

Elkton School District # 34
Athletic Rules and Regulations
2016-2017

Elkton Charter School District Administration and the athletic staff feel that these regulations and guidelines are necessary to best accomplish our goals. Please read the regulations, then complete the information sheet on the last page. After signing, please return the signature page to the appropriate school. Keep the athletic rules and regulations for your information and for reference during the year.

1. All athletes must have on file a current physical prior to the 1st day of conditioning, practice or for an Elkton School District sponsored camp.
2. We recognize the extremely negative consequences of substance abuse, and therefore cannot permit use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any form of tobacco. Substantiated usage or possession anytime during the current calendar school year will result in suspension from participation in athletic activities, including practices, for 60 calendar days from the discovery of the infraction. The student athlete may be subject to action by the school, including suspension or expulsion from school.
3. We take injuries seriously. Any player who shows signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion will be removed from the game or practice and shall not return to play or practice until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. Any injury that requires attention by a health-care professional will also require the athlete to be cleared to return to play and practice.
4. We expect our student athletes to model good citizenship on and off the court. Swearing will not be tolerated. Student athletes will be warned once and then may be assigned extra practice time or suspended from practice and/or participation in games. Continual repetition will result in suspension from the sport.
5. Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves appropriately. Boys and girls may be separated on bus trips as per coach or bus driver's request. Consequences may include suspension from trips or games among other options.
6. Student athletes represent our school and our community. Our teams are held to a high standard, we expect no less than the best behavior, attitude and manners. Good grooming is important. Student athletes may be asked to "dress" for games. The team will establish a dress code and student athletes are expected to adhere to that code as a member of the team. All jewelry must be removed for practices and games. Playing time may be restricted at the coach's discretion if expectations are not met.
7. On game days, student athletes are expected to be at school for the full day. The superintendent, principal or vice-principal may authorize a prearranged absence if necessary. These absences will be closely monitored. Student athletes are also expected to be at school on time the day following games.
8. Athletes are expected to be at practice. Unexcused absences will result in loss of playing time and may, if on the third unexcused practice, result in removal from the team. The amount of playing time lost will be dependent on the sport. Excused absences will not result in lost time, unless, in the coach's discretion they are excessive or affects the players performance.

9. Student athletes should travel to and from events as a team. Students must have written prior approval from the Superintendent, Principal, or Vice-Principal to travel by other means than the school bus unless being released to their parent or guardian following the contest.
10. Athletes are students first. They must be passing all classes and maintain a 2.0 GPA the previous nine weeks to participate in co-curricular activities for Elkton School District. High school students who receive a failing grade in a class or do not maintain a 2.0 GPA will not be allowed to participate in games or other competitions/activities (Cheerleading, Debate, FFA, FBLA, etc) nor will they be allowed to act in a capacity of scorekeeper, chain person, manager, etc. until grades are posted in the office for the next 9 week grading period in which he/she passes all classes and maintains a 2.0 GPA. **Ineligibility** will begin the Monday following grades being reported. **Eligibility** will begin the day grades are posted to the office. A failing high school student may attend practice on approval by the administration. ** At the discretion of the principal/administrator, students may be placed on academic probation if they fall below the minimum standard set above. During the 5 weeks of probation the principal / administrator will monitor student achievement. If a student brings their grades to a minimum standard (Passing all classes with a 2.0 GPA) they may be allowed to compete. Grades will be checked every two weeks on Friday afternoon. During academic probation students are not allowed to compete, travel, or be involved in team activities except for practices.
 - a. Approved summer school courses completed prior to the beginning of the school year may be considered for eligibility standards.
 - b. If a high school student receives a failing grade at the end of the quarter they may be assigned Extended Academic Day. Extended Academic Day is from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Tutoring is available. The student/parents are responsible for transportation.
 - c. Students, parents and the office are notified before a student receives a failing grade with sufficient time to bring the grade to passing. Students may attend Extended Academic Day at any time.
 - d. In addition, OSAA eligibility requirements state that if a student is not passing 5 subjects at a Semester grading period, he/she will be ineligible until passing a minimum of 5 classes and meeting Elkton High School eligibility requirements until the next Semester grades are posted in the office.
 - e. Middle school students: Middle school students' progress is monitored weekly. Academic eligibility is strictly enforced. To be considered eligible, the student athlete must have no failing grades (F). The athletes' academics will be monitored through weekly teacher reports. Any athlete who is receiving an "F" grade in any class will be put on a week-by-week probation period. During that week he/she must bring up his/her "F" grade to meet the requirements outlined. If that happens the student athlete can remain on the team. If the academic eligibility requirements are still not met the athlete will not be allowed to play or practice until the requirements are met.
 - f. Exceptional students' academic eligibility will be considered by the teaching, coaching and administrative staff, and will be a part of a plan devised to ensure students' educational progress.

11. Should a parent, student athlete, or both wish to appeal a decision rendered by a coach or an administrator, the appellant shall follow the appropriate channel of appeals. The process shall begin with the coach, then may follow with an appeal to the athletic director, superintendent, and School Board, in that order. At any time during the appeals process, the administrator adjudicating the appeal may bring the coach into the process to help clarify the matter.

These guidelines serve as a basic guide for our athletes. They are not intended to be all encompassing. There will be instances in sports seasons where the coaches will have to use their discretion in dealing with a problem. If we all take the time to familiarize ourselves with these guidelines and then make the athletes responsible for adhering to the regulations, we should be much closer to achieving the goals we feel are desirable for our students. Please indicate your understanding of the rules by completing, signing, and returning the last page before the **first practice or conditioning**.

Thank you.

