Department of ATHLETICS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Interscholastic Athletic Program in the Easton Area School District. This letter contains very important information regarding your child's injury insurance protection, his/her physical examination, the equipment he/she is issued to participate in the program, and other athletic policies/procedures you should make yourself aware of.

PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR LATER REFERENCE.

1. **INSURANCE ("IN-EXCESS" ATHLETIC ACCIDENT POLICY)**
   PLEASE NOTE: (YOUR PRIMARY INSURANCE CARRIER MUST BE NOTIFIED AS WELL)
   - All medical expenses incurred by your son/daughter, as a result of their participation in interscholastic and/or intramural athletics (off-season team workouts) are your responsibility.
   - The Easton Area School District provides an "in excess" athletic accident insurance policy for all student athletes, while participating in both interscholastic and intramural sports. This is to potentially aid in costs that are in excess of those allowed by their primary insurance.
   - In the event your son/daughter is injured while participating in an EASD athletic sponsored event and immediately reports the injury to the EASD Sports Medicine staff, requiring referral to a medical/osteopathic doctor, dentist or chiropractor, an insurance claim form will be given directly to the student athlete, along with detailed instructions on how to file.
   - Mail the completed secondary athletic accident insurance claim form, along with all related bills for services & explanation of benefits to: A-G Administrators LLC Claims Dept, PO Box 21013, Eagan, MN 55121 OR email to: upload.agadministrators.com
   - **All inquiries should be directed to 610-933-0800 or customerservice@agadm.com**

2. **STUDENT ATHLETE CODE**
   - You and your child must read the Student Athlete Code of Conduct on the www.eastonsd.org website. Be sure to sign electronically via Student Central. Your child may not tryout, practice or play until this form is signed by both you and your child.

3. **PARENT/ATHLETE ORIENTATION MEETINGS - EAHS - 6:00 P.M.**

FALL – Thursday August 6th **AUDITORIUM**	*WINTER–Wednesday November 11th* **MAIN GYM**	*SPRING –Wednesday February 24th* **MAIN GYM**

These are mandatory meetings for both parents and athletes. All academic topics, athletic training details and practice schedules/team information will be distributed.

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4. **EQUIPMENT**
    - Your son/daughter, as a member of our interscholastic athletic teams, will receive equipment from the school district, which is of the highest quality available. It is also expensive and necessitates your and your son's/daughter's genuine concern for its care and safekeeping. Thus, **your child is responsible** for the equipment they are issued. At the end of the season, or when they leave the team for any reason, the same equipment issued to them must be returned immediately, in acceptable condition, to the equipment manager at either the high school or middle school (7/8). If any, or all, of the equipment is missing, you and/or your child must pay for these items so that we can purchase replacement equipment. Until this obligation is taken care of, your son/daughter may not participate in any other sport. **Athletes must return the original equipment issued to them. Substituted equipment will not relieve the student's obligation.**

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Registration must be completed in Arbiter Registration by the deadline for each season in order to try out for a team. Deadlines can be found on the "IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DEADLINES" handout.
- P.I.A.A mandates that only a licensed **medical doctor**, **osteopath**, **certified registered nurse practitioner**, **school nurse practitioner**, or **certified physician assistant** may sign the physical form. This does not include a chiropractor.
- Please make sure all concussion and cardiac arrest related forms are read and understood. The forms can be found on Arbiter Registration (Sections 3&4) and related information is on the EASD Athletics website: www.eastonsd.org, click on Departments, then Athletics.
- NEW DATE > > > The Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Exam for the 2026-2027 school year MAY NOT be conducted prior to May 1, 2026

Remember, your son/daughter IS NOT PERMITTED to try out/practice/play until all forms are properly completed via Student Central and a physical is uploaded prior to the deadline listed for each season.

PARTICIPATION IN ALL SPORTS REQUIRES AN ACCEPTANCE OF RISK OF POSSIBLE INJURY OR EVEN DEATH. YOUR CHILD, AS A PLAYER, CAN HELP MAKE THE GAME SAFER BY NOT INTENTIONALLY USING TECHNIQUES WHICH ARE ILLEGAL AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Athletic Office if we can help you or your child in any way during his/her athletic career in our school district.

Sincerely yours,
Matthew Baltz
Director of Athletics

Cc: John Freund III, Esq., Solicitor; K. Geiger, Head Principal EAHS; H. Gaumer, Head Principal EAMS; All Coaches; R. Gilbert, Athletic Trainer

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