

ATHLETIC

Eastern Greene High School



A Southwestern Indiana Athletic Conference School



HANDBOOK

Approved by the Eastern Greene School Board.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Good sportsmanship is a characteristic that we desire to be exhibited by members of our athletic teams. We take a proactive stance and encourage good sportsmanship to grow and remain strong for many years to come. Good sportsmanship demands that our players be good people, take responsibility for their actions, and show consideration for all others. We expect teams to show pride in their abilities, have humility in their accomplishments, and display great confidence without arrogance. Teams are expected to exhibit the same characteristics in victory or defeat. Teams will show respect for opponents, officials, and fans.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Eastern Greene Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or individuals with disabilities, including limited English proficiency, in its programs or employment policies as required by the Indiana Civil Rights Act (I.C. 22 (Educational Amendments), and Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act. Of - 9.1), Title VI and VII (Civil Rights Act of 1964), the Equal Pay Act of 1973, Title IX 1973).

Eastern Greene High School

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*Random pool drug testing participation **will be required** of all students who are involved in extracurricular activities and all students who drive to and/or from school. A consent form must be signed by the student and parent/guardian before participating in extracurricular activities and before being allowed driving privileges. Individualized reasonable suspicion may warrant the administration of a drug test.

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PURPOSE

This handbook is designed to explain the rules, regulations, and policies relative to participation in athletics at Eastern Greene High School. It is the belief of the coaches, administration, and Eastern Greene Schools Board of Trustees that participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, and that as a representative of the high school, school system, and community, a student is expected to assume certain responsibilities and to live up to certain expectations. It is the purpose of this document to clarify those expectations.

Authority for conduct of athletics in Indiana is governed by the

Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) via the principles of member schools. The principle is assisted by the athletic director and head coaches.

As stated in the IHSAA By-Laws; any school may establish their own set of guidelines above and beyond those established by the state.

IMPORTANT

It is the responsibility of the student/athlete and legal guardian to read this handbook before signing and returning Parent/Student Agreement Signature Card included in this booklet. Your signature indicates that you have read, understand, and will abide by all IHSAA and EGHS regulation as stated. A copy of the Parent/Student Agreement must be on file in the athletic office before any athlete may participate in any organized competition at EGHS. Only one signed "Agreement Card" is required for a student's high school athletic career.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Eastern Greene High School Athletic Department believes a competitive athletic program is a significant part of the total education experience. EGHS provides a program of interscholastic athletics which places an emphasis on developing the individual by providing a broad program of athletic activities and wholesome competition, with appropriate equipment, facilities, and competent supervision and coaching.

Proper administration of the athletic program is essential to insure the well-being of the participant and the maintenance of a wholesome program. The coaching staff, athletic director, and high school principal administer the program within the policies established by the coach, athletic director, high school principal, IHSAA, and the local school board.

Games with neighboring and conference schools have a primary purpose of promoting friendly rivalry, new friendships, playing skills, sportsmanship, and improved community relations.

EGHS ATHLETIC PROFILE

Eastern Greene has developed a rich and proud tradition in athletics. The school and community take pride in our accomplishments. Our athletes have won championships at the conference, sectional, regional, and semi-state levels.

EGHS offers a variety of athletic programs for its students. There are fifteen sports opportunities for boys and girls at EGHS. Boys are offered a seven-sport program including cheerleading, cross country, and football in the fall; basketball & cheerleading in the winter; and baseball, golf, and track in the spring. Girls are offered an eight-sport program including cross country, cheerleading, golf, and volleyball in the fall; basketball, cheerleading, and dance in the winter; and softball and track in the spring. All students with sufficient ability are eligible to "try-out," provided they meet the established scholastic standards and conduct requirement.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Representing Eastern Greene High School is an honor and privilege granted to students who are willing to make the sacrifices and commitment to meet the high standards expected of students serving as ambassadors for the school. Students representing the high school through their participation in extracurricular activities are expected to be positive role models by exhibiting a higher standard of conduct than students not serving as representatives of Eastern Greene High School. A student who brings discredit, embarrassment, or shame to the school by not abiding by the behavioral expectations may lose the right to represent EGHS.

The following requirements shall be in effect once a student-athlete enrolls in high school and continues until his/her graduation from Eastern Greene High School. In other words, an EGHS athlete will be held accountable for his/her actions 365 days a year.

FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Show respect for coaches and teammates at all times.
2. Show respect for your opponents at all times.
3. Always respect the contest officials and abide by their decisions.
4. Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest in which you are competing.
5. Maintain self-control at all times, regardless of the situation.
6. Recognize and appreciate the skill in performance of your teammates and opponents.

In addition to the rules and regulations for students at Eastern Greene High School, athletic program participants are also governed by the following athletic code.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A. DUTIES OF THE PRINCIPAL

The Principal shall have complete charge of the athletic program. This is an IHSAA regulation. The Principal has the right and the duty to suspend student-athletes if the behavior of an athlete is not in compliance with the student code of conduct. **As designated by the Principal, the Athletic Director will oversee the conduct and discipline of the athletic program. Administration withholds the right to review student infractions on a case by case basis and adjust consequences accordingly.**

B. MEDICAL CLEARANCE (PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION, PPE; COMMONLY CALLED THE "PHYSICAL")

1. A physical examination is required for each student athlete each school year. A physical examination received after April 1, of any year is valid from the date of examination through the following school year.
2. All physical examinations must be recorded on the CURRENT Student Parent Physician Certificate provided by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (See website for IHSAA Physical Form)
3. The physician conducting the examinations must have an unlimited license to practice medicine.
4. Beginning June 1 of each year, no student is to practice or participate in any sport before they have a Student Parent Physician Form on file in the Athletic Office.
5. It is possible for a student to be eligible for one or more spots while not being eligible for others.
6. Student athletes, properly certified to participate in interscholastic athletics, who are absent from school for five consecutive days, or who are physically unable to practice for five consecutive days due to illness or injury, must present a statement from a physician who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine to the Principal

certifying that they are again physically able to participate in practices and athletic contests.

C. ATHLETIC INSURANCE

1. Athletic Insurance is recommended for all members of athletic teams.
2. The Indiana High School Athletic Association provides insurance for all Indiana High School student athletes that includes a \$25,000 deductible clause. Each athlete is covered from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Insurance to cover the first \$25,000 in expense is the responsibility of the athlete and the parents/guardians.
3. **The Eastern Greene Athletic Department provides NO athletic insurance for the participants other than that provided by the IHSAA.**

D. IHSAA ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. Participation in athletics is a privilege earned by meeting the standards set by Eastern Greene High School, the Southwestern Indiana Athletic Conference, and the IHSAA.
2. In the event of questions regarding eligibility, contact the Athletic Director or the Principal before eligibility is endangered.
3. To be eligible to represent your school in Interschool Athletics:
 - a. You must be a regular, bona fide student in good standing in the school you represent.
 - b. You must be enrolled no later than the fifteenth day of the current semester.
 - c. An athlete must pass 70% of their full credit subjects. Semester grades take precedence:
 - 1.) 9th – 12th graders must pass 5 out of 7 classes in order to compete.

- 2.) If a student is taking a ½ credit class (ex. teacher or library assistant), they may not have any more than 1 F.

- E. **IHSAA AGE RULE:** A student who is or shall be twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be ineligible for interschool athletic competition in that sport. A student who is nineteen (19) years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be eligible as the age in interschool athletic competition in that sport.
- F. **IHSAA ENROLLMENT RULE:** A student must have enrolled in Eastern Greene High School for a complete year or at Eastern Greene Middle School last year. You are also eligible if you are enrolling as a ninth-grade student for the first time. Any other situation needs to be brought to the Athletic Director immediately. A student must not have been enrolled more than four fall semesters and for spring semesters beginning with grade 9, more have represented a high school in a sport more than four years.
- G. **AMATEURISM:** All contestants in sports recognized by the Association must be amateurs in the sport in which they wish to participate. Students shall not play under assumed names or accept remuneration, directly or indirectly, for athletic participation. Any member school students who directly or indirectly sign a professional contract lose their amateur standing and immediately become ineligible only in that sport in which they signed a contract. Member school students shall be considered as violating their amateur standing if they participate in athletic activities, tryouts, auditions, practices and games held or sponsored by professional athletic organization, clubs or their representatives. This rule applies to all sports except baseball, golf, softball, and tennis out of season. Giving or receiving paid instructions is not considered a violation of this rule. A student may accept reasonable meals, lodging and transportation if such

are accepted in service rather than money or in some other material form. Member school students who have violated their amateur standing according to the Rules and By-Laws of the Association may apply to the Committee for the reinstatement as an amateur in the Association 365 days after the date declared ineligible on account of the violation, provided they have been in school throughout the year. The application shall be signed by the student and school principal, and shall certify that 365 days have elapsed since the student was declared ineligible and that the student has not violated amateur rules during that calendar year.

a. **EXAMPLE 1:** May a restaurant owner, in a community, select a player of the week and give that student athlete a free hamburger? **ANSWER:** IHSAA rules would not prohibit a restaurant owner, newspaper, etc. from selecting a “player of the week.” However, a student athlete who is selected may not receive cash, food, gift certificates, merchandise, etc. as a result of this recognition.

b. **EXAMPLE 2:** Is it permissible for basketball players to participate on a church bowling team and accept cash prizes? **ANSWER:** Yes, the IHSAA has no jurisdiction over bowling since it is not one of the IHSAA recognized and regulated sports.

H. **AWARDS:** The giving and receiving of rewards shall be kept within reasonable bounds, have symbolic value only, and be with the consent and under the supervision of the Principal. The giving and receiving of awards with the consent and under the supervision of the member school principals concerned shall mean that the member school Principal in each school shall have real control and supervision without pressure of any kind from outside persons or groups of persons. Only one sweater, jersey, jacket, blanket or similar article may be given in each sport to a student for participation in each high school where student is enrolled. Awards may be accepted by schools and/or

students only with the approval of the Principal from such local organizations as: service clubs, patriotic organizations, civic groups, and fathers’ and mothers’ clubs. Commercial businesses may name player or players of the game/week provided the student does not accept merchandise, meals, cash, etc. for such an honor.

- I. **CONDUCT:** Contestants’ conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as (1) not to reflect discredit upon their school or the Association, or (2) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, more or educational environment in the school. **NOTE:** It is recognized that principals, by the administrative authority vested in them by their school corporation, may exclude such contestants from representing their school. **Any contestant or coach ejected from a contest for an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from the next interschool contest at that level of competition and all other interschool contests at any level in the interim, in addition to any other penalties assessed.** A member school cannot file a protest regarding the disqualification of a player for unsportsmanlike conduct. Neither a judgment call nor misapplication of a game rule by an official may be protested to the IHSAA.
- J. **TRANSFERS:** All transfer students’ parents/guardians must complete the IHSAA athletic transfer form **PRIOR** to participating in an athletic contest. This procedure does take time. A coach should send the player to the athletic director immediately if they have a transfer student. This does not apply if the student has enrolled at Eastern Greene High School at the start or his/her ninth-grade year. The athlete must not have transferred from one school to another for athletic purposes or as a result of undue influence or persuasion by any person or group.
- K. **EXTENDED ABSENCES:** (C-3-11) If an athlete is absent for 5 or more consecutive days due to illness or injury, they must

present to the Principal written verification from a licensed physician stating the athlete may practice again.

- L. IHSAA RULE ON THE APPEALS BOARD:** (Review of IHSAA Commissioner's Decision) – Any affected party may appeal a decision of the Commissioner or his designee to the Review Committee for a review and hearing. The Review Committee is the initial review panel of all Association decisions and must consider all Association decisions prior to any review of the case review panel as described at Rule 17-10.
- M. MORATORIUM WEEK:** Each member school shall observe a moratorium week starting on Monday of the week which includes July 4th, either IHSAA calendar week 52 or Week 1. During this seven-day period, there shall be no contact between athletes and coaches, and no athletic activities, including conditioning, conducted.

FUTURE MORATORIUM DATES: 2023: July 1 – 7; 2024: June 30 - July 7

- N. THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE RULES OF THE IHSAA.**
Contact the Principal or Athletic Director for further information and before participating in athletics outside of school.

O. MEDICAL CARDS

- a. Medical cards will be completed by the certified athletic trainer, and will be given to the head coach prior to the first contest of each season.
- b. No student will be allowed to practice or participate in a game until the medical card has been completed and is in the possession of the head coach.

P. EASTERN GREENE SCHOOLS EXTRACURRICULAR

PARTICIPATION POLICY: To assure the extracurricular programs of Eastern Greene High School remain steadfast as compliments to the primary academic or curricular function of education, any student wishing to participate in extracurricular

activities at Eastern Greene High School must be enrolled as a full-time student in the Eastern Greene School Corporation.

- Q.** The athletic handbook shall be made available to each athlete before his or her first practice. Access to the handbook can be accomplished through the school website or by obtaining a copy in the Athletic Office.
- R. OVERNIGHT SQUAD TRIPS:** Approval of the Eastern Greene School Board must be obtained for any overnight athletic trip during the school year or off-season.
- S. SUNDAY PRACTICE:** There shall be no contest, practice, and/or formal or informal team meetings scheduled on Sunday during the school year. Sunday participation during the summer will only occur if it is part of a tournament.

EASTERN GREENE HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

Each EGHS student-athlete must have the following documents on file in the athletic office before they can participate in any organized practice or competition at EGHS:

- Physical Examination Form and Proof of Insurance (Same Form)
- Parent/Student Agreement Signature Card (Handbook)
- Permission to Drug Test Form
- Impact Test
- SCA/Concussion Form

*EGHS administrators, coaches, and trainers are concerned about student-athletes safety. Coaches are trained to instruct athletes in the safe and proper techniques of their particular sports. However, due to the nature of athletic activity, injuries do occur. The school provides the opportunity for participation while the parent/guardian retains the right of denial for such participation.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for all medical costs associated with athletic participation. We strongly advise that parents purchase insurance to cover athletic injuries and the cost of treatment.

The IHSAA carries catastrophic insurance for major injuries incurred during participation in approved IHSAA sports programs. The policy plays a premium on catastrophic coverage from \$25,000. It should be noted that neither the IHSAA nor Eastern Greene High School carries any kind of first dollar medical insurance for athletic injuries.

B. ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

A properly completed physical form must be on file in the athletic office before an athlete can practice.

C. MULTIPLE SPORT PARTICIPATION

The Eastern Greene High School Athletic Department supports the concept of participation in more than one high school sport. High school coaches should not establish expectations “out of season” which would prohibit or restrict a student’s participation in another sport which is “in season.” A student who wishes to participate in more than one sport in the same season (fall, winter, and spring) must have prior approval of the coaches involved and the athletic director. A schedule resolving all practice and competition conflicts must be established prior to the season. The student athlete may be asked to designate a “primary” sport if necessary.

D. ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

Where sports and other school activity conflicts occur, the following policy will apply:

- The “performance,” i.e., the athletic game or meet, theatrical performance, concert or contest in music, has priority over practice or extra rehearsal. In an event a practice, extra rehearsal, or even final dress rehearsal is scheduled at the same time an athletic game or meet occurs in which the student is participating, the game or meet has priority and the music member is excused without penalty. Conversely, in the event the theatrical or music “performance” conflicts with an athletic practice, the “performance” take priority and non-participation will not result in a penalty.
- In the event the practice occurs at the same time as theater, music, and sports, the practice time shall be divided equally between the two activities. The parties involved can work out a mutual agreement to trade off every other day in having the athlete involved.
- In the event a theatrical or music performance conflicts with a game, scheduled at the same time, the student is permitted a choice without penalty. If this causes a problem, the high school principal will act as arbitrator.

E. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- No athletic equipment issued to team members may be worn in gym class or outside of practice or game situations.
 - Note: jackets, jerseys, etc. are not to be worn by anyone other than the athlete to who the equipment was issued. (Exception: athletes may wear game jersey, shirt, or warm-up on the day of a game or meet with the coach's approval.)
- All equipment issued to athletes shall be recorded by the head coach and returned at the conclusion of the season. This should be done by the coach on the day of the last game in that particular sport.
- It is the coach's responsibility to see that all equipment is returned and in good condition.
- If the equipment is not returned, lost, or has had abnormal usage, the athlete will pay for the replacement.
- All student purchases through the athletic department must be paid for prior to equipment being issued.

F. TRANSPORTATION

- It is expected that all athletes ride the bus to and from the site of the game/meet.
- Appropriate behavior and citizenship is expected of all students who ride buses.
- The coach is responsible for exercising control and maintaining proper supervision of their team on the bus(es).
- An athlete must remain under the supervision of the coach on all trips from the time of departure until the return to Eastern Greene.
- Exception: an athlete may return home with his/her parent(s) upon the parent's notification, in writing or in person, to the coach. This request may be denied by the coach.
- No athlete may ride home with a team member's parent unless a written permission note from his/her parents is given to the coach prior to departure from Eastern Greene.

- No athlete will be permitted to return home with anyone but a parent or a pre-approved parent of a teammate.

G. WEIGHT ROOM

- No athlete is permitted in the weight room without a coach supervising.
- No food or beverages are permitted in the weight room.
- No horse play, running, wrestling, etc. will be tolerated in the weight room.
- All athletes are expected to work with "spotters" at all times.
- Equipment should be put back in its place after use.
- In season sport teams will have first priority for weight room usage.
- Athletes failing to comply with weight room rules will be reprimanded or could lose their privilege to be in the weight room for a period of time.

H. INDIVIDUAL TEAM RULES

Each head coach may establish training and behavior rules for athletes under their supervision during the IHSA season or given off-season periods. These rules will typically cover language, being on time for practices, dress for contests, decorum at contests and on buses, sportsmanship, and curfew on nights before and after contests.

Specific rules established by the head coach in a sport will be put in writing and a copy will be made available to the athlete and his/her parents.

Note: some head coaches may have "Team Rules" that go above and beyond those established in the EGHS Athletic Handbook and the IHSA.

I. CHANGING SPORTS

Athletes will be allowed to transfer from one sport to another only with the approval of the athletic director and both head coaches.

- Transfers will be denied for the following reasons:

- The first scheduled contest of the season has already been played.
- The athlete has not turned in all equipment, locks, and uniforms.
- In the event an athlete is dismissed from a team during the season for disciplinary action, he/she will not be allowed to join another team during the same season.
- No athlete may quit one sport and try out for any other sport during the current sport season or the following sport season; i.e., if an athlete quits cross country, he/she could not participate in another fall or winter sport for that school year. An athlete is considered part of a team once the coach posts the names of the players selected for the team. Quitting a team after the team members are posted or announced constitutes quitting. Any exemptions from this rule will be determined by the Athletic Advisory Committee.

J. GAME CONDUCT

Athletes are expected to represent Eastern Greene High School and the community in a positive manner in school, out of school, and on the athletic field. Profanity or inappropriate gestures will not be tolerated and may result in suspension.

K. EJECTION FROM AN ATHLETIC CONTEST

Any time an athlete is ejected from a game, meet, etc. the athletic director will be notified as soon as possible. The athlete will be suspended from participation under the following guidelines.

FIRST VIOLATION

According to IHSAA By-Law C-8-3: Any contestant or coach ejected from a contest for any unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from the next 2 interschool contest at that level of competition and any other lower level

contest in the interim, in addition to any other penalties assessed. The athlete may not:

- Participate in any contest at any level of play until suspension has been served.
- A suspended athlete may practice during the suspension period at the athletic director's discretion.
- A suspended athlete must attend contests at the athletic director's discretion.

NOTE: Tournaments (conference, sectional, etc.) are not exempt from suspension. If a tournament is the next contest, the athlete will be unable to participate until required suspension is served.

SECOND VIOLATION

Any athlete who is ejected from a Contest for an unsportsmanlike act a second time during a sport season shall be suspended for the next two (2) Contests at that level of competition and all other contests at any level in the interim, unless an IHSAA sport-specific rule or policy provides a different protocol or penalty for a second ejection. The athlete must also purchase the course, NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior, and complete before being allowed to participate in a contest. The School Principal or Athletic Director must facilitate the course with the student athlete.

L. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

- An athlete should strive to be at school every day.
- Students who are absent from school or do not arrive by the end of 2nd Period, may not attend extra-curricular activities that evening. Exceptions would be made if a student had an approved medical or dental appointment, in which case the student must present the attendance officer a signed statement from the doctor or dentist upon returning to school that day. A funeral could also be an exception with approved documentation.

- If the student is absent the last day of the week, and the competition is on a non-school day, the student must bring the coach a signed statement from the parent that permission is given to participate. It is recommended that the coach call the parent regarding the absence and the health of the participant.
- A student who has been injured and has missed practice due to medical treatment cannot participate again until the date indicated by his/her doctor. A medical statement releasing the student to participate in sports must also be presented to the coach and athletic trainer before the athlete is eligible for participation.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Any student assigned all day “in school” suspension due to misconduct is ineligible to practice or compete that day. Any student who violates this rule will be suspended from two (2) athletic contests to run consecutively.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION

No student will participate in practice or competition on the day that he/she has been suspended from school for that day or any part of that day. In order to return to participation, the student must gain clearance from a school official designated by the principal.

M. SUMMER PARTICIPATION

- The IHSAA allows coaches of team sports to conduct a one-week team camp at the school facilities for high school athletes. This camp may be conducted anytime during the summer but must be completed prior to Monday, Week Four (4) of the IHSAA calendar. Note: This team camp shall be voluntary. No athlete will be penalized for non-participation.
- The IHSAA mandates a one-week moratorium from all open facility, conditioning, and weight lifting programs. There shall be no contact between the coaches and student athletes during this week.

- The IHSAA has established the Week of July Fourth (4th) for the one-week moratorium. Additional weeks may be mandated by the EGHS Athletic Department.
- The IHSAA no longer establishes rules and mandates concerning summer practices or open gym activities. The IHSAA does require that all summer activities end by IHSAA Week Four (4).

N. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Our student-athletes are not restricted from using social media, however, each team/coach has the discretion to establish rules and penalties as they see fit to their program.

***PLEASE NOTE**

Any use of social media that is deemed inappropriate and does not fit under the Rule 8, Section 1, IHSAA By-Laws will face disciplinary action determined on a case by case issue by the Athletic Director and Head Coach as well as supported by the Principal.

O. EGHS DRUG TESTING

The Eastern Greene School System has a random drug testing program. Random Testing will be used for the students who:

- a.) are involved in athletics or any school sponsored extracurricular/co-curricular activity. Extracurricular activity is defined as any activity that the student participates in that is outside the scope of the regular school day. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. Students involved in extracurricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. Co-curricular has the expectation of both during the school day or after.

- b.) wish to drive on school property, to any school related activity, or enroll in driver's education.

PLEASE SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION

EASTERN GREENE HIGH SCHOOL DRUG POLICY FOR ECA

The Eastern Greene HS athlete agrees to abstain at all times during the calendar year from the use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, unlawful use of prescription drugs, and any illegal or criminal activity that is incompatible with the goals and standards of Eastern Greene Schools, and will be subject to the penalties outlined below. Under this code there are four (4) circumstances when a student can be subject to the penalties established in this code:

- Notification by a verified police report or court action.
- Determination of a positive result from saliva, urine, breathalyzer, or blood test.
- Direct observation of a violation by a member of the school staff.
- Any other method of proof deemed reliable by the school administration.

A. ALCOHOL

A student participating in co/extracurricular activities shall not possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.

Violation of this policy will result in the following disciplinary action.

FIRST OFFENSE: Parent(s) will be required to meet with the athletic director and head coach to discuss the course of action.

The minimum consequence shall be:

- An immediate suspension from fifty (50) percent of the scheduled contests. If the student athlete is not currently participating, then the suspension will be served during his/her primary sport.

- Completion of **12** hours of documented community service with an approved service organization. Students may participate in practice sessions (with approval of the head coach and athletic director) but may not dress out for games and activities until all requirements for the violation of this rule have been completed.

SECOND OFFENSE:

- Dismissal from all EGHS co/extracurricular activities for a period of one year from the date of the violation.

THIRD OFFENSE:

- The student athlete will not be permitted to represent EGHS or participate in any athletic activities in any capacity for the rest of his/her high school career.

B. DRUGS AND VAPING (THC)

No student-athlete shall possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate or marijuana. In addition, the use of steroids or illegal inhalants (huffing) will also be prohibited.

Use of a drug in a manner authorized by a medical prescription from a health care provider is not a violation of the rule. In addition, students participating in co/extracurricular activities may not possess, use or transmit any substance which is represented to be or look like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind.

Also, possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of caffeine-based substances, substances containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA), or stimulants of any kind, be they available with or without a prescription will not be permitted.

Violation of the drug policy will result in the following disciplinary action:

FIRST OFFENSE: Parent(s) will be required to meet with the athletic director and head coach to discuss the course of action.

The minimum consequence shall be:

- An immediate suspension from fifty (50) percent of the scheduled contests in his/her sport. If the student athlete is not currently in a sport, he/she will serve the suspension during his/her primary sport. Students may participate in practice sessions, with head coach and athletic director approval. In addition:
- A written statement from a certified substance abuse counselor stating proper treatment is being administered to the student based on the severity of the problem will be required before the student may be reinstated.
- The student must be willing to submit to random drug testing any time deemed appropriate by the EGHS Principal, Dean of Students, or Athletic Director. Under no circumstances shall students who are suspended be permitted to “dress out” or participate in extracurricular activities during their suspension period.

SECOND OFFENSE:

- The student-athlete will be banned from participating in extracurricular activities that violates the EGHS drug policy for a second time and will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for one year from the date of the offense. In addition, the student-athlete will be required to undergo an approved drug treatment program prior to reinstatement.

THIRD OFFENSE:

- The student-athlete will be banned from participating in any and all further extracurricular activities while enrolled as a student at Eastern Greene High School.

C. TOBACCO AND VAPING (NICOTINE)

A student participation in extracurricular activities shall not use or possess tobacco in any form which shall include but not be limited to snuff, chewing tobacco, or smoking tobacco.

FIRST OFFENSE: The student-athlete will be required to meet with the athletic director and head coach to discuss an appropriate course of action.

- The minimum consequence shall be 3 hours of community service. In addition, the student-athlete will be required to sit out ten (10) percent of the scheduled contests within their sport.

SECOND OFFENSE: Parent(s) will be required to meet with the athletic director and head coach to discuss the course of action.

The minimum consequence shall be:

- An immediate suspension from fifty (50) percent of the scheduled contests. If the student-athlete is not currently participating, then the suspension will be served during his/her primary sport.
- Completion of 12 hours of documented community service with an approved service organization. Students may participate in practice sessions (with approval of the head coach and athletic director) but may not dress out from games or activities until all requirements for the violation of this rule have been completed.

THIRD OFFENSE:

- The student athlete will not be permitted to represent EGHS or participate in any athletic activities in any capacity or participate in any extracurricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the offense.

FOURTH OFFENSE:

- The student athlete will not be permitted to represent EGHS or participate in any athletic activities in any capacity for the rest of his/her high school career.

THEFT AND VANDALISM

The taking, willful destruction or marring of personal or private property by any student participating in any extracurricular activities shall not vandalize the property or others, in any setting or location. A student shall not have in their possession any item taken from another individual, school, business, etc. without permission or without properly purchasing an item. Being in possession of stolen property shall be treated the same as actually stealing the property. Violation of this rule shall result in the following disciplinary action.

FIRST OFFENSE:

- The student athlete shall be suspended for a minimum of 20% of the scheduled events for that sport for that year. If the suspension falls near enough to the end of a season that full penalty of 20% of the contests cannot be assessed, the penalty shall carry over to the next sport season in which the athlete participates. If the student is not involved in a sport at the time of the violation, the student shall be removed from 20% of the contests of the first sport season in which the student would normally participate. Attempts to circumvent this rule by going out for a sport in which a student athlete does not normally participate will not be tolerated.

SECOND OFFENSE:

- The student athlete will be suspended from team(s) for 365 days from the date of the suspension following the second offense.

THIRD OFFENSE:

- The student athlete will be denied athletic participation for the remainder of his/her high school career following the third offense.

The rules or regulations of this code shall apply to any violations, on and/or off school premises, 365 days per year.

SELF REFERRAL POLICY

A self-referral may be initiated only by a student who believes he/she has the potential to abuse or is abusing drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. That student must make the initial referral contact with an Eastern Greene High School certified employee who will involve an EGHS administrator. A third party may accompany the student at the time of the referral. A school administrator will determine the disciplinary consequences of the self-referral. A self-referral which will not subject the student to otherwise applicable disciplinary consequences of this Student Assistance Policy is one which that administrator determines was (1) motivated by the student's strong desire to avoid future use of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco and (2) not shortly after an event, or the student becoming aware of an investigation, which makes imminent exposure of the student's potential for abuse (or actual abuse) likely.

STUDENT APPEAL PROCESS

- An athlete has the right to appeal violations.
- The imposed penalty will remain in effect during the appeal process.
- The appeal must be made within five (5) school days following notification of the penalty. It must be in writing stating the basis of the appeal. School officials will review and decide on the appeal within five (5) school days.
- The building appeals committee shall consist of personnel appointed by the athletic director.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

A. QUALIFICATIONS FOR AWARDS

- An athlete must have complied with all IHSA and EGHS eligibility rules.
- An athlete must have returned all equipment issued to them to the satisfaction of the head coach.
- An athlete must complete the season. An athlete with a school related injury is still expected to be with the team until the season concludes.
- Each student athlete must meet specific standards set in each sport by the head coach in order to qualify for a varsity letter and other awards or certificates.

B. AWARDS PROGRAM

- Athletic awards are presented at the conclusion of each season. Athletes and their parents are encouraged to attend this program.

C. TYPES OF AWARDS

- Participation Certificate – Award for successful participation on a team.
- Varsity Letter – Award for meeting lettering requirements in a varsity sport.
- Chevron – Award for each varsity letter that an athlete has earned.
- Letter Jacket – Athletes may purchase a letter jacket on their own after they have earned one varsity letter. EGHS does not provide Letter Jackets.

D. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARSITY LETTER

a.) Football

- 1.) Play in at least 50% of all the season games
 - a. Average 2 quarters per game, special teams do not count toward quarters (at coach's discretion)
- 2.) Complete the season

b.) Cross Country

- 1.) Be among the ten average finishers in season meets
- 2.) Compete in the SWIAC meet
- 3.) Complete the season

c.) Volleyball

- 1.) Play in at least 50% of all the season games
- 2.) Dress for sectional
- 3.) Complete the season

d.) Soccer

- 1.) Play in at least 50% of all the season games
- 2.) Dress for sectional
- 3.) Complete the season

e.) Basketball

- 1.) Play in at least 50% of all the season games
- 2.) Dress for the sectional
- 3.) Complete the season

f.) Baseball and Softball

- 1.) Play in at least 50% of all the season games
- 2.) Dress for the sectional
- 3.) Complete the season

g.) Track

- 1.) Compile a total of points equal to or greater than the number of meets run
- 2.) Compete in SWIAC meet
- 3.) Complete the season

h.) Golf

- 1.) Score in the top four on the team in at least 50% of the meets
- 2.) Compete in SWIAC and/or sectional
- 3.) Complete the season

i.) Cheerleading (2 seasons - 2 varsity letters possible)

- 1.) Cheerleaders will receive 1 varsity letter by cheering at all football games.

2.) Upon completion of football season, cheerleaders will be separated into 2 squads (JV & Varsity). Varsity letters will be awarded to cheerleaders on the varsity squad for the basketball season (cheer at boys games including post-season and home girls games).

3.) Complete the season

j.) Managers, all varsity sports

1.) Perform managerial duties at practices and games, including all regular season and tournament games

2.) Complete the season

k.) Statisticians, all varsity sports

1.) Take team stats for all home and away contests

2.) Take team stats for all tournament contests

3.) Complete the season

*A coach may award a varsity letter when circumstances prevent an athlete or student from meeting the prescribed standards. Injury, illness, or other contributing factors may play a part in the coach's decision. In such cases, the decision will be left up to the coach's discretion.

E. ATHLETIC JACKETS

An athletic jacket shall be awarded to those students who earn one varsity letter. This goes into effect during the fall of the student's 9th grade year. Once the student earns their first varsity letter they will be able to order the jacket after their season concludes. The recipient shall pay for the cost of the basic jacket, letter, numeral, nameplate, and other additions as needed. The jacket shall be black with black sleeves and white striping on the wristbands and collar area. The letter and numeral shall be white chenille on scarlet felt. Individual pins, signifying the sports in which the athlete lettered, shall be presented at the same time as awarding the jacket. A chevron shall be presented to each student upon each successful letter in the respective sport. The athletic director, high school principal or superintendent may make exceptions to these requirements. A suspended athlete may not receive awards of any kind. The honor jacket must be worn with integrity and respect for our school. Eastern Greene High School

reserves the right to remove letters or withhold jackets from athletes conducting themselves improperly on or off school grounds 365 days a year. Athletes will not receive their jacket until full payment has been received.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA)

Athletes and parents should contact the EGHS Athletic Director or e-mail the NCAA at: www.ncaa.org for NCAA guidelines. This information contains a detailed description of requirements for collegiate athletic participation. Student athletes who wish to participate in collegiate athletics must meet NCAA athletic eligibility requirements. These requirements vary depending on NCAA division.

Some of these requirements include:

- A specific grade point average in core curriculum.
- A specific score on the ACT and/or SAT.
- Certification by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

A student athlete who does not meet these requirements may still be admitted to a college or university and may still be eligible for financial aid. However, the athlete will be ineligible their freshman year, cannot practice their freshman year, and forfeits one of the four permitted years of athletic eligibility. It is the joint responsibility for the student and parent to understand and meet these eligibility requirements.

- For further information, contact the EGHS Athletic Director Office.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: Eastern Greene High School

Grades: 9 – 12

Address: 11064 East State Road 54, Bloomfield, Indiana 47424

School/Athletic Phone: (812) 825-5621

Athletic Website: www.egreene.k12.in.us

School Song: Notre Dame Fight Song

Principal: Mr. Eric Kirkendall

Assistant Principal: Mr. Michael Conley

Athletic Director: Mr. Aaron Buskirk

SCHOOL SONG (NOTRE DAME FIGHT SONG)

Eastern High School; we are the best!

Eastern High School beats all the rest.

We have spirit.

We have skill.

We have the backing

We have the will.

So come on let's join in the fight.

We Thunderbirds will triumph tonight!

Give three cheers for Eastern High.

We're going to win tonight.

SCHOOL COLORS

Red-Black-White

SCHOOL MASCOT

Thunderbird

PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT

Name of Student: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Graduation Year: _____ Sports: _____/_____/_____

We have received a copy of the Eastern Greene High School Athletic Handbook. We have read the information published in this handbook and agree to comply with the rules and regulations as stated. (PLEASE INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.)

Parent	Student
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| _____ | _____ | 1. I have read and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct as stated in this handbook. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Notice of Disclosure for the IHSAA: I hereby consent to the disclosure of financial (athletic and otherwise scholastic) and attendance records of the school, including those records which may relate to or concerning my child. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. I have read the acknowledgement of risk section of this handbook and understand that injuries of various magnitudes may occur from participation in athletics. |
| _____ | _____ | 4. I understand that the school corporation does not provide insurance coverage. |

Date: ____/____/____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____