

EDGEWOOD  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXTRA CURRICULAR DEPARTMENT  
STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

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MASCOT: COUGARS  
COLORS: NAVY AND WHITE

“WIN EVERY DAY”

This handbook was written to comply with and conform to the policies of the Edgewood Board of Education. If any provisions in this handbook contradict these policies, then the policies of the Board of Education shall supersede the provisions of this handbook.

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To Edgewood Student Athlete and Parents/Guardians:

The Edgewood City School District believes that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational development of the student. The Edgewood City School District Athletic Program will provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.

Athletics play an important part in the life of students in the Edgewood City School District. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of each team in our athletic program.

Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to our school spirit and helps all students, spectators and participants develop pride in their school.

This handbook originated for prospective athletes and their parents/guardians to become familiar with the Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct and the policies of the Edgewood Athletic Department. The Athletic Advisory Committee, comprised of coaches, administration, teachers, parents and booster members, played a key role in helping put this handbook and the code of conduct together.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 863-4692.

Yours in sports,  
Athletic Department  
Edgewood City Schools

## **EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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Dean of Students: Jeff Dennis

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## **EDGEWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION**

Superintendent: Doug Lantz

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President: Michelle Miller

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## **Athletic Department Mission Statement**

*The Mission of the Edgewood Extra-Curricular Department is to afford students the opportunity to compete and participate in extra-curricular activities. Through their participation, student athletes will develop teamwork,*

*sportsmanship, discipline, respect and  
community pride.*

## **OUR GOAL**

**WIN - EVERY DAY**

**IN THE CLASSROOM**

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**IN ATHLETICS**

## **WE BELIEVE**

***THAT WINNERS ACT LIKE WINNERS***

## **OUR COMMITMENT**

### **THE DEFINITE DOZEN OF AN EDGEWOOD ATHLETE**

1. **BE COMMITTED TO YOUR ACADEMICS** – Go to school every day. Be on time. Do all extra work possible. If you need help see your teacher, and or coach.
2. **BE COMMITTED TO HAVING CLASS** – Treat teachers, trainers, support staff, food service workers, bus driver’s custodians, and all you meet with respect. Treat other people the way you want to be treated. Say please, thank you, yes sir and yes ma’am. Pick up after yourself and always remember to smile.
3. **BE COMMITTED TO DOING THE RIGHT THING** – We have school and team rules, know them and follow them. Realize if you do the right thing you will be OK. Try to do the next right thing and you will be better.

4. **BE COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAM-** We realize that you have many options, but we need your undivided athletic attention during the season and a fair share in the off-season. You must practice to get better; you must train to get quicker and stronger.
5. **BE COMMITTED TO HARD WORK** – Our program is built on the concept that hard work pays off. We believe that we work harder than anyone else, and because that we always deserve to win. There is a reason we are the best we can be ... we work at it. Our best players must be our hardest workers. Be one of our hardest workers.
6. **BE COMMITTED TO BECOMING A SMART PLAYER** – We all must be ready to learn. We believe we work smarter than anyone else. We must develop players who understand the game. We all must be good listeners and learn by watching. We must make good decisions; we must play with poise. We prepare mentally for practice and games.
7. **BE COMMITTED TO OUR TEAM ATTITUDE CONCEPT** – We must all believe in our team concept. Our program is built on the concept that the team/program is bigger than one player or coach... We need unselfish players and coaches.
8. **COMMIT YOURSELF TO A WINNING ATTITUDE** –Our players must be committed to winning but understand we don't measure our success by winning alone. Each time we play we evaluate ourselves on reaching our potential. The test for our team is to play against the game not just our opponent. We never quit. We always are looking for ways to win.
9. **BELIEVE IN OUR SYSTEM OF PLAY** – Commit yourself to our philosophy, to our system of play. Be a sponge and soak up the concepts of how we play. Learn your role...then accept your role and do it the best you can.
10. **BELIEVE IN YOUR SELF** – Play with confidence...think positive. Don't get down when you play poorly...realize you were chosen to be here...be a leader...remember that your heart controls what your tongue says. Lead by example.
11. **BELIEVE IN YOUR TEAMMATES** – Communicate with each other...help each other. Encourage each other and support each other. Don't ever forget the importance of the shell around the team. Be a friend. We are all different-be tolerant of teammates and others.
12. **BELIEVE IN YOUR COACHES** – Understand that your coaches are trying to help make you a better person and player. Ask questions...don't whine, complain or make excuses. Learn to take tough coaching. You must believe that the coaches are doing what they think is right for the team and you.

**The Edgewood City School District sponsors interscholastic competition in the following sports:**

Fall Season

- Cheerleading  
Varsity/Reserve/Freshman  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Cross Country (Boys/Girls)  
Varsity/Reserve  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Combined)
- Football  
Varsity/Reserve/Freshman

Extra Curricular Activities

Marching Band  
Grades 8-12

Pep Band-EHS/EMS

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Golf Varsity/Reserve French Club
- Boys Soccer Varsity/Reserve German Club
- Girls Soccer Varsity/Reserve Spanish club
- Girls Tennis Varsity/Reserve Plays-EHS/EMS  
Fall/Winter/Spring
- Volleyball Varsity/Reserve  
7<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Winter Season

- Boys Basketball Varsity/Reserve/Freshman  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Bowling Varsity/Reserve
- Competition Cheer
- Cheerleading Varsity/Reserve/Freshman  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Academic Team Varsity/Reserve
- Girls Basketball Varsity/Reserve/Freshman  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Swimming Varsity/Reserve
- Wrestling Varsity/Reserve  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Combined)

Spring Season

- Baseball

Varsity/Reserve/Freshman

- Softball  
Varsity/Reserve
- Boys Track  
Varsity  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Combined)
- Girls Track  
Varsity  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Combined)
- Boys Volleyball  
Varsity/Reserve
- Boys Tennis  
Varsity/Reserve

**GOVERNING BODIES**

Chain of command

Head Coach  
Director of Communications and Extra-Curricular Activities  
Superintendent

If you have a concern, you should set up a meeting with the coach of that particular sports team. Concerns, questions, and important information regarding your son or daughter should always be conveyed at a mutually convenient time. No meeting will take place prior to or immediately following an athletic contest.

**The Board of Education**

The Board of Education, responsible to the people, is the ruling agency for Edgewood High School.

The Board of Education is responsible for the following areas:

- Interpreting the needs of the community.
- Developing policies in accordance with state statutes and mandates and in accordance with the educational needs and wishes of the Edgewood City School District.
- Approving means by which professional staff may make these policies effective.
- Evaluating the interscholastic athletic program in terms of its value to the community.

### **The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)**

All schools are voluntary members of the OHSAA and compete only with member schools. As a member school district, the secondary schools of the Edgewood City School District agree to abide by and enforce all rules and regulations set forth by the OHSAA.

The primary role of the OHSAA is to maintain rules and regulations that ensure equity in competition for the student athletes and a balance with other educational programs. The association solicits input and is responsive to requests for rule modification from member schools, appointed committees, and coaches' associations.

The state association attempts to enforce such rules that assure the greatest good for the greatest number to ensure that competition is conducted in an appropriate manner.

The OHSAA rules, as published in the Handbook of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, shall be the governing directive for athletic activities sponsored by Edgewood High School.

## **EDGEWOOD CITY SCHOOLS**

### **POLICY GOVERNING STUDENT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Extra-Curricular Activity Department of Edgewood City Schools believes in the development of the individual to her/his fullest potential through the medium of extra curricular activities. We believe that it is our duty to help develop the student's understanding of her/his responsibility to the school community, and herself/himself. Students should exhibit respect for themselves and all others associated with the activities of their team. Each student should provide a positive role model for fellow students, and should represent our school system and community in a positive manner.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT.**

The following guidelines and responsibilities have been established for the extra curricular student. A director/head coach of a given activity, the director of extra curricular activities and the building principal may establish additional team guidelines and responsibilities. This policy is in effect 365 days a year, 24 hours a day for grades 7-12.

#### **I. EXTRA CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Eligibility for Edgewood Middle School is determined as stated in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Handbook.

Bylaw 4 - Student Eligibility - Section 4-2-2 (Page 33)– If a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 attains the age of 15 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.

Bylaw 4 – Scholarship – Section 4-4-4 (Page 35) – A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

4-4-5 – A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades.

- B. In order to be eligible to participate in extra curricular competition, students in grades 7-12 must meet the following academic requirement.

Students must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period. During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses (or the equivalent).

- Students must have had at least a 1.5 GPA for the preceding grading period.
- Students must maintain proper grade placement as defined in the ECS Board Policy (IKE-R).
- The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading become effective. Exception: Eligibility or ineligibility for the first grading period commences with the start of the fall sports season.
- Summer school grades earned may not be used to substitute for failing grades from the last grading period of the regular school year.

## II. FORMS AND RELEASES

Beginning with the official OHSAA starting date of each sport season, a student-athlete must have the following information completed and turned in to the athletic director or head coach of the sport in order to participate:

- OHSAA Health Questionnaire and Physical Examination Form (required for pre-season conditioning programs)
- Emergency Medical Authorization (also required for pre-season conditioning programs)
- Student/parent Acknowledgment of “Extra Curricular Handbook” and Insurance Waiver
- Uniform Policy
- OHSAA eligibility checklist
- Random Student Drug Testing for Students in Extracurricular Activities, Events and Privileges (IGDJA-R)

## III. ATTENDANCE

A student in extra curricular activities must be in school for at least (four) 4 complete class periods of the school day in order to be eligible for practice or to participate in a contest on that day. Special circumstances may be reviewed by the director of extra curricular activities / administrator where participation would be allowed. A student serving In-School Suspension (AIC) will not be eligible to participate in a contest on that day. Any exception must be approved by the director of extra curricular activities, building principal, or other district administrator with the consent of the coach.

#### IV. TRANSPORTATION

Students must travel to all contests via transportation arranged by Edgewood City Schools. In emergency cases students can be released to their parents or legal guardians at the game site only by the coach in charge. Athletes cannot be released at a contest site to anyone other than their own parents / legal guardians unless prior arrangements have been made with another adult approved by the parent and communicated to the coach before departure. The bus driver is in charge of the bus and her/his directions must be followed the same as any teacher or coach. The driver is solely concerned with safe transportation of passengers to and from the contest. Insubordination toward a bus driver will not be tolerated and will be dealt with as both a school and athletic violation.

#### V. ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student-athlete participating in interscholastic athletics in the Edgewood City School District, you have the following responsibilities concerning school-issued uniform and equipment items:

- A. It is extremely important that your equipment provides you with the protection for which it was designed. Bring all of your equipment problems to the attention of your coach immediately.
- B. Records will be kept by the coach for any equipment issued. You are responsible for the security of these items. Do not loan your equipment or uniform to others. Keep all items under lock. Equipment or uniform items that are lost, stolen, negligently damaged, or not returned are your financial responsibility. A student-athlete will be placed on the student fine list, report cards will be withheld, and the student-athlete will be ineligible for future athletic participation until restitution is made to the athletic department.

#### VI. SEPARATION FROM A TEAM

##### A. SEPARATION DUE TO PERSONAL CONDUCT

Participation on an athletic team is a privilege. Participants must earn that privilege to represent Edgewood City Schools by conducting themselves in such a manner that they are a credit to the school district. Any participant whose conduct is determined by the head coach, athletic director, and principal to be a discredit to him/her, the team, or the school may be subject to disciplinary action. This will apply before, during and after school hours.

Removal (temporary or permanently) from a team or contest may be made by the head coach, athletic director, or principal. Causes for removal include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Unsportsmanlike conduct during practice or a contest
- 2) Violation of athletic department or team policies
- 3) Verbal or physical attack at any contest or practice with any individual
- 4) Repeated unacceptable behavior as determined by the coach or school administration
- 5) Individual coaching rules and policies cannot supercede district Board Policies or

administrative regulation.

- 6) An athlete removed under this section may exercise his/her right of appeal as listed in section XIV of this policy. No participation, in any form, will be permitted until the appeal process has been finalized.

## B. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION

There is a proper manner in which a student-athlete may quit a team. The student-athlete must meet with the athletic director and the coach of the sport they are leaving in order to be in good standing so that participation will be allowed in the next sport the student-athlete chooses to participate in. In order to be permitted to participate in another sport, the student-athlete must return any equipment previously issued and meet any outstanding financial obligations

## C. SEPARATION DUE TO PARTICIPATION WITH OUTSIDE GROUPS OR TEAMS

If an athlete chooses to participate with an athletic team or any activity that conflicts with the school team, that athlete is subject to disciplinary action or removal from the school team, at the discretion of the coach. This policy is in effect for grades 7-12. All athletes must follow OHSAA Bylaws regarding participation on a non-school athletic team.

## VII. DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL USAGE/POSSESSION

In keeping with the philosophy of education and the role of interscholastic athletics supported by the Board of Education and the Edgewood City Schools, the athletic department recognizes student use of drugs and alcohol not only as a violation of the law, but as problematic behavior which has an adverse effect on individuals and the programs in which they are involved. All tobacco, alcohol and drug offenses are cumulative.

In accordance with the rules of the athletic department of the Edgewood City Schools, except for supervised medications prescribed by a physician, a student under the influence, using, possessing, buying, distributing, or receiving drugs (narcotics, hallucinogens, intoxicants, counterfeits, look-alikes, designers), anabolic steroids, controlled substances and alcohol at any time and at any place is in violation of this code.

The following consequences are issued to student-athletes found to have used or been in possession of drugs and/or alcohol: All consequences are cumulative throughout the high school career and middle school career. For example, a student who is in violation for the first time is on the first offense. His/her next offense, even if in senior year, is the second offense. All freshmen will start the high school with a clean record.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (one calendar year non-participation)

The student may petition to have the one-year obligations reduced given the following conditions are met:

- a. The student cannot participate in the next scheduled 20% of the competitive events of the current sports season. If a season concludes prior to the completion of the obligation, the period of ineligibility will be met in the next sports season in which the student has previously participated. New activities that the student has not participated in (within the previous calendar year) will not count towards this obligation.

- b. The student (at their cost) consents to non-random, mandatory drug screening for the remainder of enrollment at Edgewood High School.
- c. At the cost of the student, he/she will provide a written statement from a trained certified chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician trained in the treatment of chemical dependency relative to the student's capacity to return to the applicable activity in light of his/her findings and the recommendations for rehabilitation. A copy of this assessment and any recommendations shall accompany the request for reinstatement.
- d. The student provides a negative drug screen at the student's expense from an agency approved by the program administrator and the testing agency

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: (one calendar year non-participation)

The student may petition to have the one-year obligations reduced given the following conditions are met:

- a. The student cannot participate in the next scheduled 50% of the competitive events of the current sports season, and must complete 40 hours of community service. If a season concludes prior to the completion of the obligation, the period of ineligibility will be met in the next sports season in which the student has previously participated. New activities that the student has not participated in (within the previous calendar year) will not count towards this obligation.
- b. Attends a district approved drug intervention program:  
Program administrator must approve the drug intervention program prior to enrollment
- c. Provides evidence of a negative drug screen at the student's own expense from an agency approved by both the program administrator and the testing agency (must take place prior to reinstatement).
- d. Continues the mandatory drug testing through the school at the student's expense.
- e. Attends a review by program administrator, parent/guardian, student and other "need to know" personnel to determine reinstatement (reinstatement is not automatic).

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense

The student will be ineligible for the remainder of his/her enrollment at EHS.

VIII. TOBACCO USAGE/POSSESSION

The Edgewood City School District understands the destructive effects of underage tobacco use (both smoking and smokeless). All tobacco, alcohol and drug offenses are cumulative. In order to deter student-athlete tobacco use, the following consequences are issued to student-athletes found to have used or been in possession of tobacco:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense -The student cannot participate in the next scheduled 20% of the competitive events of the current sports season. If a season concludes prior to the completion of the obligation, the period of ineligibility will be met in the next sports season in which the student has previously participated. New activities that the student has not participated in (within the previous calendar year) will not count towards this obligation.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – The student will be ineligible for the remainder of his/her enrollment at EHS.

#### IX. SELF-REFERRAL

If a student has never had a prior drug/alcohol/tobacco violation, and the student or parent comes to the coach, principal or athletic director seeking help because of a drug, alcohol, or tobacco problem prior to being questioned by a school administrator or law enforcement officials, the athlete will not be found in violation provided she/he follows the recommendations of a school-approved counseling agency. Self-referral can only occur one time for an athlete. Subsequent violations will be treated as a second offense.

#### X. School office referrals

Any student-athlete referred to the office for a school rules violation may also receive consequences from the Head Coach and/or Director of Extracurricular. The building Principal or Assistant Principal may refer the athlete to the coach or Director of Extra Curricular Activities for disciplinary action.

#### XI. Suspension from school

Suspension from school by school authorities for any reason is automatic suspension from the athletic team for the same time period. School suspension as a result of a code of conduct/training rule violation is an automatic code of conduct/training offense. In addition, the athlete will fall under the code in regards to his team rules or any additional Conduct of Athletes violations.

#### XII. Unsportsmanlike Conduct in Interscholastic Sports

Edgewood student-athletes are to exhibit the utmost in sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the Edgewood Athletic Department as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

#### XIII. Individual coach's rules

Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the Athletic Director and Principal for their respective sports. These rules as pertaining to a particular sport must be given by the Head Coach in writing to all team members and explained fully at the start of the

season. Copies of all additional team rules established by head coaches are on file in the athletic office.

#### XIV. APPEAL PROCEDURE

An athlete prohibited from participation (in accordance with the above regulations) will have the right of appeal to the superintendent or his/her designee. There will be no appeal beyond the superintendent.

#### XV. AWARDS

1. The recommendations for winning monogram awards are as follows:

- A. Participate in more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the games in baseball. Players who are pitchers only must participate in  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the games;
- B. Participation in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the game quarters in basketball;
- C. Have one of the seven lowest scores for the season (total) in cross country;
- D. Participation in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the game quarters in football;
- E. Participation in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the halves in soccer;
- F. Participation in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the games in softball;
- G. Participation in a scoring position in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the tennis matches;
- H. Participation in a scoring position in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the track meets;
- I. Participation in more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the matches in volleyball or
- J. Participation in a scoring position in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the wrestling matches

2. Plaques may be awarded in each sport at the discretion of the Coach and Athletic Director.

3. Any athlete whose participation is terminated in a given sport because of illness or injury suffered in a given sports season shall be eligible for the monogram award.

#### XVI. Award Program

1. The time, place and format of the Awards Program will be determined by the personnel involved.
2. The Awards Program officially ends each sports season.
3. Due to state competition and completing postponed events, it may be necessary to hold awards until final competition is completed.

#### XVII. Participation in Two Varsity Sports in the same Season

An athlete may participate in only one sport per season, unless they meet the following criteria to participate in two Varsity sports. The athlete must have prior approval (in writing) from both coaches stating which sport he/she will declare as his/her primary sport. In addition, the athlete must coordinate a meeting between both coaches and the Athletic Director prior to participating in more than one sport. Any training rule, code of conduct violation, and academic ineligibility will apply to both sports.

#### XVIII. Conflicts in extracurricular activities

- An individual student who attempts to participate in several extracurricular activities will, undoubtedly, be in a position of a conflict of obligations.
- The athletic department recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities, and to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts.
- Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflicts. This would include being cautious when getting involved in too many activities. It also means notifying the faculty sponsors/coaches involved immediately when a conflict does arise.
- When a conflict arises the sponsors/coaches will work out a solution so the student does not feel caught in the middle.
- Once the decision has been made and the student has followed that decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by either faculty sponsor/coach. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligations of a school activity, he or she should withdraw from that activity. Inform your coach of such as soon as possible.
- If a solution cannot be found, the Principal or Athletic Director will make the decision based on the following:
  - The importance of each event to the student.
  - The relative contribution the student can make.
  - How long each event has been scheduled.
  - Talk with parents.

#### XIX. Grooming and dress policy

- A member of an athletic team is expected to be well-groomed. “He shows up best, shows off least.” Appearance, expression, and actions always influence people’s opinions of athletes, the team, and the school. Once you have volunteered to be a member of a squad, you have made a choice to uphold certain standards expected of athletes in this community.
- The following grooming and dress rules will be adhered to by team members:
  - Hairstyles are to be maintained in a neat and clean manner (in line with school policy) so as to present a positive image for both the team and the school.
  - An athlete shall dress presentably at all times, on trips, or assemblies or banquets. Wearing jeans, tennis shoes and hats during awards banquets is not acceptable behavior.
  - Only uniforms issued or approved by the department of athletics are permitted to be worn during contests.
- Athletes will not be permitted to participate until deviations of the above rules are satisfactorily corrected.

#### XXI. Vacation policy

Vacations by athletic team members during a sport season are discouraged. In the event of an absence due to a vacation is unavoidable, an athlete must:

- Be accompanied by his/her parents or guardian while on vacation.
- Contact the head coach prior to the vacation.
- Be willing to assume the consequences related to their status on that squad as a starter, 2<sup>nd</sup> string, 3<sup>rd</sup> string, etc.
- In addition school trips that are not mandatory for grade are also discouraged and the student must be willing to assume the consequences related to their status on that squad as a starter, 2<sup>nd</sup> string, 3<sup>rd</sup> string, etc.

#### XXII. Camp/Clinic payment for students

Students are to take care of their own payments for camps/clinics. Camps and clinics should not conflict with another sport while in season.

#### XXIII. Locker room regulations

- Hazing is not allowed and this includes any physical or mental embarrassment that may be instituted by anyone associated with an athletic team. (per 2903.3 Ohio Handbook of Criminal Law)
- All showers/lights must be turned off. The last person to leave the locker room is expected to turn off the lights/showers. No one except coaches and assigned players are allowed in the locker room.
- No glass containers are permitted in our locker room facilities.
- All spiked shoes or cleats must be put on and taken off outside of the locker room. No metal or hard plastic spikes or cleats are ever allowed in any part of the school building.

#### XXIV. Weight room regulations

- Shirts and shoes are required at all times – tank tops are not acceptable.
- Nobody is to be in the weight room alone and/or without proper supervision.
- Replace all weights on racks immediately following use.
- Know your limits! Work with the instructor in determining your limits.
- Do the lifts correctly. It is better to use lighter weights for correct lifting than heavier weights and run the risk of injury.
- Warm-up with proper stretching exercises.
- No chewing gum or eating candy while lifting.
- No food or drinks inside the weight room.
- No horseplay or profanity.
- No abuse of equipment. Any equipment that is broken must be reported immediately.
- Remember strength training is not only a supplement to other athletic programs, but also a highly-skilled activity itself.

#### XXV. Diet/Strength Supplements

Edgewood City Schools do not support the use, sale or possession of Diet and/or Strength supplements by student athletes. These include but are not limited to:

Drug Supplements including Anabolic Steroids, Human Growth Hormone, etc. These are controlled substances which fall under the Edgewood Drug and Alcohol Policies and the Student Code of Conduct.

Nutritional Supplements that are classified by the FDA are strongly discouraged. These include Creatine Monohydrate, Chromium, Picolinate, Amino Acids, etc.

No member of the athletic department, no matter his/her personal opinion or belief will promote the use of these nutritional supplements.

The use of diet aids in an effort to lose weight for increased athletic performance is strongly discouraged. No member of the athletic department, no matter his/her personal opinion or belief will promote the use of these diet aids.

Edgewood City School District  
Extra Curricular Handbook Awareness Receipt Pledge

**I have received a copy of the Edgewood City School District Athletic Parent Handbook, and reviewed the policies, rules, regulations and informational items found therein. I realize I am responsible for being aware of the total contents of the athletic handbook.**

**Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct Pledge**

**As an Edgewood student athlete, I will live by the Edgewood City School District Student and Athletic Codes of Conduct. As such, my behavior will reflect the values of respect for myself, respect for others, respect for authority, respect for property and honesty and integrity.**

**As a Edgewood student athlete, I understand that I am privileged to be a representative of the school district and my conduct must reflect accordingly. I realize that my actions reflect on me, my team and my school; therefore, I accept responsibility to be held to a higher standard.**

**I accept that as a Edgewood student athlete, I have a responsibility to my teammates to support and assist them when they are in need, in both academic and social situations.**

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**Student Name (Please print)**

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**Grade**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

**As a parent of Edgewood City School District student athlete, I pledge to uphold the policies and procedures as established and printed in the athletic handbook.**

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**Parent Name**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

**Insurance Waiver**

The Edgewood Athletic Department along with the Ohio High School Athletic Association has purchased catastrophic medical insurance that begins payment at \$10,000. Your son/daughter must have insurance protection that will cover them in the event of an injury occurring while participating in inter-scholastic athletics. If you do not have insurance protection, you can purchase Student Accident Insurance Protection. We have the forms to fill out and send.

My son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, **has** health insurance.  
(Athlete's Name)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

My son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, **does not** have a health insurance policy.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## EDGEWOOD EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEES

The Edgewood Board of Education has set the athlete participation fee structure.

**The fees for each extra curricular are \$50.00 per activity per student (middle school and high school) for the first two activities. The third activity is no charge. Plays, musicals and pep band are \$25.00 per activity.** There is an annual family cap of \$200.00. Students in the same family at EMS and EHS will count towards the \$200.00 family maximum. Checks are to be made payable to Edgewood Athletics. Participation fees must be submitted when paperwork is turned into the coach or designee (before the first scheduled contest).

Parents and students are advised that payment of fees do not automatically insure playing/participation time. Playing time will always be up to the discretion of the coach.

No refund will be issued if a student quits an activity.

No refund will be issued if a student is dismissed from an activity.

No refund will be issued if a student becomes academically ineligible at any time.

### **Injury**

100% of the pay to participate fee will be refunded if a student incurs a season ending injury prior to the first contest/performance.

A prorated refund will be issued if a season ending injury occurs after the first contest/performance.

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Athlete's Name (Please Print)                      Sport                      Fee Amount

Have **you** participated in another sport for Edgewood **this school year**?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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List **brothers/ sisters who have paid fees** to participate in athletics **this school year** at EHS/EMS.

NAME	SPORT	EHS/EMS	(Amount)
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Parent/Guardian Signature Date