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ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

PREFACE: The coaches, administration and athletic director believe that the philosophy of interscholastic athletics is to build character and discipline by participating in athletics. Due to the special program and training of student athletes, a set of training rules should be adopted to protect the athletic program and the rights of the student athlete who participates in the athletic program. The coaches, administration and athletic director feel that it is a voluntary privilege and not a right to participate in the Athletic Program in the East Liverpool City School System. It is important to understand that student-athletes represent our school at all times. **A student-athlete will remove himself/herself from the athletic program if he/she chooses not to follow the rules set forth in this Athletic Code of Conduct or conducts himself/herself in a manner that is unbecoming to a student-athlete who represents our school.**

This code of conduct includes all athletes in all interscholastic athletic events at all levels offered in the East Liverpool City School System. The athlete may be denied the privilege of athletic participation by the head coach, athletic director, or principal. The student and his parents may appeal the denial of participation to the Athletic Hearing Board within seventy-two (72) hours. The student at that time will be given an opportunity to present his side of the alleged infraction to the hearing board. The decision of the Athletic Hearing Board will be given to the student with seventy-two (72) hours of the hearing. The Athletic Hearing Board shall consist of the High School Principal, the Athletic Director, and a coach not involved with the sport in question.

I. EQUIPMENT

1. Every athlete who has completed a season in his/her sport must turn in all issued equipment to the equipment manager one (1) day after final participation in that sport. An athlete who does not comply with this policy will not be permitted to practice or participate in any interscholastic event.
2. Any equipment lost or assumed stolen must be returned or paid for in the amount necessary to replace the exact item.
3. An athlete who has not complied with the above rules will not receive any awards, letters, etc., or be permitted to attend team banquets and functions until proper reparation has been made.
4. A list of athletes who are deficient in these matters will be given, by the equipment manager, to the building principal for further action.

II. USE OF TOBACCO

Any participant determined to be using or in possession of any form of tobacco products, in or out of school, in season(*) by the school administration, coaching staff, or local or state

authorities shall be denied participation for the remainder of that sport season. Out of season infractions will be dealt with by the coach, player and family. * In season refers to the designated season dates determined by the OHSAA.

III. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The use, possession, or distribution of drugs, "look-alike" drugs, or alcoholic beverages will not be permitted by student athletes at any time, in or out of school. An athlete shall be defined as a student participating from the first day of practice in any sport until the first day of practice in the same sport the following year. Any student athlete determined to have violated this policy by the school administration, coaching staff, or local and/or state authorities will be subject to the following minimum consequences.

FIRST OFFENSE:

1. The student shall be denied participation in the Athletic Program until the beginning of the O.H.S.A.A. defined season of the current sport the following year.
2. Following the completion of his/her current sport season the student may make a written request to the Athletic Hearing Board for conditional reinstatement to the privilege of participation in the athletic program provided he/she has:
 - A. Provided evidence of completing a substance abuse assessment evaluation through the Family Recovery Center, or other similar agency qualified to perform such assessment and approved by the Athletic Hearing Board.
 - B. Provided he/she complies with all recommendations and/or programs resulting from the above assessment.
 - C. Provided he/she refrains from distributing, possessing, using, or consuming any alcoholic beverages and/or drugs throughout his/her high school enrollment.

SECOND OFFENSE:

1. The student shall be denied the privilege of participation in the Athletic Program for the remainder of their high school enrollment.

IV. THEFT

Theft will not be tolerated. Student-athletes who steal property or are in possession of stolen property from the school, peers, coaches, or from other schools, will be suspended from the athletic program and referred for disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION

Athletes are expected to be students first. An athlete must be present in school for the entire day to participate in an extracurricular event. This includes practices as well as games. Medical or dental appointments are exceptions to this policy; however, students are expected to be in school before and/or after such an appointment with a written note from the medical professional. Other exceptions may be approved by the building principal for compelling reasons.

Students participating in sports contests or practices or other extra-curricular activities must be in school the full day of the contest, practice, or activity in order to participate, unless excused by the Principal or Associate Principals.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

PART I - Rights and Responsibilities: Students attend East Liverpool Schools under the direction of state law and with full benefits or constitutional protection for their rights as citizens. They therefore can act, speak or behave as young citizens within a large scope of options. This code, published in conformity with Ohio Revised Code 3313.661 specifies the school's expectations. Schools have a right to reasonable behavior from students. Freedom carries with it responsibilities for all concerned.

PART II - Conduct Code: A violation of any rule may result in disciplinary action:

Rule 1-Disruption of School: A student shall not by use of violence, force, coercion or threat cause or induce/incite material disruption or obstruction to the carrying on of a normal school day, including all curricular and extracurricular activities. Students also will not advocate nor incite others to cause disruption of the educational process or to violate school rules. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion. This includes acts which are committed through electronic media.

Rule 2 -Damage and/or Theft of Property: A student shall not vandalize, cause, or attempt to cause damage and/or theft to school or private property on school premises at any time. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.

Rule 3-Assault or Aggressive Behavior (Physical and/or menacing): A student shall not act or behave in such a way as could cause, threaten to cause, or incite situations that could cause physical/emotional injury or trauma to another person. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.

Rule 4-Dangerous Weapons and Instruments: A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or conceal any object which might be considered a weapon or instrument of violence capable of harming another person. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.

Rule 5-Tobacco and Alcohol: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, distribute, conceal, or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or related products. This includes electronic cigarettes, vapor products, and hookahs. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.

Rule 6-Narcotics and Drugs: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal or be under the influence of narcotics, drugs, or look-alike substances. Likewise, drug paraphernalia and "look-alike" items, are prohibited. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.

Rule 7- Insubordination: A student shall not disregard or refuse to obey reasonable directions or commands given by school personnel or those individuals vested with school authority. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile

Rule 8-Frightening, Degrading or Disgraceful Acts: A student shall not engage in any act which frightens, degrades or disgraces other persons by written, verbal, or gesture means. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion. This includes acts which are committed through electronic media.

Rule 9-Profanity and/or Obscene Language: A student shall not use profanity or obscene language. This includes written, verbal gestures, signs, pictures, or publications. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.

Rule 10-Inappropriate Dress: A student shall not dress or appear in a fashion deemed inappropriate under Board of Education policy. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.

Rule 11-Truancy/Absences without Permission: Students shall not be permitted to leave school or assigned classes without consent of the building principal and in accordance with Board of Education policy. Students and parents have the responsibility to cooperate in such cases with school officials. Excessive absence is also considered a parental responsibility without documentation from a doctor. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.

Rule 12-Excessive Tardiness: Students and parents have the responsibility to cooperate in such cases with school officials. Excessive tardiness absence is also considered a parental responsibility without documentation from a doctor. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.

PART III - Scope: The above Rules of Conduct apply to all students attending the East Liverpool City Schools and involved in activities of the regular school day, all school-related activities, and during that portion of the school day when transportation is provided to and from school.

PART IV - The East Liverpool Board of Education established these Rules of Conduct as its intent to comply with the Ohio Revised Code 3313.661 and designated the Superintendent of Schools or his designee as the hearing officer for suspension appeals. The hearing officer shall establish the ground rules for appeal hearings, determine procedures, decide who shall be present, and other details.

Athletic Code of Conduct Agreement

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____