



**Wadsworth High School
Athletic Department
Guidelines for Club Sports**



The following are a list of guidelines that must be followed to be considered a club sport by the Wadsworth City Schools Board of Education and the Wadsworth High School Athletic Department. Failure to meet any of these guidelines will result in the denial of club sports consideration or elimination of club sports status.

1. A written proposal must be submitted to the Wadsworth City Schools Athletic Council for consideration of club sports status.
2. Athletic Council will consider the proposal and determine if a recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education by the Superintendent.
3. If club status is granted, the following items must be adhered to:
 - a. Use of the school name – “Wadsworth Grizzlies”
 - b. Use of school colors – red and white
 - c. Use of Board approved school logos
 - d. Follow all OHSAA regulations and bylaws
 - e. All athletes must have a current physical form & other necessary preseason forms on file in the athletic office in order to participate
 - f. All athletes will follow athletic eligibility standards and Code of Conduct guidelines established by Wadsworth City Schools
 - g. All coaches will acquire all necessary certifications required by the OHSAA, Ohio Department and Wadsworth City Schools Board of Education
 - h. The head coach will hold a preseason informational parent meeting at least 2 weeks before the first official regular season contest
4. If club status is granted, Wadsworth City Schools CANNOT incur any costs, nor will there be any expectations towards the following:
 - a. Uniforms
 - b. Transportation
 - c. League, coaches or association dues
5. If club status is granted, use of school facilities is permitted. The club falls under the school district’s rental policy – no rental fee will be assessed, however, custodial fees may incur for home contests.
6. If club status is granted, the club will be permitted to purchase, at their expense, the district-approved club sport letter. At no time will the club be permitted to purchase Varsity letters or other school-sponsored awards.

7. If club status is granted, attendance at school-sponsored post-season awards banquets will not be permitted. However, the club may hold their own post-season banquet and use school facilities if so desired.
8. If club status is granted, affiliation with the Wadsworth All-Sports Boosters will be prohibited.
9. If club status is granted, the \$100 Activity Assessment Fee paid by all varsity and sub-varsity sports would be waived.
10. For an approved club sport to be considered for varsity sport status, a written proposal must be submitted to the Wadsworth City Schools Athletic Council for consideration. In addition, the following will occur:
 - a. The sport being considered MUST be an OHSAA-sanctioned sport
 - b. Must demonstrate a pattern of sustainability over a period of time
 - c. Sustained participation numbers for at least the most recent 3 consecutive years
 - d. A cost benefit analysis will be conducted and submitted to the superintendent for consideration of varsity status
 - e. Based on the criteria listed above, Athletic Council will consider the proposal and determine if a recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education by the Superintendent.
 - f. The Board of Education may consider elevation from club sport to varsity sport based on a recommendation from the Superintendent