

EAST LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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PREFACE

The coaches, administration, and athletic director believe that the philosophy and purpose of interscholastic athletics is to build character and discipline by participating in athletics. Due to the special program and training of student athletes, a set of training rules should be adopted to protect the athletic program and the rights of the student athlete who participates in the athletic program. The coaches, administration, and athletic director feel that is a voluntary privilege and not a right to participate in the Athletic Program in the East Liverpool School System.

A STUDENT WILL BE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM IF HE/SHE CHOOSES NOT TO FOLLOW THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY THIS CODE.

This code of conduct includes all athletes in all interscholastic athletic events at all levels offered in the East Liverpool City School System. The athlete may be denied the privilege of athletic participation by the head coach, athletic director, or principal. The student and his parents may appeal the denial of participation to the Athletic Hearing Board within seventy-two (72) hours. The student at that time will be given an opportunity to present his side of the alleged infraction to the hearing board. The decision of the Athletic Hearing Board will be given to the student with seventy-two (72) hours of the hearing. The Athletic Hearing Board shall consist of the High School Principal, the Athletic Director, and a coach not involved with the sport in question.

EQUIPMENT

- A. Every athlete who has completed a season in his/her sport must turn in all issued equipment to the equipment manager 1 day after final participation in that sport. An athlete who does not comply with this policy will not be permitted to practice or participate in any interscholastic event.
- B. Any equipment lost or assumed stolen must be returned or paid for in the amount necessary to replace the exact item.
- C. An athlete who has not complied with the above rules will not receive any awards, letters, etc, or be permitted to attend team banquets and functions until proper reparation has been made.
- D. A list of athletes who are deficient in these matters will be given, by the equipment manager, to the building principal for further action.

USE OF TOBACCO

Any participant determined to be using any form of tobacco products – in or out of school – in season (<=>) by the school administration, coaching staff, or local or state authority, shall be denied participation for the remainder of that season.

Out of season infractions will be dealt with by coach, player, and family. <> In season refers to the designated season dates determined by O.H.S.A.A.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The use, possession or distribution of drugs, "look-alike" drugs, or alcoholic beverages will not be permitted by student athletes at any time – in or out of school. An athlete shall be defined as a student participating from the first day of practice in any sport until the first day of practice in the same sport the following year. Any student athlete determined to have violated this policy by the school administration, coaching staff, or local and/or state authorities will be subject to the following minimum consequences.

First Offence

(1) The student shall be denied participation in the Athletic Program until the beginning of the O.H.S.A.A. defined season of the current sport the following year.

(2) Following the completion of his/her current sport season, the student may Make a written request to the Athletic Hearing Board for conditional reinstatement to the privilege of participation in the athletic program provided he/she has:

- (a) Provided evidence of completing a substance abuse assessment evaluation through the Family Recovery Center; or other similar agency qualified to perform such Assessment and approved by the Athletic Hearing Board
- (b) Provided he/she complies with all recommendations and/or programs resulting from the above assessment
- (c) Provided he/she refrains from distributing, possessing, using, or consuming any alcoholic beverages and/or drugs throughout his/her high school enrollment

Second Offence

(1) The student shall be denied the privilege of participation in the Athletic Program for the remainder of their high school enrollment.

STEALING

An athlete determined to have been stealing will be removed from the team. If an athlete has in his possession stolen goods, failure to return the goods to school or teammates is cause for removal from the team.

PRE-PARTICIPATION

It is the responsibility of the athlete and parents (guardians) to make sure the athlete has a properly signed and completed physical card, emergency medical release form (available in the main office) and with this form, adequate insurance coverage with the school, or a signed Insurance Waiver Form, and a signed copy of this Athletic Code on file with the building principal. Failure to meet any of the above items will forfeit the privilege by the athlete to attend practices and participate in interscholastic events.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Student eligibility, determined and interpreted by the Ohio High Athletic Association, will be followed according to the by-laws and constitution of the association.

OTHER INFRACTIONS

Items not explicitly covered in this code such as insubordination, vandalism, truancy, profanity, etc., will be dealt with as stated in the student conduct code.

SUPPLEMENTAL CODES

A supplement to this athletic code is the prerogative of the head coach on matters during his particular season.

FIGHTING

Board policy section JGB – Student Discipline, states that any student who is participating in or in attendance at any athletic or school sponsored event, and commits an act of aggression or retaliation, as determined by an administrative investigation, shall be excluded from further participation and/or attendance at all athletic or school events for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the infraction.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC STANDING

The Ohio High School Athletic Association regulations specify:

A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasure benefits derived therefrom. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:

- a. competing for money or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals, and lodging expense may be accepted),
- b. receiving any award, playing equipment, or prize of monetary value which exceeds the amount approved by the association,
- c. capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).
- d. signing a professional playing contract in that sport,
- e. failing to return player equipment and uniforms issued by a non-school team or organization when the season for the sport is concluded.

NCAA ADMISSION STANDARDS

Athletes considering the possibility of earning an athletic scholarship to an NCAA Division 1 or 2 university should see their counselor as soon as possible after entering high school. To be eligible for one of these scholarships, the student athlete must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. This is your responsibility as a Prospective Student Athlete.

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

East Liverpool School District

PART I – Rights and Responsibilities: Students attend East Liverpool Schools under the direction of state law and with full benefits or constitutional protection for their rights as citizens. They therefore can act, speak or behave as young citizens within a large scope of options. This code, published in conformity with Ohio Revised Code 3313.661 specifies the school's expectations. Schools have a right to reasonable behavior from students Freedom carries with it responsibilities for all concerned.

PART II – Conduct Code: A violation of any rule may result in disciplinary action, including corporal punishment, detention class, suspension, and expulsion.

Rule 1 Disruption of School A student shall not, by use of violence, force, coercion or threat, cause material disruption or obstruction to the carrying on of a normal school day, including all curricular and extra-curricular activities. Students also will not advocate or incite others to cause disruption of the Of the educational process or to violate school rules.

Rule 2 Damage and/or Theft of Property A student shall not cause or attempt damage and/or theft to school or private property on school premises during a school activity, function or event on school grounds.

Rule 3 Assault (Physical and/or Menacing) A student shall not act or behave in such a way could cause or threaten to cause physical injury to another person.

Rule 4 Dangerous Weapons and Instruments A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or conceal any object which might be considered a weapon or instrument of violence capable of harming another person.

Rule 5 Tobacco Students shall comply with the smoking policy instituted in the High School. Rules, regulations and punishment for violations are published in the Student Handbook.

Rule 6 Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal or be under the influence of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, or drugs.

Rule 7 Insubordination A student shall not disregard or refuse to obey Reasonable directions or commands given by school personnel.

Rule 8 Frightening, Degrading, or Disgraceful Acts A student shall not engage in Any act which frightens, degrades, or disgraces other persons by written, verbal, Physical, or gestural means.

Rule 9 Profanity and/or Obscene Language A student shall not use profanity or obscene language. This includes written, verbal gestures, signs, pictures, or publications.

Rule 10 Inappropriate Dress A student shall not dress or appear in a fashion deemed inappropriate in accordance with the East Liverpool Board of Education.

Rule 11 Truancy Students and parents have the responsibility to cooperate in such cases with school officials. Excessive absence is also considered a parental responsibility without documentation from a doctor.

Rule 12 Tardiness Excessive tardiness by a student is most certainly the responsibility of students and parents.

Rule 13 Absences without Permission Students shall not be permitted to leave school or assigned classes without consent of the building principal and in accordance with procedures of East Liverpool Board of Education Policy.

Part III-Scope The above Rules of Conduct apply to all students attending the East Liverpool City Schools and involved in activities of the regular school day, all school-related activities, and that portion of the school day when transportation is to provide to and from school.

Part IV – The East Liverpool Board of Education established these Rules of Conduct as its intent to comply with the Ohio Revised Code 3313.661 and designated the Superintendent of Schools or his designee as the hearing officer for suspension appeals. The hearing officer shall establish the ground rules for appeal hearings, determine procedures, decide who shall be present, and other details.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND HEREBY AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE ATHLETIC CODE DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT, AND ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL ELIGIBILITY CODES AS STATED ABOVE.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

I, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF _____
ATHLETE'S NAME

HAVE READ THE ABOVE ATHLETIC CODE, DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIOR ELIGIBILITY CODE AND AGREE WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

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I ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE THAT COACHES AND OTHER PERSONNEL HIRED BY THE EAST LIVERPOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE TRAINED AND QUALIFIED TO DIRECT AND SUPERVISE INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS PROGRAMS. AS THERE IS AN INHERENT RISK AND DANGER IN THE PARTICIPATIION IN ANY INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT, I RECOGNIZE THIS FACT AND GIVE MY SON/DAUGHTER PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OF EAST LIVERPOOL HIGH SCHOOL.

AS THE PARENTS OF _____, I RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE EAST LIVERPOOL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LIABILITY DUE TO PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS OR DAMAGE TO ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES OF EAST LIVERPOOL HIGH SCHOOL.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE

