

**HANDBOOK OF
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS**



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List of EVSC Schools

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MISSION

The mission of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation elementary athletic program is to provide a positive and supportive learning environment that offers elementary grade students the opportunity to enjoy the experience of athletic competition, and to develop the skills necessary to participate in competitive sports while enriching the educational and personal experience of our student athletes.

PHILOSOPHY

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation believes that athletics are an essential component to the school's academic program. The athletic program offers unique opportunities outside of the classroom to promote self-discipline, improved self-image, and encourage a healthy sense of competition.

The objectives of the program are as follows:

- Instructional focusing on skill development
- All members of the team an opportunity to compete in every game
- Exemplary sportsmanship displayed at all times
- Fun and positive atmosphere for all involved

PURPOSE OF ATHLETICS

Athletics are an essential part of a complete education, and the athletic program serves these educational purposes.

1. Instructs students in the rules, fundamentals and skills of individual and team sports.
2. It provides healthy competition and cooperation within and between schools and instills in students the principles of good sportsmanship and teamwork.
3. Helps to develop sportsmanship and ethical behavior in other aspects of a student's education.

Athletic Seasons

Fall Sports: Girls Volleyball

- Maximum number of contests – 8 (Start of school thru October 31)

Winter Sports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball

- Maximum number of contests – 8 (November 1 thru January 31)

Participation

All participants must have a signed permission slip on file in order to participate, along with emergency contact information.

Academic Eligibility

Being a student-athlete takes great responsibility to maintain good academic status. The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation athletic program is designed to enhance a student's overall experience and not detract from academic achievement. Weekly progress reports may be used by coaches, reflecting attendance, behavior, and grades. If a student falls below the standard set by the building principal, he/she may be excluded from participation.

Attendance Policy

A student must be in attendance for a full day of school to participate in practice and/or games unless excused by the principal.

Athlete General Responsibilities

1. Give full effort during practices and games.
2. Make a commitment to the team until the conclusion of the season.
3. Exhibit sportsmanship and maintain self-control at all times.
4. Accept the guidance of teachers and coaches and respect their decisions at all times.
5. Never criticize or disrespect coaches, officials, teachers, or fellow teammates.
6. Refrain from offensive or abusive language and actions.
7. Maintain academic eligibility.

Athlete Code of Conduct

Since athletes are representing the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and their school. They must follow a code of conduct at all times. Failure to do so can result in removal from the sports team, or deem them ineligible to participate in other sports for the remainder of that school year. A decision can be made by the coach of the team or the principal.

1. Accept the responsibility and privilege of representing the school and community.
2. Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach.
3. Treat opponents with the respect that is due to them as guests and fellow competitors.
4. Never argue or make gestures indicating dislike with an official's decision.
5. Never be boastful or bitter, accept both victory and defeat with pride.
6. Congratulate the opponents in a sincere manner following victory or defeat.
7. Never taunt an opponent or celebrate an accomplishment in such a way that demonstrates lack of respect or to provoke another team or its spectators.

Playing Time

The athlete's effort, attendance, participation in practice, teamwork, attitude, as well as the number of students on the team are some of the factors that coaches may consider when determining playing time. Every effort shall be made to maximize each participant's playing time.

The goal is to strive for consistency and fairness within each sport. We want athletes to have an opportunity to play in game situations and tournament throughout the year.

Practice Times & Dates

Parents can expect that all practice times and dates will be communicated in advance. For planning purposes and to be courteous, practices will always start and end at the scheduled time. Building principal must approve all practice schedules.

Supervision

1. Athletes should report to the coach or designated area once dismissed from class.
2. Athletes must not leave a site or designated area without coach's permission.
3. Coaches are responsible for all athletes.
4. Coaches will supervise athletes until all have been picked up.

Transportation

Parents are responsible for transporting their athlete to and from practice and games.

Parent Involvement/Conduct Code

Parent-Coach Relationship:

Should you have any concern, do not approach the coach immediately at the conclusion of a contest or practice. Call or email the coach at a later time with your concern. If necessary, schedule a meeting to discuss the matter privately.

- A. Typical concerns of parents that are appropriate to discuss with a coach are:
- Any unhealthy mental or physical strain you detect in your child at home
 - How you can contribute to your child's skill improvement and development
- B. Typical concerns of parents that are inappropriate to discuss with a coach:
- Playing time
 - Team strategy or play calling
 - Other student-athletes

Cooperation, communication, and support among coaches, athletes, parents and school personnel are essential if students are to realize the values of educational based athletics. Like coaches and athletes, parents must make commitments to assure the success of the athletic program and to ensure that the athlete has a positive and enriching athletic experience.

Expectations of Parents:

1. Accompany my child to as many orientation and informational meetings, athletic contests and special events as my schedule will permit.
2. To assure my child will attend all scheduled practices, games, special athletic events and team meetings.
3. Promptly having my child picked up at the conclusion of practices and games.
4. Refrain from making negative statements about the coach or other team members in front of my child. (Doing so may inhibit your child's ability to improve.)
5. Help my child deal with adversity with dignity, be gracious in defeat, humble in victory and always treat others with respect.
6. Encourage my child to set and work toward individual and team goals.
7. Be a positive role model for my child at all times.
8. Remember that my involvement and support is vital to my child's academic and athletic success.
9. Understand that in order for my child to participate, I must go over rules and guidelines with them, as well as both of us signing and dating an agreement form for the coach.

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PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

I/We have read the philosophy, role of the athlete, regulations, and Athlete's Code of Conduct regarding Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation's policies and procedures.

I/We agree to abide by these rules and all policies.

Student Name: _____

(Please print)

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

(Please print)

Parent Signature: _____

VOLUNTEER COACHING AGREEMENT

All Head coaches and assistant coaches must complete a Volunteer Application (online or print copy) and have principal approval before allowed to coach.

Coaches Expectations and Responsibilities

It is important that all coaches be an exemplary role model for the school, community, and most importantly the student-athletes. Each coach acts as an ambassador for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and reports directly to the building principal. Coaches are expected to deal with parents, officials, and other school's coaches, and fans in a professional way to help build a positive image for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Responsibilities for coaches include scheduling contests and practices.

Expectations

- Establish student safety and welfare
- Emphasize academic excellence
- Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship and appropriate conduct
- Not verbally or physically abuse fellow coaches/advisors, students or officials
- Not tolerate abuse and damage to facilities or equipment
- Be consistent with team rules and standards
- Use discretion and good judgment while teaching students-athletes proper behavior
- Never use profanity, nor allow the use of profanity
- Present and enforce the Athlete Code of Conduct

Communication

- Have an open and on-going communication with coaches, students, and parents
- Hold a parent meeting prior to first contest to discuss basic policies, procedures, student code of conduct, academics, practice and game schedule, and consent forms that are to be signed in order for students to participate

Participation

- Encourage as many students as possible in the school to try out for a team/group
- Keep as many students as possible on the team/group
- Allow as many students as possible to compete or perform without compromising the quality of effort or performance

Please retain top section – sign, date and return the bottom section to the building principal.

I have read and agree to the policies stated in the Coaches' Code of Expectations and Responsibilities.

I agree that these rules and expectations are important in developing quality programs. These programs are designed to help student-athletes become good citizens with a high sense of moral integrity, a competitive spirit and the ability to be honest and forthright in all endeavors. I agree to abide by these standards.

I accept that failure to abide by this code may result in my removal as coach.

Coach Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Volunteer in our schools

Volunteer opportunities abound within the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. All coaches who are not employed with the EVSC must complete a Volunteer Application form online at the link provided below.

https://district.evscschools.com/school_info/volunteer_in_our_schools