



**Ellis County Christian Homeschool Organization
(ECCHO)
Athletic Handbook**

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ECCHO Athletic Leadership 26-27

Athletic Director: Wendy Johnson

Baseball

Varsity Head Coach: Skip Chancellor

JV Head Coach:

Archery

Head Coach: Steve Martin

Team Manager: Amanda Martin

Volleyball

Orange Team Head Coach: Ashelly Sessums

Orange Team Assistant Coach: Heidi Stone

Navy Team Head Coach: Cheryl Duckworth

Navy Team Assistant Coach: Kendall Synder

Navy Team Assistant Coach: Erin Snyder

ECCHO Sports Offered: 2026-2027

Archery

Baseball

Recreational Volleyball



ECCHO Culture

ECCHO believes athletics are an important addition to a student's education. Our sports programs exist to fulfill ECCHO's mission through the educational environment of sports. Athletics offer a unique setting where lessons complement those learned at home, providing student-athletes with the intellectual and "success skills" needed to excel in the world and shine their light in the community. ECCHO Athletics is committed to a disciple-driven coaching approach that incorporates all these lessons within a biblical worldview.

What It Means To Be An ECCHO Eagle

*Always be Christ-like in our attitude, behavior, and sportsmanship, whether we win or lose.

*Show up every day with the commitment, dedication, and sacrifice of putting ECCHO and your teammates before yourself.

Play the game with determination, pride, and a competitive spirit for your group and teammates, while showing humility and respect to the opposing team.

*Be a good teammate at ALL times.

*Be relentless in always striving for excellence in your execution of the mechanics, fundamentals, and techniques to master the tools necessary to compete at a high level.

*Respect the Game - do what the game asks and requires – nothing more, nothing less – no showboating

*212 Degrees - At 211 degrees, water is simply hot, but at 212 degrees it boils. In sports training and competition, as well as in education, work, and all other aspects of your life, you are underestimating your true potential without the extra degree. 212 degrees should serve as a powerful reminder in guiding the way you think, plan, act,

and compete.



Mission

The purpose and goal of ECCHO athletics is to provide opportunities for student-athletes to develop spiritually, personally, and physically through a Christ-centered program. Our goal is to grow our minds and bodies and to shine His Light in the community as we pursue and play the sports we love. Our focus is on providing an environment that embodies Christ-like behavior among our athletes, leaders, parents, families, and fans. ECCHO believes this type of environment can exist within a competitive athletic program. As Christian student-athletes, we strive to be Christ-like champions who honor Christ in our conduct both on and off the playing field. We are called to be different; our focus should be on Jesus Christ, and we desire to take His light to our community every time we step on the playing field.

Commitment

Commitment from student-athletes and parents is an important character quality. When a student-athlete commits to an ECCHO team, any scheduling conflicts with another organization, program, or team must be discussed with the coach. ECCHO athletic programs are expected to take priority. This is important for teamwork, the integrity of both the player and the team, and the player's character. The athletic leadership will be sensitive to all student-athlete commitments while upholding the integrity of the programs.



Eligibility

- ❖ Student-athlete candidates must be current ECCHO members in good standing and have no outstanding fees. (If a family has not applied for ECCHO membership at the time of tryouts, the family must apply for and become members before the student-athlete will officially be recognized as part of the team.)
- ❖ Student-athlete candidates must agree to the time commitment for the sport they're trying out for.
- ❖ Student-athlete candidates must meet the age requirement for the sports program they are trying out for.
- ❖ Student-athlete candidates are currently homeschooled. (If the student-athlete candidate is not currently being homeschooled at the time of tryouts, he/she is still eligible to try out, but will need to take steps to become a homeschooler in the state of Texas before he/she will be officially recognized as part of the team.)
- ❖ Student-athlete candidates can fulfill the tryout process for the sport they're trying out for.
- ❖ Student-athlete candidates must pass a physical examination conducted by a physician.
- ❖ Student-athletes who are part of a school system that doesn't offer sports will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the team coaches and athletic director.

Attendance

Every team functions best when all student-athletes are present. The program director and coaches will always do everything possible to notify the team members of scheduled events at the beginning of each season. Parents and student-athletes should notify the coaches in writing if there is a definite scheduling conflict at the time of schedule distribution. Athletes are expected to attend and be on time for every scheduled event. On-time means being in place and ready to go at the scheduled start time. If an unexpected, unavoidable scheduling conflict arises, communication with the coaches is expected well in advance of the scheduled event.



Eagles Sports Code Of Conduct

Player Code of Conduct:

- First-class representation by student-athletes toward parents/families, teammates, coaches, spectators, and opposing teams.
- Exhibit positive and exemplary sportsmanship at all times. ECCHO student-athletes will win and lose with dignity and class, both among themselves and with the opposing team.
- All student-athletes must display an appropriate demeanor and attitude. They will conduct themselves as young men and young ladies both on and off the field, court, etc.
- Exhibit equal respect, value, and support for every teammate.
- Understand the importance of leaving every field and facility in better shape than we found them.
- Understand the physical and mental preparation, fitness, and conditioning at practice and games.
- Student-athletes will always play hard within the established rules of the game.
- Remember to eat before arriving at games or events. If we play a doubleheader or have an extra-long event, bring a light snack and a drink to eat between games.
- Student-athletes will come prepared to all practices, games, events, etc
- Student-athletes will refrain from using cell phones at games, practices, and events unless permitted by the coach or athletic director.
- For the safety of players, please refrain from chewing gum at practices, games, or events.
- Student-athletes will be present and attentive at all games, practices, and events. While always being polite, kind, and friendly to everyone is important, socializing should take place after the event is complete.



Parent Code of Conduct:

- First-class representation of the ECCHO team, families, church & community.
- Positive and exemplary sportsmanship—we will win and lose with dignity and class, both among ourselves and in our dealings with the opposing team.
- Equal respect, value, and support for every player, parent, and family member associated with the ECCHO team.
- The understanding that it takes a team to accomplish team goals — i.e., a player's exposure to the sun for hours before a game or practice (such as on a lake trip or at a swimming pool) will be discouraged.
- Mutual respect, tolerance, understanding, and caring in all team matters.
- Coaches' decisions, whether you understand, like, or agree, are made by the coaches on the field, court, or event. Second-guessing the coach's decision is permitted, but please keep it to yourself until you have a chance to speak with the coaching staff for a clearer explanation.
- Please...No coaching from the stands or sidelines.
- Please...limit your trips to the player during games and events. Players are responsible for their equipment, snacks, water, etc.
- Emphasis on Team unity, Team effort & Team success is important - positive encouragement & support for each player & the entire team
- Understand that from this point forward, in all sports, some players will have more playing time, more positions, roles, and assignments than others.
- Please text or call the coach to discuss any concerns, questions, or ideas in a quiet and tactful manner. Please respect the 24-hour rule.
- 24-hour rule: No calls or texts 24 hours before or after the game/event to discuss the player's conduct, playing time, position, etc. *See further explanation in the handbook.



ECCHO Dress Code

Ellis County Christian Homeschool Organization (ECCHO) Dress Code

ECCHO members should dress appropriately for each activity and must adhere to the following dress code at all ECCHO events, functions, programs, activities, classes, and sports teams.

1. Shorts and short skirts/dresses worn with shorts underneath must be at least fingertip length. (Standing with arms straight down at your sides, if your fingertips touch your bare legs, what you are wearing is too short.) Shorts, skirts, jeans, and pants with rips above fingertip length will not be allowed unless tights are worn underneath to prevent bare skin from showing.
2. The following will not be allowed: tank tops that allow bra straps to show; tube tops; tops or low-rise pants/shorts that allow the midriff to be seen; see-through or skin-tight clothing; clothing that shows cleavage; clothing with offensive pictures or slogans; or shorts, skirts, or pants with any kind of writing across the rear.
3. No parts of underwear may be showing at any time.
4. To honor our more conservative members, swimwear for girls and women should be a one-piece suit or tankini with an overshirt (such as a T-shirt or modest tank) and shorts at co-ed water events. For boys and men, swim trunks and a T-shirt or tank top.
5. Anyone violating this dress code may be asked to leave the event.
6. Any member of this organization who persists in violating this dress code will be considered no longer in good standing.

All sports uniforms will adhere to the ECCHO dress code



Uniforms:

Each sports team has its uniform. Uniform costs will vary depending on the sport each player plays. ECCHO teams should represent our programs well by wearing clean, well-maintained uniforms. Uniforms and gear should not be altered without prior written approval from coaches and/ or the athletic director. If a uniform is altered inappropriately, the player will be required to have it re-altered appropriately. If a uniform is lost or damaged, it will be replaced at the player's expense. Uniforms shall always be worn at the instructions of the team, team captains, and coaches.

Appearance

ECCHO team players are representatives of ECCHO and are seen as leaders on and off the field, court, etc. Players should represent the program well by always presenting themselves with modesty and cleanliness (including clean hair, nails, and clothes, and proper hygiene) and by wearing appropriate attire that follows the ECCHO dress code. They should always be kind, respectful, and friendly to everyone, exemplifying ECCHO's motto of shining His light.

Play Time

ECCHO Athletics strives to provide a fun, competitive, and high school experience for our athletes and their families. To ensure this for all our athletes, playtime at any level is not guaranteed. Athletic personnel are sensitive to every athlete's desire to play and participate in sports. Attitude, effort, skill, ability, and safety are considered when choosing team members and when making game and practice plans. It is important that athletes and parents understand that success doesn't always mean the athlete is on the field.



24-Hour Rule

Do not confront a coach immediately before or after a contest or practice; instead, wait at least twenty-four hours before making contact of any sort, including emails and text messages. Because impulsive meetings rarely promote resolution, the “24-hour rule” will always be in effect. This not only allows for reflection and prayer but also for emotions to settle, so that rational, fact-oriented discussions can take place.

Parental Support & Expectations

The success of our student-athletes depends greatly upon parent support and participation. Parents should familiarize themselves with all requirements, guidelines, codes, and rules. Parents are expected to contribute to the team's needs by signing up for parent service assignments. Communication is of utmost importance. Athletes AND parents are responsible for maintaining excellent communication with coaches and the athletic director.

Tryouts

Tryouts are held for each of our sporting programs as deemed appropriate. This gives student-athletes the opportunity to assess the sport they are interested in and coaches the opportunity to assess candidates as individuals and to see how candidates interact as a team. Candidates and parents will need to attend the scheduled informational meeting for the sport they're interested in, and candidates will attend tryout clinics, events, or days. Candidate selection processes vary per program. Selection postings will be made by the athletic director and/or coaches per individual program.



Practice

Practice schedules will be provided to the athletes by the athletic director or coaches. The goal is to maintain consistency in practice space and times. If changes are necessary, an announcement will be made. Student-athletes and their parents are responsible for keeping up with practice dates and times. Email, GroupMe, Game Changer, and Google Calendar are the usual avenues for schedules and communication.

Fees

The ECCHO Eagles Sports Programs aim to provide homeschooled students with the opportunity to participate in sports and experience the full high school athletic experience. As part of this program, we budget for coaching fees, officials, field rental, equipment, insurance, game fields, tournament fees, & other sports program-related expenses. The uniform package is a separate fee from the program fees. Fees are due in full by the dates specified in each sports program. All monies paid by parents are directly allocated to the program and help cover various expenses. The money is held in the ECCHO account, and the treasurer keeps a monthly record of all expenses and income. Sports budgets are reviewed and approved by the Athletic Director and/or the ECCHO Board of Directors. As a part of the ECCHO Eagles Sports Program, Parents agree to pay all fees due promptly.



Transportation

Transportation to and from games and practices is the sole responsibility of the student-athletes and their parents.

Facilities

Although we do not own the facilities we use, we are blessed to have them available to us! Please be good stewards of that which the Lord provides us with. Please do all you can to keep the facilities clean and to leave them in better shape than we found them.

Multi-sport

Student-athletes may participate in multiple sports with ECCHO. Student-athletes and their parents must be aware of the commitment required for each sport. Student-athletes need to ensure their coaches and athletic staff are aware of any other commitments they may have, so that they can plan accordingly.



Athletic Lettering Policy

Students bearing a “letter” or letter jacket from ECCHO represent faith, family, and ECCHO at all times. In light of this, the awarding of a letter is considered both an honor and a privilege. Students involved in serious disciplinary misbehavior may be barred from receiving a letter at the discretion of the ECCHO Board of Directors, even if they meet all other criteria outlined below.

General Lettering Requirements

- ❖ The Student-athlete must be part of the Varsity Roster for the entire season/year.
- ❖ The Student-athlete must contribute to the team in a way that merits lettering.
- ❖ If the student-athlete was added during the season or year, it will be up to the coaching staff or athletic director to determine whether the athlete’s contribution to the team was significant enough to justify lettering in the sport.
- ❖ The student-athlete must attend all competitions, games, and practices unless cleared by the coach.
- ❖ The student-athlete must begin and complete an entire season, including post-season tournaments and playoffs.
- ❖ A student-athlete who loses academic eligibility during the season will be ineligible to receive a letter for that season or year.
- ❖ A student-athlete who is unable to complete a season due to disciplinary reasons will be ineligible to receive a letter for that season/year.
- ❖ If a student-athlete is injured during the season or year, it will be up to the coaching staff and athletic director to determine whether the athlete’s contribution to the team was significant enough to justify lettering in the sport.

Jackets and Patches

All letter jackets and patch info can be found on the ECCHO website under the sports tab. The athlete’s family is responsible for the cost of the jacket. Student-athletes are awarded one Letter “E”, one sport patch (per program lettered in), and an eagle as part of the ECCHO sports program. The student-athlete's family is responsible for the cost of additional patches.



Captain/Co-Captain **Responsibilities and Expectations**

Captains need to inspire and motivate others to achieve a common goal. Captains are leaders who help lead the team. They build the culture with the coach so that the team wants to continue. It is important for the captain of an Eagles team to have the right spirit. The captain is a servant leader.

Qualities of a Captain/Co-Captain

- Has a thorough understanding of the rules, participation policies, and code of conduct that affect the team and ensures that they are adhered to/enforced.
- A show of confidence in the team and each player. Supports teammates while also pushing them to be their best and work harder than they think they can.
- Addresses conflicts before they escalate into problems.
- Cheers for their teammates the loudest.
- Puts the team first. They have a team focus, putting their own beliefs, thoughts, and performance behind the team's vision.
- Clear communication skills.
- Respectful behavior towards others, even if they have differing opinions. Every person on the team matters, and a captain respects each individual and the role they play.
- Strong work ethic and understanding that he/she is a representative of the team and organization.
- Leads by example.
- A Christ-like attitude of *fairness, kindness, and understanding*. A positive attitude will win players over and inspire others to remain positive, even in moments of doubt or frustration.
- Remain positive at all times so that the rest of the team's attitudes will reflect that, and serve as a role model for their teammates in meeting the coach's expectations.
- Is in control of him/herself – no angry outbursts. Show of equality/equal opportunity – no favoritism.
- Displays obvious dedication to the game and team.

****Captain positions are fulfilled by Junior and Senior grade level student athletes and are limited to a 2-year term, at the discretion of the Athletic Director and/or Coaching Staff**



Matthew 18

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense.

If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.” Matthew 18:15-16 (NLT)

Parenting and Coaching are both difficult vocations. By maintaining open lines of communication among parents, student-athletes, coaches, and athletic staff, many potential problems can be avoided. This begins with clear communication between the coaches, the athletic staff, parents, and student-athletes. ECCHO uses the Matthew 18 principle as our guide for resolving conflict. Matthew 18 provides clear biblical instructions for resolving conflicts.

1. If a student-athlete has a question or complaint, they must first approach the person with a spirit of reconciliation and love and attempt to work out the differences. This needs to happen before the parent approaches the coach or athletic staff.
2. If the problem is not resolved, the student-athlete may request a meeting with the person in conflict, the coach, or another member of the athletic staff.
3. If the issue is not resolved between the coach or staff and the student-athlete, a meeting with the athletic director or another board representative may be requested.
4. If the issue remains unresolved, a meeting with the athletic director and/or the board of directors may be requested.

The goal should always be to guard against divisive speech and gossip by solving problems at the lowest level with the fewest people possible.



Discipline

1. Students are expected to obey all leaders while attending ECCHO activities and abide by the ECCHO code of conduct at all times.
2. Ongoing discipline problems may result in the loss of activity privileges.
3. A three-step discipline guideline will be followed for most discipline problems.

Eagles 3-step discipline guideline

- a. A first offense will warrant a verbal warning from the Coach, Athletic Director, or adult in charge.
- b. A second offense will result in a documented discipline slip from the Athletic Director and/or Coach, as well as a call to the parent.
- c. A third offense will result in a disciplinary slip from the Athletic Director and a call to the parent to set up a meeting with the board of directors, the student, and the parent to review the situation.
- d. Incidents that repeatedly occur at different events will result in a more detailed review of the situation and/or loss of Eagles Sports Program privileges.

Suspension

If a suspension is necessary, it will be decided upon after a meeting of the ECCHO Board of Directors, the Sports Program Director, and the team coaches.



ECCHO Eagles Baseball Program

The ECCHO Eagles Baseball Program is an outreach ministry for ECCHO families. The purpose of this program is to provide a developmental, fun, competitive, and safe environment for boys aged 13-18. Our goal is to instill in homeschooled boys the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority through baseball. We strive to teach student-athletes to work in a team setting by respecting their teammates, demonstrating a team-first attitude, and committing to sacrifice, becoming more Christ-like in how they approach the game, turning baseball lessons into life lessons that extend beyond the ballfield. ECCHO Eagles athletes are recognized as leaders within the program and are held to a higher standard.

Tryouts:

Baseball Tryouts are held in the summer and early fall each year. Students aged 13 (by September 1st) to 18 are eligible to try out. The athletic director and baseball coaches will determine the tryout dates and times, which will be posted on the ECCHO website and social media platforms. Student-athlete candidates are expected to come prepared in appropriate baseball attire (head-to-toe) and to bring all necessary baseball equipment and water to every tryout.

Coaches will evaluate candidates during tryouts. Student-athlete candidates may be asked to return on additional tryout days before a final decision is made. Results will be emailed to the parents of student-athletes within one week of the tryout.

Commitment:

Eagles Baseball is an academic year-long program. The team member's term begins in August and ends at the end of May of the following year. Team members are expected to participate in the full baseball season, practice in the fall and spring, and take part in practices, games, and tournaments during the spring. Team members are committed to participating in various activities, including fundraisers and parades, as part of their roles on the team. (Special circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis - please talk to the coach and athletic director.)

Practices:

Fall and Spring practices will be 2 days a week. Strength and training will be one day a week.

Competition:

Our goal is to be a competitive team that works hard on and off the field and shines His light for the world to see. The Eagles baseball teams will play a full regular-season schedule each spring (approximately 20-40 games). The Varsity team will enter into two to three tournaments during the regular season. The JV team will enter one to two tournaments during the season if the opportunity arises. The Eagles baseball program plans to conclude the season with a trip to an end-of-season championship tournament, as determined by the varsity coach and athletic director.

Calendar:

The Eagles' games will be posted on the team calendar and Team Game Changer. Parents and team members are responsible for keeping up with the team schedule.

Groupme:

The Eagles Baseball team has a GroupMe dedicated to team members and at least one parent per player. You must have the app and keep it up to date with notifications.

Attendance and Absences:

Parents and team members are expected to communicate promptly with the coach and/or athletic director regarding any issues that arise. Team members are expected to attend all practices, classes, games, and other scheduled events. Understandably, things come up, and sometimes team members are unavailable. Please communicate with coaches and/or the athletic director as soon as possible. Please schedule vacations, family events, and other commitments during the off-season. Team members are expected to arrive on time, be dressed appropriately, and be ready to participate.

Baseball Team Building:

The ECCHO Baseball team will have monthly meet-ups to discuss team business, work through a team bible study, and bond and fellowship. This is a required part of our program, and all team members are expected to participate. Dates and times will be posted on the ECCHO calendar.

Fundraising:

Baseball is an expensive sport, and ECCHO recognizes the need for fundraising to help cover some of the program's costs. Team members and families are expected to participate in all fundraising opportunities.

2026-2027 Baseball Fees:

The ECCHO baseball program's season fee is \$1,200 per Varsity Player and \$1,000 per Junior Varsity player. This fee does not cover the end-of-season championship. This fee can be paid in installments throughout the fall. The full amount is due by the end of January.

(Fees for the program are subject to change.)

Baseball Team members are expected to follow all guidelines as outlined in the ECCHO Athletic Handbook.



ECCHO Eagles Archery Program

The ECCHO Eagles Archery Program is an outreach ministry for ECCHO families. Its purpose is to provide a developmental, fun, competitive, and safe environment for students aged 11-18. Our goal is to instill in homeschooled students the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority through archery.

ECCHO Eagles athletes are seen as leaders within the program and are held to a higher standard.

Sign-ups:

Student-athletes will be able to sign up for the program during the ECCHO Elective Registration in August.

Commitment:

Eagles Archery is an academic year-long program. The team member's term begins on September 1st and ends at the end of April of the following year. Team members commit to participating in practices, competitions, archery events, various activities, fundraisers, parades, etc., as part of their place on the team. (Special circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis - please talk to the athletic director.)

Practices:

Practice schedule: once a week on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm during the fall at the Ellis County Expo Building on Hwy 287 in Waxahachie.

Archery Team Building:

The ECCHO Archery team will have monthly meet-ups to discuss team business, work through a team bible study, and bond and fellowship. This is a required part of our program, and all team members are expected to participate. Dates and times will be posted on the ECCHO calendar.

Competition:

The team will sign up for at least one competition in the fall and one in the spring of 2027.

Calendar:

The Eagles' archery program events and activities will be posted on the ECCHO calendar (www.eccho.us). Parents and program participants are responsible for keeping up with the calendar.

Groupme:

Eagles Archery has a GroupMe dedicated to student-athletes in the program and at least one parent per student-athlete. It is important that you have the app and keep up with notifications.

Attendance and Absences:

Parents and team members are expected to promptly communicate any issues or problems to the athletic director. Team members are expected to be at all scheduled archery practices and events. Understandably, things come up, and sometimes student-athletes are unavailable. Please communicate with the team manager as soon as possible. When possible, please schedule vacations, family events, and other commitments during the off-season. Participants are expected to arrive on time, dress appropriately, and be ready to participate.

ECCHO Archery Lettering Requirements

The ECCHO lettering requirements are part of the criteria considered by the Coaches and Athletic Director when determining which athletes have earned a letter during the year through the ECCHO Archery Program.

In addition to the general ECCHO lettering requirements, the Archery Program has specific expectations that archers must meet:

- Team Competitions: Archers must participate in at least two team competitions during the school year.
- Weekly Practices: Archers are expected to attend weekly practices consistently. This includes arriving early, being prepared, and being ready to begin practice at the scheduled start time.
- Team Fellowships: Archers are expected to participate in the team's monthly fellowship activities as part of their commitment to the team and program.

Meeting these expectations demonstrates an archer's commitment, consistency, preparedness, and involvement in the ECCHO Archery Program. Final lettering decisions will be made by the Coaches and Athletic Director based on the established ECCHO requirements and the archer's overall participation and commitment throughout the year.

Uniform:

Uniform - Eagles Archery Shirt, Sweatshirt, and Hat

Fundraising:

Archery is an expensive sport, and ECCHO recognizes the need for fundraising to help cover some of the program's costs. Student-athletes and families are expected to participate in all fundraising opportunities.

2026-2027 Archery Fees:

\$150 for the year—this fee includes coaching, a uniform, team practice equipment, activities, supplies, and the awards ceremony.

Probable out-of-pocket expenses include:

Competition Fees and personal equipment

Archery Program members are expected to follow all the guidelines in the ECCHO Athletic Handbook.

Eagles Recreational Volleyball Team

Volleyball Practices:

- Volleyball Practice will be held once or twice a week and will start in September. The dates and times will be on the ECCHO calendar.
- Team members are expected to arrive at practices at least 5 minutes early
- All team members are expected to wear proper workout clothes and workout shoes that follow the ECCHO Dress Code
- Hair should be pulled away from the face, in a ponytail if possible
- Stud earrings are permitted; no other jewelry
- Team members are responsible for bringing all necessary equipment (knee pads, volleyball, water, sweat towels, etc.).
- Team members will wait to leave until the coach dismisses them.
- Cell phone use is not permitted during practice.
- Gum chewing and snacking are not permitted at practice. Please eat before arrival.

Tryouts:

Volleyball Tryout dates and times will be posted on the ECCHO calendar. Interested parties should sign up and complete the interest form.

- Please pick up your student-athlete promptly each day. Candidates are expected to arrive at least 5 minutes before the start time and remain until dismissed.
- Candidates will wear head-to-toe volleyball attire that adheres to the ECCHO dress code
- Candidates will bring water, a sweat towel, and a high school regulation volleyball
- Hair should be pulled away from the face, in a ponytail if possible
- No jewelry will be permitted at tryouts

Candidates will be evaluated on both days, and scoring will be based on the following:

- How do they work as a team member
- Are they coachable?
- Attitude, friendliness, respectfulness. Will they represent ECCHO well?
- Appearance – come prepared in proper attire, clean, well-cared-for clothing
- How do they handle the ball on the court
- Overall spirit and enthusiasm

Uniform:

- The uniform will include a shirt (provided by the YMCA) and black or navy blue shorts. Shorts will be ECCHO-approved.
- All uniforms must meet the ECCHO dress code requirements. If a uniform becomes unacceptable or falls outside the dress code, it must be altered or replaced with a new uniform.
- Stud earrings are allowed; other jewelry, including necklaces, larger earrings, and rings, is not allowed.

Games:

The Eagles Volleyball team will play through the Waxahachie YMCA for the 26-27 academic year. Games will be on Friday Nights.

Parent Responsibilities:

Parents are required to help the team in several ways. During games, the Lady Eagles may need two line judges, a scorekeeper, a libero tracker, and a scoreboard operator. Parents will be asked to help with these roles during games.

Fees:

Fees for the 2026-2027 season are \$100 per player.

This fee covers events and activities, coaching fees, T-shirts, and facility rentals. Fees are based on a 10-person squad. Fees are subject to change.

Other Fees Parents Are Responsible For:

YMCA fee - approximately \$115 for non-YMCA members; shoes, knee pads, uniform shorts

Violations:

The Volleyball Team will follow the ECCHO disciplinary guidelines, a three-strike rule. Team members are expected to follow ECCHO's general code of conduct and dress code. If there is an extenuating issue regarding a team member's behavior, attendance, or other relevant concerns, the team member's parents will be asked to meet immediately with the coach, the athletics director, the team member, and, in some circumstances, the ECCHO board.

*In extreme cases, a team member may be asked to step away from Lady Eagles Volleyball.

Other Info:

The Eagles Recreational Volleyball Team is not a lettered program with ECCHO.