

EAST DAYTON CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the East Dayton Christian School's Athletic Handbook is to inform the athlete and their families of the operational procedures within the athletic department. This handbook contains the majority of policies and procedures that govern extracurricular activities at East Dayton Christian. The secondary purpose is to provide effective communication that will serve as a foundation of information for coaches, athletes and parents.

***This handbook will undergo an annual review and revisions will be made as deemed necessary. The annual review will be conducted by the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

The goal of the East Dayton Christian Athletic Department is to develop well-rounded individuals through a student's participation in competitive athletics. Physical activity is an essential aspect that allows for development in all other areas of life. The athletic programs at East Dayton Christian are designed to enable the student-athlete to do the following:

1. Use their gifts, talents and abilities to glorify God.
2. Provide them with a platform to share the light of Christ with other schools.
3. Contribute to the school-wide unity athletics can bring.
4. Learn the necessary skills that will be required of them in life.

There are three different levels of sports offered at East Dayton Christian. Each level is meant to provide the student-athlete with a different perspective and experience. Listed below are the tiers and the function of each tier.

Elementary

At the elementary level, East Dayton Christian is looking to provide the student-athlete an opportunity to begin experimenting with athletics. The purpose of this level of athletics is to provide a social setting for students to have fun and enjoy the company of their friends, while learning the basic skills of a respective sport.

Junior High

At the junior high level, East Dayton Christian will begin to build on the basic skills acquired during the elementary participation. Coaches will start to develop the skills necessary in each student-athlete to compete, appropriate to the junior high level. Coaches will also teach student-athletes about character qualities such as perseverance, commitment, positive attitude, work ethic and teamwork as they encounter times in competition that will call for them to exhibit such traits. Lastly, East Dayton Christian will emphasize the active participation of each student-athlete, in preparation for their involvement in athletics at the high school level.

High School (Junior Varsity and Varsity)

At the high school level, East Dayton Christian will build upon the athletic skills developed at the junior high level while forming teams that excel against elite competition. Coaches will also continue to build on the character development that took place at the previous level. The athletic department seeks to have student-athletes that are not only game changers, but world changers as well. This can be accomplished by teaching athletes about their responsibility not only on a field or court but more importantly in the classroom and in the community.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The way a student-athlete behaves is not only a reflection of them, but also a reflection on East Dayton Christian and Jesus Christ. It should be understood that any student-athlete participating on behalf of East Dayton Christian Athletics know the responsibility they must carry. They must understand that someone is always watching. They must appreciate their role in representing the school. A student-athlete must develop and maintain an outstanding level of achievement on the court/field, in the classroom and in the community.

INJURIES/COMMUNICATION

When injuries or health issues arise coaches will communicate directly with parent/guardian who is provided through the Emergency Medical Authorization form. Coaches will also communicate with Athletic Director and complete an incident report form following any injuries or incidents.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The **ATHLETE** should:

1. Respect his/her coaches, officials and opposing teams.
2. Respect the facility of East Dayton Christian and any other school.
3. Encourage teammates and build them up when talking to other people.

4. Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Do not make excuses.
5. Pay attention to coaches (sideline), not parents (stands).
6. Be committed to their EDCS team. Athletes will not be permitted to play for another same sport team during their respective season.

The **COACH** should:

1. Set the example and standard for all student-athletes.
2. Represent East Dayton Christian in a Godly manner.
3. Teach players how to treat officials and opposing players by way of their own actions and comments.
4. Recognize that the course of development is just as important as the end result.

The **SPECTATORS** should:

1. Commit to sportsmanship. Set the example.
2. Officials and visiting schools are our guests. Athletics provides our school with a platform to represent East Dayton Christian and Jesus Christ.
3. Respect an official's call. You do not have to like it, but you must respect it.
4. Understand you represent East Dayton Christian just as an athlete does. Another school's perception of our school is formed just as much by your attitude as it is by watching our athletes compete.

EAST DAYTON CHRISTIAN SPORTSMANSHIP MOTTO:

"Sportsmanship is an expectation. Please let the players play. Let the coaches coach. Let the officials officiate. Let the fans be positive and supportive."

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION

East Dayton Christian is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Ohio Christian School Athletic Association (OCSAA) and competes in the OVCC (Ohio Valley Christian Conference). As a member in good standing, we recognize the need to adhere and submit to its authorities in all varsity and junior high athletics.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Questions and/or issues that are encountered during a respective season or off-season should be dealt with first by the student athlete. If the question/issue is not resolved work with involvement of the parent/guardian. In the case of a question and/or issue arising parents/guardians should follow the below steps:

- Student communicates with coach on question/issue

- Respective coach, student and parent/guardian meet during a prior scheduled meeting time.
- All parties above meet with EDCS Athletic Director