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**EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY RULES**

Eligibility rules herewith stated shall apply to all athletes involved in interscholastic athletic competition. All participants will comply with both East Brunswick Board of Education Policy and N.J.S.I.A.A. Rules and Regulations.

**Section I - ACADEMIC STANDING**

**Board of Education Policy -- grade 7-12**

- A. In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular (non-credit) activities, students in grades 9-12 must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0, meet all attendance requirements, and maintain passing grades in at least 15 credits a semester.
- B. Students in grades 9-12 who do not meet these requirements for one quarter will be warned and permitted to participate on a probationary basis during the next quarter. If they do not meet the requirements by the end of the following quarter, they will be prohibited from participation in all activities. They will be reinstated following the quarter in which they meet the criteria.
- C. Seventh and Eighth grade eligibility requirements are as follows: meeting all attendance requirements and not failing more than one subject in the first quarter. Seventh and Eighth graders who do not meet the requirements at the end of the first quarter will receive a written warning and will be allowed to participate on a probationary basis during the second quarter. If they do not meet their requirements by the end of the second quarter, they will be prohibited from participation in all activities. If they continue to fail two (2) or more subjects by the end of the fourth quarter, they will be prohibited from participation in all activities during the first marking period of ninth grade. They will be reinstated after all criteria are met.

**N.J.S.I.A.A. REQUIREMENTS**

- A. To be eligible for athletic competition by the NJSIAA during the fall and winter seasons, students must meet the following eligibility requirements: Students will need 30.0 credits (15.0 for the spring).

**Section II - USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**

If a student is under the influence or in possession of drugs/alcohol and/or drug paraphernalia it will result in:

- A. **First offense - A three (3) week suspension from all athletic activities (practices and games) and all extracurricular activities, to be reinstated at the discretion of the core team.**
- B. **Second offense - Dismissal from the current season and from all interscholastic activities for a calendar year from the day of incident.**

**Section III – USE OF TOBACCO**

- A. First offense – a one (1) week suspension from all athletic activities which includes practices and games.
- B. Second offense – a three (3) week suspension from all athletic activities which includes practices and games.
- C. Third offense – dismissal from all interscholastic activities for a calendar year from the day of the incident.

**Section IV - SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL**

- A. Any athlete who is suspended (ISS or OSS) shall not be allowed to participate in any athletic activity, game, or practice during the period of suspension.

**Section V – ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL**

- A. A student must meet the school’s “legal attendance” (a minimum of four hours) requirement in order to practice or participate in a contest. An unauthorized absence from school or practice may subject the student to possible dismissal or suspension from the team. Each case is to be referred by the individual coach to the Supervisor of Athletics.

**Section VI – DISQUALIFICATION FROM AN ATHLETIC EVENT**

- A. Any athlete disqualified from an interscholastic event will be suspended as per the NJSIAA and the East Brunswick rules. The athlete will be disqualified from the next three regularly scheduled games/meets, with the exception of football, which will carry a two game disqualification.
- B. Any spectator ejected for inappropriate behavior from an athletic event will be prohibited from attending the next two events at a minimum. Further consequences may be determined by school administration.

**Section VII - TRAVEL**

- A. It is important for team members to travel to and from athletic contests on transportation provided by the school district. Should a student need to ride to or from a contest, parents are asked to complete a transportation request form and send it to the Supervisor of Athletics for approval 5 school days prior to the event. These requests will be granted only for emergency situations.

**Section VIII. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**

Equipment and uniforms are the property of the Board of Education and should be returned upon completion of the season. If equipment is not returned or the athletic department reimbursed, administrative action will occur.

**Section IX. OBLIGATIONS**

Every effort has been made to construct athletic schedules to avoid conflict with religious worship. In those instances where a conflict may unavoidably remain, it is the position of the school that religious observance supersedes any obligation to an athletic team. In implementing this position, athletic coaches have been informed that they should encourage student athletes to fulfill their religious commitments faithfully. It also has been emphatically stated that an athlete’s team status shall not be affected in any manner as a result of his or her pursuit of a religious commitment. This shall include, but not be limited to, missing practices or games.

**Section X. PAY TO PARTICIPATE**

- A. A Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) Activity Fee will be assessed for each sport, payable prior to tryouts.