

Weakley County Board of Education



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2 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of,
3 be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic
4 program of the school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes.¹
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6 Notwithstanding the requirements of the paragraph above, a recipient may operate or sponsor
7 separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon
8 competitive skill or the activity involved in a contact sport. However, where a recipient operates
9 or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one sex but operates or sponsors no such
10 team for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities for members of that sex have
11 previously been limited, members of the excluded sex must be allowed to try-out for the team
12 offered unless the sport involved is a contact sport. For the purposes of this part, contact sports
13 include boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball and other sports the purpose or
14 major activity of which involves bodily contact.
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16 Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege offered by the school. Students must
17 adhere to established rules and codes of conduct for each activity. It is the responsibility of the
18 student to adhere to the prescribed rules and codes of conduct. Failure to abide by such codes
19 may result in consequences up to, and including, removal from participation.
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21 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be
22 the principal's responsibility. The principal or his/her designee must accompany an athletic team
23 on trips.
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25 School athletics shall be coached only by regularly employed personnel if governed by TSSAA
26 regulations. Full-time administrators will serve the entire school day performing administrative
27 duties. These persons may be assigned coaching duties during hours outside of the regular school
28 day. Volunteers who assist with coaching at any school must be approved by the principal, the
29 Director of Schools and the Board.
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31 There shall be a complete annual physical examination of every student prior to his/her
32 participation in interscholastic athletics.² Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or
33 guardian of the student. These records shall be on file in the principal's office.
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35 Each parent or guardian is encouraged to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all
36 students participating in interscholastic athletics.
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38 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school
39 or any group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football,

Legal References:

¹ Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.; 34 CFR § 106.41
² TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)

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1 basketball or any similar game within the regular school hours of any school day of the week
2 without written permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular
3 physical training lessons in the daily school program.³

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5 Coaches and other employees of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone or
6 tolerate hazing activities as part of the athletic program.⁴

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8 Students shall not be disqualified from participation on a school athletic team solely on the basis
9 of participation in another sport except where the season overlaps by more than two weeks.
10 Principals shall ensure that practices are confined to established seasons and that school
11 regulations regarding participation in a sport are reasonable.

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13 Students who move out of their school area but who wish to continue attendance in the original
14 school may continue to participate in athletics. The Board specifically forbids the recruitment of
15 students in any fashion.

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17 Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office.

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19 Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board.

20 21 **STUDENT SAFETY**

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23 No action shall be taken by any coach or athlete that will endanger the safety of any participant.

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25 Initiations shall be conducted with a dignity in keeping with the purposes of the organization.
26 The nature of any initiation shall be outlined and presented in writing to the club sponsor and the
27 principal of the school for approval prior to the actual initiation. Hazing of students is strictly
28 prohibited. Any organization which permits an initiation to go beyond the scope of activities
29 planned and previously approved will be suspended until reinstated by the principal.

30 31 **MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

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33 Athletics are co-curricular sports activities under the direct control of the school principal. The
34 principal will be directly accountable to the director of schools and the Board in all matters
35 pertaining to athletics, according to TSSAA regulations. Weakley County middle schools will:

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37 1. Play a maximum of eight (8) regular season football games.
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39 2. Game starting times will be set by the schools.
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Legal References:

³ TCA 49-6-1002

⁴ TCA 49-2-120

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- 1 3. Play a maximum of 20 games during a school year. Tournaments shall count as two
2 games notwithstanding the number of games in which each team participates in a
3 tournament.⁵
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- 5 4. If a student is 15 before August 1 of that school year, he/she is ineligible to play football
6 or basketball.
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- 8 5. A student repeating a grade is ineligible for the entire season.
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- 10 6. An eighth grader who has passing grades and is retained at the request of his/her parent(s)
11 or guardian(s) becomes ineligible to play football or basketball in middle school.
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- 13 7. Any school athletic program found in violation of requirements above shall forfeit the
14 game in which the ineligible student participated.
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- 16 8. The coaches will mail a list of players and their ages to the director of school's office
17 before their first football or basketball game.
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- 19 9. A student who participates in a sport at one Weakley County school is not eligible to
20 participate in that same sport at another Weakley County school during that same school
21 year.
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- 23 10. All change of eligibility for the second semester will take effect on the first day of the
24 second semester. Amendments to the eligibility list in the director of school's office must
25 be made prior to participation in any games during the second semester.
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- 27 11. The middle school football teams (schools not members of TMSAA) are to be the
28 Reelfoot Conference. A championship and a runner-up trophy will be awarded. Each
29 member will pay \$25.00 at the beginning of the year for the cost of trophies. Coaches will
30 select the All-Conference Team. The number to be selected All-Conference will be
31 determined at the end of each season. Schools will pay for their own players' awards.
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- 33 12. The middle school basketball teams will have a Weakley County Class A tournament to
34 determine the Class A champion and runner-up. If Martin Middle decides to participate in
35 the tournament (prior to the season starting) then the tournament will be the Weakley
36 County Tournament with a Weakley County champion and runner-up. Coaches will
37 select the All-Weakley County Class A Team.
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- 39 13. The following rotation will be followed to determine the location for the Weakley County
40 Class A basketball tournament: 1. Gleason, 2. Dresden, 3. Martin, 4. Sharon, 5.
41 Greenfield.
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Legal Reference:

⁵ TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.08(2)

1 **SECONDARY ATHLETICS**

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3 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and
4 control of secondary athletics.⁶ No credit will be awarded for interscholastic athletic practice
5 during the school day.

Legal Reference:

⁶ TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.08(1)