

Endeavor  
Charter School



Home of the Pride

## Seasons and Athletic Programs:

**Fall**- Boys Soccer “A”, Boys Soccer “B”, Girls Volleyball “A”, Girls Volleyball “B”, Girls Tennis, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country

**Winter**- Boys Basketball “A”, Boys Basketball “B”, Girls Basketball “A”, Girls Basketball “B”

**Spring**- Girls Soccer “A”, Girls Soccer “B”, Boys Tennis, Baseball, Girls and Boys Golf, Girls Track and Field, Boys Track and Field, Girls Softball

### Registration guidelines:

- Eligible grade levels- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 6<sup>th</sup> grade may become eligible to participate if needed to fill a roster or field a specific team.
- Registration will be communicated to the parents by the Athletic Director via email.
- Team registration timeline; Fall season - June of the school year prior to the participating fall season. Winter season– September of the participating year. Spring season – January of the participating year.
- Registration will be open for 1 week and completed online; late and/or incomplete registrations will not be accepted after the posted deadline (extenuating circumstances may be an exception at the discretion of the Athletic Director).
- Once registration has ended, if any team does not meet the minimum number of players to field a sufficient roster, then registration in that specific sport will open to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Team minimum numbers; soccer “A” and “B”- 15, Tennis- 8, Basketball “A” and “B”- 10, Baseball- 12, Cross Country- 7, Golf- 4, Track and Field- 8, Volleyball “A” and ”B”- 10, Girls Softball- 12
- Team specific funding is vital in the support and continuation of the offered sports and program as a whole; financial deficits could result in team/season cancellations. See funding form within the registration.

### Basic Policies

- Dates, times and locations of games and/or practices are subject to change; parents and athletes will be notified via phone, text and/or email. Schedule changes will also be posted on the athletic webpage at [ECS Athletics - Endeavor Charter School](#)
- Student athletes should bring their practice or game apparel to school on scheduled days; they will be provided designated times to change at school prior to their event.
- Student athletes will be dismissed from school at 3:00 for pick-up on **game days only** when competitions are held off campus, unless otherwise notified (detailed procedures will be provided prior to the season). Student athletes will go through the normal day-to-day carpool procedures on practice days if practicing off campus. Student athletes will remain on campus, in their carpool classrooms, until dismissed for all events held on campus.
- Parents **MUST** be on time to drop off or pick up their student athlete at all athletic events.

- Games and practices may occur during track out; student athletes are expected to follow through with the schedule.
- The athletic calendar/schedule will be posted on the athletic webpage at [ECS Athletics - Endeavor Charter School](#) and copies will be provided to all participating families.
- Parents are responsible for transporting their student athlete and/or arranging a means of carpool with other team families for their student athlete to and from all athletic events.
- Student athletes participating in club sports outside of Endeavor are encouraged to play; if participation is during the same season, accommodations regarding absences will be met. Accommodations will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director and will require prior communication by the parent.
- As a no-cut athletic program, let it be known that all students and skill levels are welcome to participate, however, being a competitive program, playing time is not guaranteed to any individual in any event. The student athlete must earn his or her time by hard work, dedication, and displaying knowledge and success in the skills used/needed for the sport in which he or she is participating in. Playing time is at the discretion of the coach.
- Weather policy for outdoor events; “hear it clear it, see it flee it”. If you hear thunder, clear the area and get to a safe shelter or vehicle; play will be suspended for 30 minutes and 30 minutes of play stoppage will be added every time thunder is heard, 1 hour max before being canceled. If you see lighting, flee the field as soon as possible; canceled immediately.
- Heat Policy-
  - Index of 80-90; normal practice, frequent water breaks (5 minutes at least every 20 minutes)
  - Index of 91-103; modified practice, light drills, walk throughs, frequent water breaks (5 minutes at least every 15 minutes)
  - Index of 104+- canceled
- Student athletes will not be cleared to participate in team activities until all registration forms are submitted, completed in their entirety, and on file with the Athletic Director. By submitting the signed forms, the student athlete and parents agree with and understand all policies and procedures.
- Team uniforms are the property of the athletic department and will be provided to the student athletes prior to their first competition. Uniforms are to be worn during Pride competitions only; they are not for rec and leisure play and should not be worn to school or practice unless instructed to do so by coach. Athletes will be responsible for their uniforms throughout the season; any misplaced, lost, stolen or damaged (other than wear and tear) uniforms will be paid for in full and replaced by the student athlete. Uniforms are to be returned to the Athletic Director at the end of the participating season.
- All student athletes must have practiced a total of 5 days before playing in their first game of the season

### **“A” Teams and “B” Teams**

The Endeavor Pride will field 2 teams (“A” and “B”) in the sports of girls volleyball and boys soccer in the fall, girls and boys basketball in the winter and girls soccer in the spring.

- Fielding 2 teams in the specified sports will be dependent on the total number of registered players and the availability of coaches, facilities and opponents.
- “A” and “B” teams, although being the same sport and played during the same season, will be different teams, coached by different coaches and will play a separate game schedule. “A” teams will compete both in conference and out of conference; “B” teams will compete out of conference only.
- “A” and “B” teams of the same sport will practice together or separately on the same day with staggered times or on different days depending on their game schedules, total number of participants and facility availability.
- All participating grade levels are eligible for either “A” and “B” teams; including the 6<sup>th</sup> grade if they become eligible and needed to field both teams.
- “A” and “B” team head coaches will evaluate all players together during the first week of practice and then meet to determine the two teams following the final practice of the first week.
- “B” team players may have an opportunity to and are eligible to “play up” on the “A” team during the season.

### **Endeavor Charter School Athletic Eligibility Requirements**

Any student interested in participating in athletics during the school year should familiarize themselves with the following general regulations, academic, behavior and attendance requirements, and athletic policies.

#### **General Regulations:**

To be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, a player must meet all eligibility requirements.

- Age policy; shall not participate if he or she becomes 15 years of age on or before October 16<sup>th</sup> of the school year.
- Academic and attendance requirements as outlined in these policies.
- Receive a medical examination (athletic participation physical) once per school year and on file in the athletics office prior to the start of the season.
- Present an insurance waiver form signed by parent or guardian and all other required forms needing signatures included in the athletics packet on file in the athletics office prior to the start of the season.
- Students must demonstrate appropriate behavior inside and outside the classroom.

## **Academic, Attendance and Disciplinary Policy**

All student athletes representing the Endeavor Pride will be required to follow the academic, behavior, and attendance policies set forth. The athletes will be committed to abide by these policies throughout their participating season. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action to the athlete by the Athletic Director and/or head coach. The length and severity of the discipline will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director and/or head coach if not specified in these policies.

### **Academics**

All students participating in athletics shall demonstrate an acceptable level of academic achievement as followed. Communication between the teachers and Athletic Director will be established and grades will be checked weekly by the Athletic Director for player eligibility to assess this policy.

- Student athletes must earn and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 throughout their participating season to be eligible for team events (practices and competitions).
- If at any point during the season a student athlete's GPA drops below the minimum requirement, the athlete will become ineligible and suspended from all games and practices until his or her GPA meets the eligibility requirement. The time that the student athlete would be at a practice or game should be devoted to his or her academics; when the GPA meets the eligibility requirement, the student athlete will be reinstated and permitted to return to all team activities.
- If notified by a teacher that the student athlete has a consistent pattern of late/missing work, low scores, or any other issues related to his or her academics, then a loss of playing time or team suspension may be the result issued by the Athletic Director. The decision of and length of the consequence is at the discretion of the Athletic Director. The severity of the punishment will depend on the severity of the academic issue.
- A 3 week "grace period" will be granted to all student athletes at the start of each season before eligibility takes effect.

### **Behavior**

Any inappropriate behavior displayed by the student athlete inside and/or outside the classroom will result in, but are not limited to, verbal/written warnings, meeting with parents, ineligibility and/or suspensions. Communication between the teachers, School Director and Athletic Director will be established to assess this policy.

- If an athlete is suspended or actively reprimanded from school for unsatisfactory conduct, he or she will also face a suspension from participation in any athletic event (practice and competition) for at least the length of the school suspension.
- The decision and length of an athletic suspension is at the discretion of the Athletic Director. The severity of the punishment will depend on the behavior of the student and cause of the school suspension/reprimanding.

## **School Attendance**

All students participating in athletics can have no more than three unexcused absences from school during the season in which he or she is actively participating in. Excused absences will not count against these totals when course work is made up.

- A one game suspension will be the punishment for every school absence surpassing the third unexcused.
- If the student athlete has an absence on the day of a game or practice, then he or she will be ineligible to play in that game or participate in practice.
- If the student athlete has an unexcused tardy or early release on the day of a game or practice, then he or she will be ineligible to play in that game or participate in practice.
- The student athlete must be present in school for a minimum of 3 hours and 15 minutes to be eligible to participate in practices and/or games; that time the student athlete is not present in school must be of an excused reason.
- Three unexcused tardies will equal one unexcused absence.

## **Athletic Event Attendance (practice/competitions)**

- Any unexcused absence from practice or competition is an automatic one game suspension.
- All absences will be marked as unexcused unless the head coach and/or Athletic Director are notified of the absence and that absence is of an excusable cause.
- No athlete will start if he or she misses a practice the day before competition.

**\*Extenuating circumstances are an exception to these attendance policies and should be brought to the attention of the Athletic Director\***

## **Detention and in-school/out-of-school suspension**

All students serving a before and/or afterschool detention, for any reason, will be disciplined in accordance to the following procedure.

1<sup>st</sup> detention: Discipline is at the discretion of the Athletic Director and may result in a suspension from competition or loss in playing time depending on the severity of the student's actions and cause for detention.

2<sup>nd</sup> detention and all that surpass: An automatic one game suspension will be issued by the Athletic Director.

\*Detentions will be cumulative throughout the season in which the athlete is participating in. Student athletes serving a game suspension due to a detention are still required to attend the game in support of his or her team; he or she will be permitted to sit with the team on the bench, but as a spectator in game day attire and not in uniform. The athlete is still required to attend and permitted to practice\*

Any student serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension will be disciplined in accordance to the following procedure; the severity of the cause for suspension may warrant an extended probationary period.

1<sup>st</sup> suspension: 1 week probation period; will be unable to compete in all competitions and practices for one week.

2<sup>nd</sup> suspension: 2 week probation period; will be unable to compete in all competitions and practices for two weeks.

3<sup>rd</sup> suspension: The student athlete will be immediately removed from the team and will serve a full calendar year of probation; he or she will be eligible to return to the athletics program during the same season in which the suspension occurred.

\*Suspensions will be cumulative throughout the school year. If a student athlete is serving a probationary period due to an out-of-school or in-school suspension, that student athlete will also be suspended from attending any games during their probationary period.

**\*The Endeavor Pride Athletic Program is a privilege to the Endeavor students and its athletes. The disciplinary actions set forth are to establish and teach responsibility and commitment to the team\***

### **Sportsmanship Policy:**

1. Any athlete who receives an unsportsmanlike technical foul during game play will be removed from the game for the duration of play. Additional consequences may result based on the severity of the cause for the technical foul including, but not limited to, suspension from the following game.
  - A. Exceptions will be considered based on the nature of the infraction. Emphasis being on the behavior and attitude of the player, rather than judgment calls by officials.
  - B. A double technical on one player will result in a game ejection; please see ejection procedure below, #3, for disciplinary actions
  - C. Any athlete serving a game suspension due to an unsportsmanlike technical foul will be permitted to attend the game in support of his or her teammates unless that technical foul resulted in an ejection in which then the athlete will also be suspended from attending the game. The suspended player will not be permitted to wear his or her team uniform or participate in team warm-ups.
2. Any athlete who receives a red card during game play will be removed from play for the remainder of that game and suspended from participation in and attending the following game.
3. Any athlete who is ejected/removed from a game due to any of the following circumstances will be disciplined according to the policy as stated;
  - Fighting includes, but is not limited to, combative acts such as an attempt to strike an opponent with a fist, hands, arms, legs, or feet. An attempt to punch or kick an opponent, regardless of whether or not contact is made. An attempt to instigate a

fight by committing an unsportsmanlike act toward an opponent that causes an opponent to retaliate, leaving the bench area to participate in a fight.

- Taunting, biting, spitting.
- Profanity directed toward an official, opponent, coach, and/or spectators.
- Obscene gestures
- Disrespect when addressing or contacting an official, coach, parent, and/or spectator.

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Suspension from participation in and attending the following 2 games.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Season suspension/removal from team and suspension from all interscholastic athletics for one calendar year.

**\*If a suspension takes place at the end of the season, the suspension will carry over to the next sport the athlete may play during another season.\***