

Ellicottville Central School Athletic and Extracurricular Activities Participation Form

Student's Name: _____ (please print)

Sport / Activity: _____ Grade: _____

I have read the Ellicottville Central School *Athletic and Extracurricular Activities Policy* revised Aug 27, 2019, and agree to abide by all provisions provided within.

I also understand that if I violate section "I" of this policy, I must successfully complete the plan that will be created by the review committee before returning to participation in interscholastic athletics / extracurricular activities regardless of the school year.

Furthermore, I have discussed with my parents, and realize expectations regarding my presence at school after school hours and before sporting/extracurricular activities events/practice. These expectations are as follows:

- For practices / activities starting right after school, participating students will report promptly to the team's / activity's practice location.
- For practices / activities / games that start anywhere between 3:00 and 5:00, students in grades 7-10 that stay on campus as opposed to going home and returning, will be required to report to the after school study hall if the coach/advisor provides one.
- If a practice, activity, game, etc. starts after 5:00, students in grades 7-10 MUST go home and report back accordingly for the event. Students are NOT to simply stay at school until the event starts (as designated by the coach/advisor), as there is not appropriate and adequate supervision.
- Students need to have transportation arrangements to be picked up promptly at the conclusion of their event. Again, students should not plan on staying between the end of an after school practice/activity (i.e. a practice that ends at or before 5:00 pm) and an evening sporting event, (i.e. another sport having a game that doesn't start until 7:00 pm). Students in these situations are to go home and return accordingly.

Attention Parents – In order to make events and activities enjoyable for all, we ask that you review and abide by the following:

- Drop off and Pick up your child at designated times.
- Remember that per ECS Policy #3211, it is a violation of District policy for any individual to bring a dog or any other animal to any athletic event or extracurricular events. (Those individuals with disabilities that require the assistance of an animal, such as a seeing-eye dog, shall be exempt from the terms of this policy.)
- Park ONLY in appropriate, designated areas. Do not park on the lawns, behind the school or behind the bus garage.
- Do not drive on the lawns.
- With the exception of medical emergencies, do not enter the athletic field of competition or performance area.
- Refrain from approaching coaches / advisors immediately after games / activities when you are unhappy about a coaching / advisor decision, playing time, etc. Emotions can run high after an event, and it is best to allow all to cool down and call the coach or advisor at school the next day to have a conversation about your concerns. This also avoids disagreements in front of other students, children and spectators.

Signatures:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Coach/Advisor: _____ Date: _____

SUBJECT: ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES POLICY

Participation in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities at Ellicottville Central School is to be considered a student privilege. This privilege may be revoked if a student is continuously being reported as academically deficient, or having violated any of the training / participation rules.

WARNING: PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITIES MAY INVOLVE SOME RISK. PHYSICAL INJURY CAN OCCUR IN ANY TYPE OF ACTIVITY. WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT, EACH STUDENT AS WELL AS PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE POTENTIAL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY. THE SCHOOL CARRIES NON-DUPLICATING STUDENT-ACCIDENT INSURANCE (IF A FAMILY HAS HEALTH INSURANCE, IT IS THE PRIMARY INSURER).

- a) No athlete shall participate in any sport until he/she has attended a mandatory meeting with a parent or guardian. That meeting shall concentrate on the athletic and extracurricular activities policy and such other matters as should be brought to the attention of the athlete and parent/guardian. This meeting must be attended by athletic participants annually.

The meeting for senior athletes will not only be a refresher, but also provide post-grad content.

- b) Students in athletics and/or extracurricular activities will be required to submit a signed copy of the athletic and extracurricular activities code cover sheet acknowledging that they have read, understand and agree to the policy to the coach / advisor, and another shall be retained for home. Each coach / advisor will be responsible for collecting and retaining a signed copy of the policy cover sheet.

Parent consent and the acknowledgement of athletic and extracurricular activities policy agreement must be signed and turned in to the coach / advisor and filed with the Athletic Director or MS/HS Principal before a student begins practice/participation.

- c) A student that wishes to be considered for participation in two (2) sports during a concurrent season **MUST** make an appointment to discuss this request with the Athletic Director at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of the season.
- d) Each participant will be expected to do the following:
1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship, win or lose, respect officials, no trash talking, or unsportsmanlike gestures. Any player ejected from a game / event by an official is ineligible for the next game/event. (sectional/state

- rule).
2. Refrain from profanity or vulgar language.
 3. Treat ALL staff, coaches / advisors and administrators with respect.
 4. Attend practice / meetings faithfully, and notify coaches /advisors for permission if you will not be in attendance (habitual absence may result in dismissal).
 5. Get necessary rest.
 6. Wear school equipment only when and where authorized by your coaches / advisors.
 7. NOT to remove personal effects or athletic equipment from an opponent's / host's school or to intentionally damage facilities or equipment of our school or that of any opponent / host.
 8. Travel will be to and away from road games /events in school transportation unless released by your coach / advisor. You will not be released to ride with anyone not approved by your parent/guardian in writing – and never to the care of a minor.
 9. You will demonstrate a team attitude. Never destroy team unity by negative remarks about the coach / advisor, school, and staff. If you have a problem, go directly to the coach / advisor involved and ask to have your complaint heard.
 10. You must realize that you represent the school, your team / activity, the community, and your family at all times.
 11. The "**DO GOOD RULE**" is as follows: we cannot list all of the things that might require some form of discipline therefore participants must anticipate that any action of his/hers that reflect poorly on the team / activity, school or community perception of our program will result in discipline. Participants are measured by a higher standard than most students because of their visibility and prestige. Any actions that reflect negatively upon that image will be subject to discipline. The discipline may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the team / activity.
 12. **FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT** - It is expected every athlete/participant who commits to participate in a sport or extracurricular club/activity will make every reasonable attempt to complete the activity regardless of variables such as leading roles, playing time, or assigned roles such as JV/Varsity selection. Coaches / advisors who feel a participant has quit a sport or activity without good reason may request an athletic/extracurricular committee meeting to determine potential consequences. It is imperative that you discuss reasons with your coach / advisors and parents. Just quitting is not acceptable. If a meeting has been requested the participant will NOT be permitted to participate on any other sports team / activity regardless of sports season / activity or school year until a meeting is held. The meeting will include the student, parents, coach / advisor of the sports / activities involved, athletic director (for student athletes) and administration. The committee's decision can range from "the student is cleared to immediately return to sports / activities" to "student is not eligible to participate on / in ECS sports teams / activities for a specified period of time." If the student and/or parent disagree with the committee's decision, they can make an appeal to the Superintendent within 1 week.
 13. Any participant who quits or is removed from a team / extracurricular organization will be expected to turn in all uniforms and equipment the day he/she quits. Participants who lose or have their gear stolen will be responsible to pay the school the current replacement value of the item. A delay in returning equipment could result in pilfering. Report cards, school records and/or diploma may be withheld until payment is received. Coaches / Advisors must cooperate in checking equipment in at the time of the

notification.

14. DISCIPLINE MEASURES – range from a reprimand to team / activity discipline such as laps, benching for a quarter, a half, a game, attendance at activity, etc., to suspension or dismissal. No student will be recognized for post-season awards that is not in good standing.

- e) Health Examination (for Student Athletes) – a student who may engage in interschool athletic competition shall receive an adequate health examination by their own primary care provider (PCP) or the school's medical doctor. The health examination completed by the PCP must be approved by the school physician before the student can participate in a sports activity. A medical exam may be scheduled at any time during the school year and shall be valid for a period of twelve months.

Unless the medical exam is conducted within 30 days of the start of a season, a health history update is required.

Any pupil whose safe participation is in question as a result of a health history interview, or injury, or prolonged absence must be re-qualified first by their PCP then by the school physician prior to participation.

- f) To be able to practice and participate in athletic contests / activities, participants must sign into school by 9 a.m. and remain in attendance, following their regular schedule for the remainder of the day. This includes Fridays, in order to participate in weekend athletics / activities. Extenuating circumstances (i.e. college visits, medical appointments, family emergency, etc.) will require administrative approval.
- g) An in school or out-of-school suspension denies the participants the privilege of participation on the actual day(s) of suspension. In addition:
- Students suspended up to three (3) days will sit out the next competition / activity upon return from the school suspension (per incident) UNLESS the student already missed one (1) or more competitions / activities while on suspension.
 - Students suspended four (4) or more days will have continued participation (including degree of participation) determined by a review committee consisting of the following people: Principal, Athletic Director (for student athletes) and Coach/Coaches/Advisors. This review committee will follow the due process steps outlined in this policy. Consequences will be determined following established procedural guidelines found in the Ellicottville Central School Regulation Manual and can include removal from team sports / activities for a period of time.
- h) Coach's / Advisor's Prerogative: Each coach / advisor reserves the right to limit a student participation for behavior(s) that are inappropriate and/or detrimental to the team / activity. *Each coach / advisor reserves the right to limit a student's participation due to poor or lack of adequate academic performance in addition to any limitations imposed by any Academic Eligibility Policy that is effect at the time of participation.*
- i) Students who participate in interscholastic athletics / extracurricular activities must realize that: the use and/or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, paraphernalia for the use of illegal drugs, or any type of tobacco / vaping (including e-cigarettes) products; inappropriately using prescription or over-the-counter drugs; or being in the presence of a group and/or situation involving any of the preceding items will not be tolerated. Any participant found to be in violation of this rule will have continued participation

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- j) Participants under this policy officially charged with a crime by law-enforcement authorities will have continued participation (including degree of participation) determined by a review committee consisting of the following people: Principal, Athletic Director (for student athletes) and Coach/Coaches/Advisors. This review committee will follow the due process steps outlined in this policy. Consequences may range from sitting out part of a contest / activity to removal from all sports teams / activities until the entire legal process is complete and the charge is resolved. A guilty verdict for criminal charges will result in removal from team sports / extracurricular activities for a period of time, which will be determined by the review committee.

Due Process Procedures for Participants Under Policy

All dismissal actions will provide due process for the student.

- Step 1. Within 24 hours (or the next school day) the student will meet with the principal or another designated administrator to have the charge(s) explained. The student will have an opportunity to confirm or deny the charge.
- Step 2. If an admission of guilt is made by the student the appropriate consequences will be administered.
- Step 3. If the student denies the charge(s) the principal will convene a meeting of the student, the parents/guardian, principal (or other administrator), the coach / advisor, the athletic director or his/her representative (for student athletes), and the guidance counselor. The hearing will provide the accused student an opportunity to explain his/her version of the accusation.
- Step 4. An appeal of that decision may be made to the Superintendent within two school days.

Enforcement by School Officials

School officials, including Board Members, the Athletic Director (for student athletes), Coaches/Advisors, and Administrators who observe student/athlete violations, which occur on the school's campus, or within the ECS "Drug-Free School Zone" or happen to observe violations off campus, have an obligation to enforce this policy. Also, teachers who observe violations by students covered by this policy, which occur on the school's campus or within the ECS "Drug-Free School Zone", or happen to observe violations off campus, should report their observations to Coaches/Advisors or Administrators. The student has a right to due process.

- All those in attendance at athletic events / extracurricular activities are reminded that the campus is a "drug-free school zone". Any violators will be asked to cease these actions or leave the premises.

- This policy shall be reviewed/revised annually by the School Board's Athletic and Performing Arts Committee, ECS Administrators, Coaches, Advisors, students and approved by the Board of Education.

The athletic and extracurricular activities policy is in effect for any participant at the beginning date of the sports / extracurricular activity season and continues through until the end of the season including playoff games, competitions, performances, etc. as determined by official sectional dates and/or the District.

The coach / advisor of each sport / activity will inform participants of the official start date of each sport / activity.

Any participant who asks to participate after the official starting date will only be allowed to do so if he/she has not violated the policy from the beginning of the date.

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