



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, Principals, 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-athletes 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 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. Playtime is not guaranteed and must be achieved through hard work. 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 knows 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 the Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer 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. High School and junior high 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 OVCC (Ohio Valley Christian Conference) , the SWOCAA (Southwest Ohio Christian Athletic Association) , and CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). As a member in good standing, we recognize the need to adhere and submit to its authorities in all varsity, junior high, and elementary 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 the involvement of the parent/guardian. In the case of a question and/or issue arising parents/guardians should follow the below steps:

- The student communicates with the coach on questions/issue
- Respect coaches, students, and parents/guardians meet during a prior scheduled meeting time.
- All parties above meet with the EDCS Athletic Director
- All parties above meet with EDCS Assistant Principal/Principal

COACHES

Coaches serve an important role within the East Dayton Christian Athletic Department. They set the standard by which all student-athletes look to as an example of how to conduct themselves on and off the court or playing field. East Dayton Christian recognizes the importance of having strong character individuals fill these roles. Upon being hired, head coaches are required to obtain a Pupil Activity Permit through the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The following steps are required by ODE in order to fulfill the requirements for the Pupil Activity Permit, Coaches will submit receipts for all certifications and classes to be reimbursed by the Athletic Department:

1. Get fingerprinted (Both BCI and FBI). Have the results sent to BOTH the Ohio Department of Education and East Dayton Christian School.
2. A coach is required to be First Aid/CPR certified.
3. A coach must receive MinistrySafe certification and sign off on MinistrySafe paperwork
4. Coaches must complete the ODH Lindsay Law training
5. Lastly, a coach must complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online class as well as the Concussion in sport course. Licenses will be purchased by the Athletic Department.
6. Once all courses have been completed coaches must submit their application through their respective SAFE account.
7. A coach must turn-in and complete a coaching application.

If becoming a paid coach all of these requirements must be completed before a coaching candidate will be approved to coach their respective team. If you are a volunteer coach you have to complete # 1, 2,3,4, & 7.

PRE-SEASON MEETINGS

There is a required pre-season meeting that takes place before the start of any sport season (Fall, Winter, Spring). Dates and times of respective meetings will be announced at school and communicated through email via Renweb. This meeting is mandatory for any prospective athlete and their parents/guardians. If for some reason neither parent/guardian is unable to attend a pre-season meeting, they must schedule a separate meeting with the Athletic Director as soon as possible. These pre – season meetings are extremely important to receive valuable information for the upcoming season.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

No student may participate in any phase of an athletic program (tryouts, practice, or games) without the proper Pre-Participation Physical Form on file in the athletic office. Copies may be obtained by the parent or athlete at their request and are made available through the EDCS Athletic Web Site under the Forms and Documents tab.

ACADEMICS

There is a reason that students come before athletes in the title “student-athlete.” The East Dayton Christian Athletic Department wants its athletes to set the standard and use its platform to influence the student body in a positive manner. Before an individual steps onto a court or playing field, one must first step up in the classroom. When an individual is a student-athlete at East Dayton Christian, the expectation is that they will take responsibility for properly managing their time and prioritizing their commitments. Education needs to be a top priority for any EDCS Student-Athlete.

The eligibility of a junior high and high school athlete is determined by the grading period preceding a sports season. Eligibility for the fall sports season will be determined by 4th quarter GPA from the previous school year. Eligibility for the winter sports season will be checked twice, once based on the 1st quarter GPA and once based on the 2nd quarter GPA. This is because the winter sports season spans two grading periods. Eligibility for the spring sports season will be determined by the 3rd quarter grades.

A rising 7th-grade student (current 6th-grade student) who will be participating in athletics will not have any eligibility requirements if they are participating in a fall sport. The same goes for any rising 9th-grade student (currently 8th-grade student). They are given a fresh start to begin their junior high and high school careers, respectively.

Requirements:

Junior high students will be required to pass a minimum of 5 courses and maintain an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. They may not receive an “F” in any class at report card time.

High school students will be required to maintain an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. They must pass a minimum of five (5) credit courses or the equivalent. Mandatory electives that are one (1) credit hour courses may count towards fulfilling the class requirement. They may not receive an “F” in any class at report card time.

Probation for student-athletes: A student-athlete who passes the minimum class requirements (5 Credits) but does not meet the GPA standard of 2.0 can be placed on student-athlete probation for the current quarter as long as their GPA for the previous quarter stands at or above a 1.5 GPA. **Probation for the student-athlete will result in bi-weekly grade checks in each class that is the responsibility of the student-athlete. Student-athletes on probation will have each teacher for all of their courses write and sign their current grade in the course. If at any point during the current quarter, the student-athlete placed under probation has a grade drop below a C they will be prohibited from any after-school athletic activities until all of their grades meet the minimum C requirement.**

To participate in Junior High (JH) or High School (HS) sports at East Dayton Christian School, homeschool students—or students whose schools lack sports programs—must complete the following requirements.

- Student-athlete and guardian must have meeting with head coach of sport & athletic director
- Must enroll in and complete an EDCS approved Bible course (online or in the EDCS building)
- Student-athletes must submit their grades and have a 2.0 GPA or better.
- Pay the standard athletic participation fee.
- Maintain good standing under the EDCS Code of Conduct, which can be found in the East Dayton Christian School Athletic Handbook.

FEES

Pay-to-participate fees are required at East Dayton Christian in order to provide the best available opportunities to our athletes. Fees are essential in helping the athletic department pay for items such as coaches, uniforms, referees, warm up gear, and unforeseen expenses that may arise during the season. The fees for each respective sport are as follows:

Junior High Volleyball: \$200

Junior High Cross Country: \$200

Junior High Basketball: \$200

Junior High Cheer: \$200
Varsity Volleyball: \$250
Varsity Cross Country: \$250
Varsity Basketball: \$250
Varsity Cheer: \$250
Elementary Soccer: \$100
Elementary Basketball: \$80

There are a couple of things to understand about the pay-to-participate fees. Also, for junior high and varsity sports, team apparel (not including shoes) is included in this price, Coaches, referees equipment maintenance, and any unforeseen expenses that come up during the season.

Fees will be paid through Facts Management, coaches will not be responsible for collecting any money

Multi-Sport Discount

Pay-to-participate fees are discounted for athletes who participate in more than one sport. An athlete participating in more than one sport will receive a multi-sport discount off of each additional pay-to-participate fee after paying the full fee for the first sport. **The discount will be \$20 from the original fee you were asked to pay.**

Payment Plans

The East Dayton Christian Athletic Department does offer payment plans in order to lighten the cost carried by the families. This is broken into two (2) payments and the due dates are listed below. Payment plans must be arranged between a family and the Athletic Director prior to the due date for pay-to-play fees, otherwise the full amount will be expected.

If an athlete has not met their pay-to-play obligation, by full payment or payment plan, they will not be permitted to participate in any activities (practices and/or games) until a payment has been made to fulfill this requirement. Any outstanding balance will result in the holding of report cards and making students ineligible for any other sport or school activity.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents play an essential role in operating an athletic department. Without the sacrifice parents display by way of time, money, and effort, East Dayton Christian's athletic programs would be nowhere near the level at which they stand currently. Two places where parental involvement is always a need are in the area of gate and concessions. The weight of these areas requires us to share the task. Schedules will be issued at the beginning of each season. **If you would choose not to volunteer your time in this manner, a fee of \$50 per event will be charged to the school account for your student-athlete.**

Junior High & High School Student-Athlete Attendance Requirements:

To promote academic responsibility and uphold team standards, all student-athletes are expected to meet the following attendance-related requirements in order to maintain eligibility for athletic participation:

1. Next-Day Attendance After a Game:

Student-athletes who are absent from school the day following a game may be subject to disciplinary action, including being benched from the next scheduled game. Consistent attendance reflects commitment to both academics and athletics.

2. Same-Day Tardiness:

Student-athletes who arrive late to school on the day of a scheduled game must report to school no later than **11:30 a.m.** in order to be eligible to participate in that day's competition or practice.

3. Same-Day Absence:

Any student-athlete who is absent from school for the entire day may be ineligible to participate in any athletic event scheduled for that evening, including practices.

These expectations are in place to ensure student-athletes prioritize their academic responsibilities and demonstrate the discipline required of both scholars and athletes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Athletic Dress Code** – Athletes will comply with the EDCS out of dress code criteria. For away games, varsity athletes (girls and boys) are required to wear their complete travel suit. Athletes who do not comply with these requirements will have consequences that are determined by their head coach. Coaches and captains may determine the dress code for varying situations.
- **HS/JH Playing Time** – The head coach of any team has the final say in how much playing time each player on the team earns. Playing time is a privilege, not a right. Playing time is earned, it is not given. Expect zero playing time when the season starts and enjoy every opportunity you earn.
- **Elementary Playing Time** – Playing time should be equal among players.
- **Practices** – Athletes are expected to be present, on time, and dressed ready to practice. Practice attire should consist of shorts(with 5 inch inseam, or sweatpants and T-shirt. It is normal for scenarios to arise during a season that may cause a player to miss practice. It is asked that these scenarios be communicated to the coach before the day of a practice that will be missed. It is at the discretion of the head coach to approve or disapprove of a missed practice. It is also at the discretion of the head coach to provide consequences for missed practices.
- **Athletic Uniforms** – Game uniforms may not be worn to school without the prior approval of the Athletic Director and/or Principal.

- **Athletic Uniform Turn-In** – All athletic uniforms must be turned back into the head coach on the day they specify. Uniforms are expected to be turned in with no discoloration and/or damage. If there are any uniforms turned in that are not in satisfactory condition, there will be a \$100 per piece fee charged to the student's account. If a fee goes unpaid or uniforms go unreturned, report cards will be held and the athlete will not be eligible for another sport until all is accounted for.
- **Awards** – All athletes should plan to attend the end-of-season awards ceremony. The dress code for this event will fall under the EDCS out of dress code criteria

BOOSTER CLUB

The East Dayton Christian Athletic Booster Club is a group of parents whose purpose serves to support the program. The Booster Club provides financial and organizational support throughout the year. It organizes fundraising opportunities and operates the concession stand during multiple seasons. There is no fee to join the Booster Club. If you are interested in helping to support East Dayton Christian Athletics in this manner, please see the Athletic Director for information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All individuals who coach a team for the East Dayton Christian Athletic Department can be reached easily via email. Every coach's email address can be found on the athletic website (see organizational links for web address). If there is an immediate need that should be addressed, please feel free to call the school office at (937) 252-5400 or email Antonio Campbell, Athletic Director, at acampbell@eastdaytonchristian.org for a quick response.

AFTER SCHOOL EMERGENCIES

After school activities(K-12) are unique in that there is not the normal roster of school personnel on duty. Coaches and activity advisors must assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of all participants.

In the event of a medical or injury emergency:

- Call 911
- A school person of authority (assistant coach, trainer, day care staff, etc.) should accompany the student to the hospital
- Parents must be notified in a timely manner
- Contact a building administrator in a timely manner
- Keep detailed, written notes as to the circumstances of the emergency and all actions taken by individuals.

All coaches and activity advisors, staff must have the following with them at all times:

1. Current roster of participants with their home and emergency contact phone numbers
2. Current emergency medical forms for each participant
3. Fully supplied first aid kit
4. Copy of this booklet for emergency numbers.

Other Information:

1. Tornado shelter areas should be known for all locations you will be using
2. Fire evacuation plan should be known for all locations you will be using
3. Coaches are responsible for all participants
4. Media relations will be handled by the following persons in order:
Superintendent or designee, Principal, Athletic Director, Site Manager, Coach
5. If an evacuation is required during an after school event, participants must be accounted for by the coach and/or activity advisors.
6. Athletes leaving the site after an evacuation or cancellation of an event must be signed out with a parent/guardian

ORGANIZATIONAL LINKS

- East Dayton Christian School
 - o www.eastdaytonchristian.org
- Ohio Valley Christian Conference (OVCC)
 - o www.ovccsports.com
- Dayton Catholic Youth Organization
 - o www.daytoncyo.org
- National Federation of State High School Learning Center
 - o www.nfhslearn.com