



## EASTERN PASSAGE EDUCATION CENTRE ATHLETICS POLICY

Eastern Passage Education Centre recognizes the value of extracurricular athletic opportunities and their role in developing well-rounded and healthy individuals. Students are encouraged to take advantage of athletic opportunities offered to them at EPEC while maintaining a primary focus on their academic success. This policy is designed to ensure that student-athletes, teachers, and coaches are aware of the responsibilities they have been given in being eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. Participation on school teams is not a right but a privilege.

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## Athletic Fees

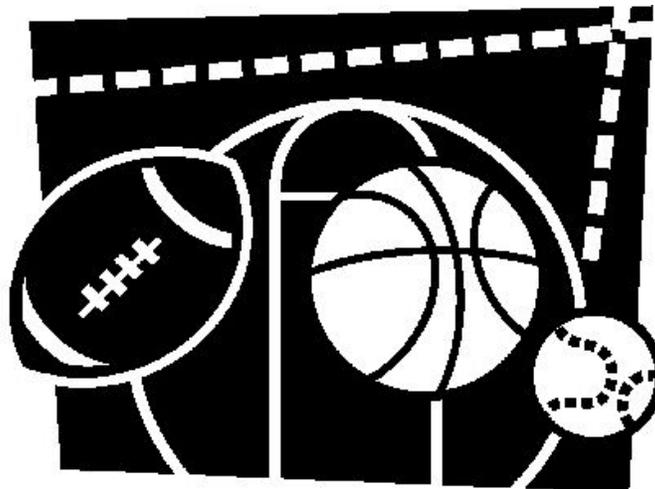
All interscholastic sports require a degree of financial funding in order to operate successfully. Some sports have a higher budgetary requirement than others for officiating, equipment, facility rentals, etc. Although the school covers the vast majority of the athletic funding, participation on school teams does involve some cost to the athletes. The following is a list of the fees associated with the athletic teams at Eastern Passage Education Centre:

Cross-Country	\$10.00	Hockey	TBD
Soccer	\$20.00	Badminton	\$15.00
Flag Football	\$15.00	Lacrosse	\$20.00
Volleyball	\$20.00	Slo-Pitch	\$15.00
Basketball	\$30.00	Track and Field	\$10.00
Table Tennis	\$10.00		

(This list is based on the teams offered in the past academic year. Any new teams offered will be subject to an appropriate fee.)

Receipts will be available for any monies collected as athletic fees upon request. Monies must be collected prior to the season of play in order to be eligible to participate.

In addition to the athletic fees that are to be paid, students will be eligible to participate on the understanding that all outstanding accounts have been resolved. These areas may include but are not limited to overdue library books, school fundraising responsibilities, student fees, previous uniform assignments, and other responsibilities given to the students.



## Discipline

### Behaviour

#### a) **Incident Referrals for Unacceptable Behaviours**

Any office referral(s) received by an athlete could result in disciplinary action which will be determined by the administration and/or the Athletic Advisory Council.

#### b) **Lates/Absences**

Any lates / unexcused absences may result in loss of privileges to participate in a sporting event. Chronic absences or lates will be brought to the attention of the Athletic Advisory Council to determine further courses of action to be taken.

If an athlete has an unexcused absence on a game day, they will not be permitted to play in that game.

#### c) **Conduct**

Incidents of unacceptable behaviour at practices and/or games that are reported to administration and/or the Athletic Advisory Council will be investigated on a case-by-case basis to determine further courses of action that may need to be taken.

### Academics

#### a) **Missing Assignments/Work**

Any athlete with incomplete assignments or missing work will not be permitted to participate in competitive play until their work is completed and deemed to be satisfactory. Any issues are to be reported by teachers to the Athletic Advisory Council in a timely manner that is both fair to the student-athlete and the teacher.

#### b) **Questionable Academic Achievement**

Teachers may submit, to the Athletic Advisory Council, the names of any student athlete whose academic achievement is in question. These cases will be dealt with on an individual basis and could result in being ineligible to participate in athletic competition.

## **Expectations and Responsibilities**

### **Athletic Advisory Council**

The Athletic Advisory Council oversees the basic operations of competitive athletics at Eastern Passage Education Centre. This group will meet on an informal basis to discuss issues related to eligibility, discipline, and other issues that may arise.

The Athletic Advisory Council consists of at least one school-based administrator, an athletic director, and one other staff member. When this group meets to discuss a particular situation, the coach of the team involved should be present and other invested parties may be invited to attend.

### **Athlete/Team Expectations**

As a member of any EPEC sports team, athletes are expected to

- Be a student in good academic and behavioural standing within the school.
- Display good sportsmanship at all times.
- Attend all practices and competitions unless otherwise arranged with coaching staff.
- Compete to the best of your abilities.
- Carefully use and return all equipment and uniforms.
- Replace the costs of lost uniforms or equipment assigned.
- Be a positive, respectful, and respected representative of EPEC.

### **Teacher Expectations**

Teachers are encouraged and expected to forward any concerns regarding an athlete's academic progress or behavioural issues to the coach or Athletic Advisory Council in a timely manner. Teachers are encouraged to maintain frequent communication with coaches and student athletes relating to the academic progress and behaviour of the student and be willing to support the academic and athletic growth of their students.

## **Coach Expectations**

Coaches are expected to adhere to the MJHAA and NSSAF guidelines relating to the seasons of play including tryouts, exhibition games, and any other competitions.

An accurate team list is to be submitted at least three days prior to the start of season of play or competition to administration and the athletic director. Coaches are responsible for the collection of the athletic fees associated with each sports team. These fees are to be submitted to administration along with an accurate list prior to the season of play or competition. Athletes who have not paid their fees are not eligible to compete.

Coaches are expected to distribute, collect, and maintain accurate records of the appropriate forms associated with their sport or competition such as

- a) Athletic Policy Agreements
- b) J- Forms (transportation forms)
- c) Uniform Assignments
- d) Equipment Assignments
- e) Tournament or Competition Applications
- f) Early Dismissal Forms if necessary
- g) Athletic Fee Tracking

Coaches are responsible for the distribution and collection of any equipment or uniforms assigned to athletes. Uniforms and equipment are expensive to be replaced so your diligence is very important in this area.

Coaches are expected to adhere to the guidelines of the athletic policy and ensure that teams and athletes are aware of the policy and its details. As a coach, it is vital to represent EPEC through positive team leadership, sportsmanship, behaviour, and to demonstrate an appreciation for interscholastic athletics.

Any community coach/chaperone/volunteer is required to complete a Criminal Records Background Check prior to any involvement with a sports team and the team is required to have a teacher liaison present at all practices, games, or events.

## **Administration Expectations**

Administration is expected to communicate with coaches, in a timely manner, the names of any student athletes who have violations related to the Athletics Policy as discussed in the discipline section. Administration is expected to maintain records of the athletic fees collected and submitted by coaches as well as the issuing of receipts when necessary.

It is the responsibility of the administration to oversee the general application of the school athletics policy.