Encinal High School Athletics

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July 1, 2026

Dear Encinal Athletic Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!!!

Athletic Registration for all sports for the 2026-2027 school year will open at 8:00am on July 1, 2026. Registration must be completed by a parent or guardian on ArbiterSports (formerly FamilyID). Each completed registration is reviewed by the athletic department prior to being approved. In order to be approved, a valid physical form must be uploaded in ArbiterSports. A valid form must be completely filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and a doctor. Both signatures must be dated on or after July 1, 2026, and the form **must** be stamped by the doctor's office. Forms with signature lines that are dated prior to July 1, 2026 **will not be accepted**; the date the physical occurred will not affect approval. Once approved a student may participate in conditioning, practice, and/or try-outs. Students may not participate in athletics in any capacity until they are approved through ArbiterSports.

If you have registered previously, you can use the same account. If you have never registered for anything on ArbiterSports a parent or guardian will need to create a new account in order to submit a registration. Each student requires a separate registration; but if you have more than one student participating in athletics, you can register them individually from the same account. Registrations submitted from a student's AUSD email address **will be denied**.

The athletic department encourages you to register as soon as possible rather than waiting until the approval deadline is near. The amendment process may result in your student-athlete not being approved by the deadline. The Athletic Director uses registration numbers to make decisions about sports such as whether a team is viable or if additional personnel is needed. Accurate registration and approval numbers allow better decisions to be made earlier.

Try-out or practice start dates and ArbiterSports Approval Deadlines & Family Sports Nights

ALL SPORTS	**DATE**	**TIME**
Registration on ArbiterSports OPENS	July 1, 2026	8:00 AM
Summer Conditioning Dead Period	July 1, 2026 - July 22, 2026	all day
Registration on ArbiterSports CLOSES	April 3, 2027	5:00 PM
All 26-27 Athletic Registrations Expire	June 30, 2027	midnight
FALL SPORTS (Cheer, Football, Flag Football, Boys and Girls Water Polo, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf, Cross Country)		
First Date of Fall Sports	August 10, 2026	all day
Fall Family Sports Night	August 24, 2026	6pm-8pm
ArbiterSports Approval Deadline (Fall Sports)	September 4, 2026*	5:00 PM
WINTER SPORTS (Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Wrestling)		
ArbiterSports Approval Deadline (Winter Sports)	November 20, 2026	5:00 PM
First Date of Winter Sports	November 2, 2026	all day
Winter Sports Family Night	November 16, 2026	6pm – 8pm
SPRING SPORTS (Baseball, Softball, Track and Field, Swimming and Diving, Boys Volleyball, Boys Golf, Boys Tennis, Badminton)		
ArbiterSports Approval Deadline (Spring Sports)	February 26, 2027	5:00 PM
First Date of Spring Sports	February 8, 2027	all day
Spring Sports Family Night	February 22, 2027	6pm – 8pm

***Please note:** this date is after the first day of practice to allow for incoming freshmen and transfers to participate in fall sport. All Fall athletes should try to be approved by the first day of practice which is August 10th.

Transfer Eligibility

If your student has NOT attended Encinal High School continuously for the last 12 months, please schedule a meeting with the Athletic Director to determine whether you will need to file transfer paperwork in order to establish residential eligibility. Transfer students who are approved on ArbiterSports may workout with the team, but they are **NOT** permitted to participate in any game, scrimmage, or competition until cleared by the North Coast Section (NCS). Participation in a competition and/or

a scrimmage prior to clearance could result in forfeiture of games and ineligibility. Additional Transfer Information is available here.

Academic Eligibility

Student-athletes are expected to be "***students first***" and maintain exemplary character in the classroom by being in class on time every day, modeling mature behavior, and focusing on academics. If a student-athlete falls below a 2.0 at any of the 4 official grading periods they must contact the Athletic Director for the possibility of being granted a one-time probation. The student's GPA must fall between a 1.5 and 1.99 to be eligible for probation. If probation is granted, there will be weekly progress checks in order to maintain eligibility. Students whose GPA is below 1.5 at any of the official grading periods will not be eligible to play or to apply for probation during the following grading period.

Students enrolled at ASTI, NEA, or ACLC

If a student attends Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI), NEA Community Learning Center (NEA), or Alameda Community Learning Center (ACLC), and wants to participate in Encinal athletics they **MUST** live in the Encinal High School attendance Zone. You can use this website to determine which school your student is eligible to try-out for. When they make the team, they will need to meet all other eligibility requirements.

Parent Volunteers

The application process for registering to be a parent volunteer will be different this year. You will need to register using Arbiter Sports, the online portal that you use to register your student athlete. The level system is still the same. Each level has a different tier to what you can do as a volunteer. Please read through the levels according to what you can do as a volunteer. If you are looking to volunteer as a parent driver for sports or extracurricular activities, you would need to choose level 3

If you have any sport-specific questions, please email the head coach. Coach contact information can be found on the Encinal website. You may also email the Athletic Directors, however, please note that response times will be delayed during the summer.

We look forward to a fun year of sports!

Sincerely,

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