

EWING

STUDENT/ATHLETE CONTRACT

GENERAL ATHLETIC TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

PROCEDURES

- ✓ All participants must have a *signed* **Physical form, Health History form, Emergency Medical card and Student/Athlete contract** on file in the athletic office in order to participate in interscholastic sports programs.
- ✓ Athletes must meet EHS and NJSIAA eligibility requirements (as outlined in the student handbook/agenda and NJSIAA handbook).
- ✓ Athletes must abide by ALL school policies; these policies are located in the student handbook/agenda.
- ✓ All injuries are to be reported immediately to your coach and to the Athletic Trainer for proper examination and if needed, a referral to the appropriate medical personnel or services.
- ✓ Students are to be in school by 8:00AM if they wish to participate in a scheduled practice or game on that day. The Athletic Director must approve any exception.

CONDUCT

- ✓ Athletes are representatives of EHS and at all times must present themselves in a positive and sportsmanlike manner.
- ✓ **All athletes, spectators and coaches must show proper respect for opposing teams, their coaches and officials alike.**
- ✓ Bus behavior will be beyond reproach. Appropriate demeanor and reasonable volume must be maintained at all times. No abuse, distasteful or obscene language or actions will be permitted. All athletes are expected to arrive and return to the school as part of the team. The coach may allow a student athlete to return home from an away event **ONLY with a parent**. At this point, the parent of the child will assume all responsibility. **At no time are students allowed to drive themselves to or from athletic contests. We encourage all team members, whenever possible, to use the assigned school transportation. This promotes team unity, ensures proper supervision and allows for greater safety of our students.**
- ✓ HAZING: EHS will not tolerate hazing of any kind to our student athletes. Students who disregard this rule are subject to suspension and/or expulsion from their team, as well as appropriate school disciplines set forth by the Administration.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ It is the responsibility of the head coach to decide which student/athlete will participate and at what level of play, as well as the amount of playing time that the student will have. Questions regarding this area will be addressed directly to the head coach in a mutually acceptable timeframe and in an appropriate, professional manner. If these concerns are not addressed in a satisfactory manner, the next course of action is to meet with the Athletic Director: then, if necessary, the Principal. Finally, if necessary, you can request, in writing, a meeting with the Superintendent.
- ✓ Athletes will be on time for practice and will be prepared every day. They should prioritize their affiliations with community teams, placing the needs of the EHS team first.
- ✓ Athletes are responsible for the care and use of all equipment issued. Equipment and uniforms are to be worn and used only at EHS events. Athletes will be held accountable for any equipment/uniform mistreated or not returned.
- ✓ Every effort should be made to have transportation waiting at the school for athlete pick-up.
- ✓ Failure to comply with any policy, regulations and/or requirements stipulated by the Ewing BOE or any of the rules stated above or attached to this contract that have been stipulated by the coach regarding dress code, curfews, detentions, etc., will result in disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal for a designated time as determined by the head coach and/or policy set forth in the student handbook/agenda.
- ✓ A student involved in ANY incident of unbecoming conduct of a serious nature inside OR outside of the school environment may not represent the school in accordance with Regulation 2431.3 Item 11.

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, all athletes are required to be alcohol-free, tobacco-free, drug-free and anabolic steroid-free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the season. Athletes who use and/or are in possession of these items are subject to disciplinary action as outlined by the Board of Education Policy and may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from their team. Attendance at parties or gatherings where alcohol, tobacco or drugs are present is strictly prohibited. Athletes must depart from such affairs or situations immediately once these substances are discovered. This rule does not restrict athletes from attending family functions where alcoholic beverages are present. The purpose of this rule is to deter under-age drinking and/or substance abuse.