the succeeding semester.
- During a sports’ season, an SWA student-athlete will be placed on athletic probation after the first nine weeks in which the student athlete’s grades are below 1.5 GPA and also not passing five subjects or more. The student may continue to practice and play as long as a tutoring plan is in place with the teacher of the subjects they are failing. If the student-athlete does not meet the academic eligibility requirements at the semester grades, the student-athlete will become ineligible to practice, scrimmage or play until such time as the academic requirements are met.
- SWA also requires a cumulative overall grade point average in all work completed at SWA of 1.5 or above.

### Enrollment

- Must be a properly enrolled student at SWA and attend SWA on a regular basis or Pace Academy for Women's basketball.

#### Medical Examination

- Must receive a medical examination once every 365 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.
- Must be released by a licensed physician if absent from athletic practice for five or more days due to illness or injury.

#### Other SWA Requirements

- Must not be convicted of a felony in this or any other state, or adjudicated as a delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult in this or any other state.
- May not play, sit on the bench, or practice if ineligible.
- To maintain amateur status, the athlete must not accept money or awards having utilitarian value (golf balls, clubs, tennis rackets and balls).
- Must not have signed a professional contract, played on a junior college team or be enrolled and attending class in college.

#### Other SWA Policy

- May not participate in practice or play the same day if student has been removed from a classroom for behavior or Out-of-school Suspension (OSS).
- May not participate at a second school against SWA in the same sport season.
- The coach determines playing time of student-athletes, however playing time is generally earned based on academic performance, positive behavior in school and at school events, appropriate participation in sports' meetings and practices and finally talent and ability.
- The coach, athletic director, or director may limit or suspend player participation for unsportsman-like behavior deemed detrimental to the image of SWA. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, technical fouls, yellow/red cards, taunting of opponents players' etc... A student-athlete may appeal a suspension to the director. The director's decision is final.

## **SWA Coach, Player and Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**

If You Have A Concern To Discuss With A Coach, The Procedure You Should Follow Is:

1. Call or e-mail the coach to schedule an appointment.

2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the School Athletic Director; he/she will set a meeting for you.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolutions.
4. Confrontation of an inappropriate and aggressive nature can be grounds for suspension of anyone from attendance at future SWA athletic contests. The director's decision is final.

## Appropriate/Inappropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches

The following topics are appropriate for discussion:

- The treatment of your child.
- Ways to help your child improve his/her skills.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child not playing as much as you had hoped. Coaches make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach.

Coaches are not expected to respond to questions involving the following topics:

- Amount of playing time, positioning, and event entry.
- Team strategies, game tactics, play calling.
- Any discussion about other student athletes.

## Player/Coach Conferences

All coaches should have an open-door policy for conferences with players. Players need to have confidence that their concerns will be heard and addressed with respect and confidentiality in a timely manner.

## Parent/Coach/Player Conferences

If a parent /coach conference is scheduled (by appointment), SWA recommend the following guidelines:

- The coach will meet with the parent or two parents or guardians of one player at a time. The coach is not expected to approve requests to meet with larger groups.

## Parent/Guardian/Spectator Sportsmanship Expectations

1. Remember that s/he is at a contest to support and yell for the team and to enjoy the skill and competition, not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.

2. Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
3. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as if they are a guest in your home.
4. Refrain from taunting or making **any kind** of derogatory remarks to the opponents during the game.
5. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

## **INJURY DISCLOSURE**

While our coaches will prepare your child for competition at the High School level, no amount of preparation can eliminate the chance for injury. Participation in high school athletics can result in serious and catastrophic injury or death. Southern Wake Academy does maintain liability insurance; however, it is highly recommended that you maintain medical insurance on your child during the sports season.

By signing below you are agreeing to all of the stipulations listed in the student-athlete disclosure for Southern Wake Academy.

Student-Athlete name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student-Athlete signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Problems and Emergency Contact Information**

**If there are any health problems, such as allergies (including insect bites/stings or severe food allergies) please attach a letter of explanation and/or doctor's note.**

**Please fill out contact information.**

Parent/Guardian Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

# **SWA Ride Form**

Return this portion on the first day of school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's name

Yes, I give my child permission to ride with another student to practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

No, I do not give my child permission to ride with another student to practice. I understand my child will ride with the adult coach.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

My child may drive to practice during the week and to away games.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature