

**EASTPOINTE HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT/ATHLETE  
CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY\***



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**Philosophy**

Student athletes are also governed by the policies of the Board of Education and must follow the Eastpointe School District "Student Code of Conduct" guidelines.

Students are not required to take part in any extracurricular contest or activity. The primary purpose of the athletic program is to promote the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral well being of the participants. As recognized representatives of their school, student athletes are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior during the season (activity) or out of season, in uniform or out of uniform, on campus or off campus. Participation in interscholastic athletics in the Eastpointe Schools is a privilege and an honor, and the coaches, athletic director, and administration have the authority to revoke, suspend, or limit that privilege when the conduct of a student athlete brings disrepute to the School District or violates this Code of Conduct.

The School District recognizes that students and coaches are concerned with reasonable rules that are initiated for the purpose of a healthful and orderly environment in which to conduct their sport. Therefore, all participants in extracurricular athletics, regardless of their team level, are expected to follow this Code of Conduct, applicable MHSAA rules, and the rules governing each particular sport.

**I. Athlete Expectations**

- A. Athletes are expected to display sportsmanship towards opponents, teammates, coaches, officials, and spectators. Use of profanity, abusive language, obscene gestures, or loss of self-control could result in the removal of the offender for the remainder of the contest and possibly the next scheduled contest. If this conduct continues, the athlete may be suspended from athletic competition.
- B. Any athlete who makes (joins) an athletic team, and thereafter terminates his or her membership, for any reason, may not join another sport team during that same season without written clearance from the original coach.
- C. Hazing or initiation of any member of an athletic team is in violation of school policy.
- D. Conduct not covered above, but which may still result in dismissal from athletics on a temporary or permanent basis, includes:
  - Violations of the Student/Parent Handbook.
  - Insubordination
  - Vandalism
  - Falsifying excuses or records.
  - Conduct injurious to the proper operation and conduct of the school.
  - Travel and attendance infractions.
  - Team rule infractions.
  - Conduct injurious to the proper discipline and general welfare of the school district, its students, property, and staff.
  - Participation in activities which bring disrepute to the School District and/or which are malicious, mischievous, or otherwise lacking in redeeming social value.

Disciplinary action will be based on the severity of the infraction as determined by the responsible administrator.

**II. Academic Eligibility**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) requires that student athletes pass at least 66% of their classes as a minimum requirement. If the athletic director, coach or parents deem it necessary, a weekly academic progress report will be required for such athlete to remain eligible on a week by week basis. Coaches are encouraged to have athletes circulate weekly progress reports and address those student athletes that show low grades in all or some of their classes.

In addition, student athletes' grades are checked six weeks into the current semester. Any student not passing at least four classes is ineligible until one week (Monday through Sunday) has passed and a new check reveals that he/she is passing at least four classes.

**III. Citizenship Eligibility**

Any student who has received ten (10) or more discipline points (or a 10-day suspension) at the beginning of the season will be ineligible for participation. Any student receiving ten (10) or more discipline points (or a 10-day suspension) during the course of school year, regardless of point rollbacks, will be removed from the team of which they are a member.

**Athletic Appeal Board:** Participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right. Nevertheless, the student/athlete will be offered an opportunity to appeal his or her disciplinary action if desired. To do this, the student/athlete must make his/her request, in writing, to the Athletic Director. This request must be received by said office not later than seven days (one calendar week) from the day of the disciplinary action. The appeal board will consist of an administrator, counselor, athlete's coach, additional coach, athletic director.

This student athlete shall be entitled only to rudimentary due process, as that term is understood in the legal community. The athlete may be represented by a parent or other person who may speak on his or her behalf, and may present evidence and testimony as desired. The appeal board may set procedural rules during the appeal hearing.

**IV. Attendance**

- A. Daily attendance at school and practice is expected. In order for an athlete to be eligible to participate in any after school activity he or she must be present in school for a half academic day. Only an Act of God or an emergency accepted by the athletic office will be allowable as a deviation from this rule. If the activity is to be held on Saturday, then the student must be in attendance in school on the preceding Friday.

Any athlete who consistently displays excessive absences or tardies (under the minimum of 85% attendance in any class) in or out of their sport season during his/her high school career may be subject to disciplinary action determined by the coach, athletic director, assistant principal and/or principal.

**V. Transportation**

During weekday competitions, students must use school provided transportation. If parents want to pick up their student, they must submit a note to this effect in advance to the athletic office. Only the parents or parent designee of the athlete may drive the athlete to or from an athletic contest. No school transportation will be provided for weekend competitions. Weekend transportation will be the responsibility of the student to arrange with a licensed driver.

**VI. Drugs and Alcohol**

During the season of practice and competition, and the offseason during the school year, a student athlete shall not: (1) use tobacco or be in the possession of tobacco including smokeless tobacco, (2) use or have in possession a beverage containing alcohol, (3) use or have possession of, buy, sell, or give away any controlled or look-alike substance, including anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs as listed by the NCAA. Being an athlete in the Eastpointe Public School System is a commitment that goes beyond the confines of the school campus. Smoking, chewing of tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages, and drug use have been proven scientifically to be detrimental to athletic performance, and in most instances are considered illegal conduct for persons under certain ages. Therefore, athletes are expected to adhere to these rules and regulations at all times, whether on or off campus. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action in accordance with these rules.

Moreover, any conduct deemed detrimental to the Eastpointe Public School System or its athletic program constitutes grounds for disciplinary action. Therefore, any athlete who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who are in possession of, using, selling, or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances is expected to part company with such persons and not associate with them while such conduct is occurring. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

**VII. Criminal Conduct**

Athletes in the Eastpointe Public School System shall not engage in any criminal conduct. Such conduct is injurious to the proper operation and general welfare of the School District, its athletic program, students, property, and staff.

Criminal conduct is defined by state law, local ordinances, and other regulations which have the force and effect of law. Violation of this section shall include:

- A. Engaging in any activity that results in the athlete being charged with a criminal offense, whether a felony or misdemeanor, that occurs either on or off campus.
- B. Engaging in illegal activity or dangerous driving on school property, regardless of whether any criminal charges are filed or prosecuted.
- C. Conviction of, or plea of guilty or no contest to, a criminal offense.
- D. Serving a sentence or being placed on probation for a criminal offense.

- E. Association or involvement with individuals during their commission of a criminal act.
- F. Participation in, or pretending or attempting to participate in, a gang or gang-related activities.
- G. Engaging in any of the following activities on school property: acts of physical violence, illegal possession of a controlled substance or imitation controlled substance or other intoxicant, trespassing, and property crimes including, but not limited to, theft and vandalism.

A violation of this section may result in suspension or expulsion from the athletic program. Alternative or additional restrictions may be imposed if, in the discretion of the administration, they are necessary or desirable for purposes of protecting the safety and welfare of other persons or school property. All court orders regarding bond conditions or no contact provisions must be followed, and the administration may impose rules to affect such orders.

In the discretion of the administration, an athlete may be suspended from participation in the athletic program pending the outcome of a criminal charge.

**VIII. Parent Expectations**

Exhibit good sportsmanship toward the officials, opposing fans, the coaches, and the players; address any issues with the coach 24 hours after a contest; provide support to your athlete; volunteer your time and efforts to make this program successful.

**IX. Spectators**

A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and behave in ways that disrupt other spectators.

- \* Show respect for officials, opposing fans, players, and coaches; refrain from cheers which downplay the opponent or which use profane or abusive language; refrain from the use of any controlled substance before, during, and after games on or near the event site.
- \* Please refrain from entering the area of play, should your athlete become injured during a contest, unless motioned to do so by the coach or Athletic Trainer.

**X. Parent/Coach Communications**

**Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with Coaches:**

- 1) Playing time      2) Play calling
- 3) Team strategy    4) Other student athletes

**Appropriate issues to discuss with coaches:**

- Expectations for your son/daughter during practice & games
- Ways to help your athlete improve
- Concerns about your athlete
- Academic support
- College opportunities

**XI. Communications You Should Expect From Your Son/Daughter's Coach:**

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations your coach has for your athlete and all athletes
- Locations and times of all games and practices
- Team requirements
- Procedure followed should your child become injured during participation
- Discipline that could result in denial of your child's participation

**XII. Communication Coaches Expect From Parents:**

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach 24 hours after a contest
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance if possible
- Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

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**STATEMENT OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

I understand the negative and positive consequences of sport participation at Eastpointe High School. I have received, read, and agree to follow these guidelines while participating in Eastpointe High School sporting activities. I also understand full documentation of the EHS Athletic Code of Conduct can be found in the Student Agenda on pages 41 -47.

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear out and return to your coach.