



Wheaton Academy Warrior Football Code of Expectations

A Wheaton Academy Warrior football player is held to a standard vastly greater than most other high school football players. A member of the Warrior football team is first and foremost a part of a community committed to live out Wheaton Academy's motto - ***Soli Deo Gloria***, "to the Glory of God Alone". If you pause and reflect on what this motto truly means, you would come to the conclusion that every aspect of our lives, including your involvement on this team, is not merely for your own personal benefit or the living out of your unique story. Rather, by confessing ***Soli Deo Gloria*** we acknowledge our life's alignment and commitment to the Creator of the Universe.

In addition to our commitment to live our lives to the *Glory of God Alone*, we live with a mindset of service to others above ourselves with excellence. Therefore we fully embrace Wheaton Academy's values of ***Excellence, Relationships and Service to the Glory of God***.

What does this look like practically, day to day? To answer this, WA Football has embraced and adapted Coach Mike Swider's ***A Dozen Demands on Everyone, Every Day***.

A Wheaton Academy Football Player...

1. IS INTERNALLY MOTIVATED

You must commit to become someone who desires to be motivated, challenged, confronted, and who embraces criticism.

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:58

2. HAS INTEGRITY

Are you the same person alone as you are with others? Can you be trusted? Does your life's actions align with your mouth's words?

The integrity of the upright guides others, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them - Prov. 11:3

3. HAS THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

Having a perspective on the “big picture” avoids getting emotionally caught up and entangled in the myriad of things that matter little.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. - Colossians 3:2

4. IS COMMITTED

Quitting cannot be an option. Others are depending on you and you are depending on them. Can they count on you?

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. - Psalm 37:5

5. IS SELFLESS, HUMBLE AND SERVICE ORIENTED

Personal fulfillment never comes through self-gratification. Pursue a cause greater than yourself alone.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. - Romans 12:10

6. IS MISSION CONSCIOUS

Are you driven by a cause or are you driven by your glory?

*And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”
- Mark 16:15*

7. VALUES PEOPLE

People are not objects, they are human beings made in the image of God. Pursue healthy, edifying relationships with them.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart. - 1 Peter 1:22

8. IS DISCIPLINED

Can you hold fast? Are you willing to labor with no immediate return? Things of significant value may not be obtained through an immediate return, but are realized over long periods of time.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. - Hebrews 12:11

9. STRIVES TO BECOME COMPETENT

Are you committed to become dependable and reliable in your position? Do you give great effort and pay attention to detail? Are you coachable? A self-starter?

That the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. - 1 Timothy 3:17

10. IS ENTHUSIASTIC AND ENCOURAGING

Are you a powerful, positive presence? Do people walk away from you inspired, or discouraged?

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

11. HAS MORAL COURAGE

Do what is right and have the ability to act in spite of your fears or peer pressure.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. - 2 Timothy 1:7

12. UNDERSTANDS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING ON THE TEAM

Know who you are! Don't forget the importance of the responsibility you have to your fellow teammates.

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:2

A Wheaton Academy Football Player is a LEADER!

PLAYER COMMITMENT

Each player who signs their name agrees to reflect the attributes above to the best of their ability and to be a member of the Wheaton Academy football team for the duration of an entire single season, concluding at the year-end banquet.

Signature of Athlete/Printed Name/Date

Signature of Coach