

Policies

Westerly Public Schools

No. 6190

Individual Participation in Interscholastic Competition

The Westerly School Committee recognizes the value of student participation in interscholastic sports competition. However, the Westerly school Committee also recognizes that it is not possible to offer and fund all sports eligible for interscholastic competition. Therefore, the School Committee has approved the participation of individual students in interscholastic competition on the following basis:

- Requirements of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) for individual competition must be followed by the student.
- Regulations of the Westerly School Department for individual participation.
- No more than three students may participate as individuals in interscholastic competition in any one sport. The first three students qualifying under the regulations for this policy may participate.
- Coaches, volunteer or paid, must meet the State of Rhode Island certification requirements and the standards of the Westerly School Department. Such Coach(es) shall be approved by the Athletic Director.
- The individual student and parent or guardian shall hold the Westerly School Committee, its agents and employees harmless of all liability associated with individual participation.
- The costs of individual competition shall be borne entirely by the individual(s) participating unless prior approval for such cost is received from the Westerly School Committee or its authorized agents.

These costs shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Regular cost of team participation in a sport levied by the RIIL.
2. Coach(es).
3. Travel.
4. Uniform(s), equipment, and supplies.
5. Appropriate insurance coverage.

The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations and forms for the implementation of this policy.

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