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W4 Sample

Essay Prompt:

In some high schools and most colleges, students who fail a certain number of academic courses are ineligible to participate in interscholastic or intercollegiate athletics until their grades have improved. Do you believe it is proper to link participation in athletics to classroom performance? Write an essay in which you defend or criticize this policy.

General Comments:

These changes are great, and really enhance the essay! I had a few minor suggestions/changes and they are mostly grammatical. Your intro and conclusions are especially strong and you articulate your points well. Good work especially in the editing and rewriting process-it can be difficult to review and change your own work but you have done a nice job with that.

Score: 6 out of 6

Essay Body

I believe that it is proper to link participation in athletics to classroom performance. In most high schools and colleges, students who fail a number of academic courses cannot participate in athletics. This is a great idea because it teaches that in order to play; the students must be a solid support behind them, consisting of grades and behavior in school.

High school students understand that playing sports is a privilege, not a right. They only have the right to “audition” for those sports. The coaches choose the players on his team, whether it be basketball, baseball, football, golf, water polo, or swim team.

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Suggested Changes

- strong opening, clearly stated and convincing
- replace “;” with a comma here

the consideration of how well the student is doing in school, and how his behavior is in classes. The coaches must consider everything before accepting the member; in order for individual is a good fit for the team and other team members. That way, the coach can ensure that everything will run perfectly, because team members who work together well ensure the success of the team.

Athletics are team sports. Classrooms are a measure of how well an individual is suited for a team. It is proper and essential to link participation in school to athletics, because it is worth it to both the coaches and the players.

- the second part of this sentence is a little awkward, did you mean “in order for an individual to be a good fit”? this might just need a little rewording to make sure it flows smoothly

> great conclusion (good wrap up and explanations to support your ideas)

General Comments:

I think this is a great essay and you have done a very nice job. You have a very concise and clear writing style, but also a good vocabulary which you demonstrate in this essay. You also have good grammatical skills, but be careful not to put too many commas into sentences (it helps me to read the sentence I am writing out loud to hear where my voice naturally pauses or breaks to find where a comma would help alert the reader to something important, or emphasize a point or a pause) and also be sure to make your verbs match your subjects (either singular or plural). You have a good introduction which you support well with details and examples. Keep working, and this will be an even better essay!

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Suggested Changes

- good clear opening (simply put, you clearly state your thoughts and address the issue of the essay)

is a great idea, because it teaches that in order to play, there must be a solid support behind it, consisting of grades and behavior in school.

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- too many commas in this sentence, can take the comma out after “idea” and “behind it” –that creates unnecessary breaks in the sentence

- put audition is double quotes “ “

- this is a good point about the privilege of sports and not the right, you could potentiall elaborate by saying that this right is something earned, or that serves as a reward for good work/behavior/etc. & that there should be consequences to not behaving as one is supposed to (ie. Getting good grades)

- the phrasing for this sentence is a little awkward- consider rephrasing from “in order that he or she will be the best fit for the team and other team members” . maybe “ to ensure this individual is a good fit for the team” as a suggestion
- take out the comma after “way” and consider supporting this sentence with a reason why this will run perfectly (I understand what you are saying, but it would strengthen your sentence to explain how a good student would also be a good team player., would strengthen the team, etc.)

- change “is” to “are” (athletics are plural)

school to athletics, because it is worth it to both the coaches and the players.