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2023-24 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in becoming a member of one of our athletic teams. We believe that participation on athletic teams allows students opportunity for personal growth and development. In addition, students can learn much about self-discipline and about responsibility and dependability by participating on a team.

Attached you will find a copy of the Edwards-Knox Athletic Agreement. This is a list of rules and regulations' governing all athletes participating on our athletic teams and it is yours to keep. Please review this agreement carefully with your son/daughter.

Please note the Athletic Agreement below. Students must return this contract to their coach, signed by the student and the student's parent or guardian before the student is eligible for participation in the sport named. In addition, the accompanying "Authorization for Emergency Treatment of Minors Form" and the "Medical Update Form" must also be completed and returned to the coach before the student is eligible to participate.

Sincerely,

THE ADMINISTRATION

EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETIC AGREEMENT

The following rules and regulations are to be followed by all athletes (boys and girls) while participating on an athletic team:

1. All eligibility rules of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association will be strictly followed. A copy of these rules is available in the athletic office.
2. Students must have a current physical on file and have been cleared by the school nurse prior to participation in practice. All permission forms and athletic contracts must have been signed and returned to the coach prior to the student's first day of practice. Coaches will not allow any student to participate who has not met this requirement. A signed and dated athletic agreement by each student/parent will be kept on file by the Athletic Director in a large 3-ring binder at the start of each sports season.
3. Students will have until the end of the first full week of a sport's season to become a member of an athletic team. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed. This guideline is consistent with our academic add/drop policy.
4. Student-athletes are students first and as such this policy has been developed to stress academics. Students must meet the following academic eligibility guidelines. Fall season eligibility will be based on the final academic support list from the prior school year. Any athlete that was failing a class in the final marking period will be required to attend academic support one time a week when it starts. Winter season will be based on the most recent academic support list, (with the exception of Cheerleading). Cheerleading and Spring season will begin two weeks prior to the first scheduled contest.
 - a. A student may not try out for a team if they are currently failing three or more classes. If at any time a student has a progress report or report card that indicates failure in three or more classes that student will be removed from the sports' team until the end of the season.
 - b. The academic support period will be determined every five weeks, by using progress reports and report cards. At any time that a teacher has concerns about a student academically or behaviorally, they can suggest a meeting with the Athletic Council.
 - c. After school academic support sessions will be mandatory two weeks prior to the first scheduled game.
 - i. A student failing one (1) class at any five-week marking period will be required to attend at least one after school academic support session on

Tuesday that week for at least 45 minutes unless there is an exception approved by the Athletic Director or Administration. This will continue until the next marking period.

- ii. A student failing two (2) classes at any five-week marking period will be required to attend two after school academic support sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday that week for at least 45 minutes unless there is an exception approved by the Athletic Director or Administration. This will continue until the next marking period.
- iii. Students who have practice will be allowed to leave at 45 minutes. Students with games will be allowed to leave at the time determined by the Athletic Director.
- iv. If an athlete continues to be failing a class after the five-week marking period, they will continue with the academic support requirement.

i. Game Suspensions

- i. Any student that fails to stay for the required number of support sessions will have a game suspension for each session missed.
- ii. If an athlete fails to stay for academic support for three weeks in any one sport season they will be removed from the team.

k. Eligibility Appeal

Athletes will be expected to maintain acceptable standards of academic excellence in their coursework. If a student is academically ineligible and has experienced extenuating circumstances, a parent may request an appeal to the Athletic Eligibility Committee. The request must be in writing to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will establish an Athletic Eligibility Committee to hear the appeal from the parent and student within three days with the following individuals: 1) principal or an administrator designated by the principal, 2) high school counselor, 3) a student, 4) athlete's coach, 5) high school teacher, 6) parent, and 7) athletic director. The Athletic Eligibility Committee makes the final decision regarding the athlete's eligibility appeal.

- l. Students participating in athletics with another school through the merger process will adhere to the Edwards-Knox eligibility policy.

- 5. Athletes must be in attendance for a **full day** of school (**8:00 a.m. – 2:51 p.m.**) in order to practice or play unless they present a written legal excuse on official paper from the doctor, dentist, motor vehicle office, etc. (i.e. doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, road test) or are a Junior or Senior athlete with privileges that allow them to arrive late or be dismissed

early. In extenuating circumstances, a parent may notify the principal for a clarification of certain emergencies.

6. Athletes will be expected to maintain acceptable standards of school and community citizenship.
7. Athletes who are on a team that begins practice after 3:00 p.m. must leave school grounds unless under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach until the beginning of a later practice. Students who remain on school grounds without supervision will receive consequences for violating this rule.
8. Athletes will be expected to follow the individual coach's rules involving each sport. This criterion is to be approved by the administration/athletic director prior to the start of the season. These rules and expectations will be provided to each athlete and parent in written form.
9. All injuries must be reported promptly to the coach and school nurse. An accident report will be filled out promptly. **Any student whose safe participation is in question as a result of the health history interview, an injury, or prolonged absence must be re-qualified by the school physician before further participation is permitted. This determination will be assessed on an individual basis in conjunction with the school nurse. The final decision will be made by the school doctor.**
10. Athletes must ride the team bus to and from each athletic contest. **Parents/Legal Guardians** wishing to drive their children home from the contest must notify the coach of this, **in person**, and sign the release form provided by the coach. When the coach releases the athlete to the parent/guardian, the school is then relieved from all liability for the student's transportation home from the athletic contest. A written request by a parent/guardian for an exception to this rule/ procedure must be presented to the high school principal. Any exceptions to this rule/procedure will be approved by the high school principal. Once a request for an exception to this rule/procedure has been approved, the principal will initial this request and the student athlete will present this note to the coach. The school is then relieved from all liability for the student's transportation home from the athletic contest.
11. An athlete who wishes to withdraw from the squad must **notify the coach personally**.
12. All athletes are held personally and financially responsible for ALL equipment issued to them. Failure to return equipment within a week following the last scheduled contest will result in financial penalty and delay in commencing the next sport season.
13. Violations of sections I, II, and III rules and regulations will result in the alleged offender being suspended pending a meeting of the Athletic Council. The committee will consist of the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, Athletic Director or designee, the coach of the team and two other coaches. The Athletic Council will determine the appropriate consequence for the violation of school rules and procedures.

- I. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs - The use, possession and/or presence of underage drinking of alcohol or illegal drugs is a very serious concern and a violation of the law. First offense for such activity will be a suspension of three games. The second offense within an athlete's career at Edwards-Knox will result in a one-year (365 day) suspension from all athletic activities from the date of the determination by the Athletic Council.
- II. Tobacco – The use, possession and/or presence of tobacco products is prohibited by athletes both on school grounds or off during an athlete's "season". Although 18 years old is the legal age for purchase or use of cigarettes and chewing tobacco, we do not condone possession or use of these unhealthy products. Violation of this rule will result in a three game suspension for the first offense and a six game suspension for the second offense. A third offense will result in a one-year (365 day) suspension from all athletic activities from the date of the determination by the Athletic Council.
- III. Athletes will be expected to maintain acceptable standards of school and community citizenship as outlined in the student handbook and Code of Conduct approved by the Board of Education. Student-athletes will be brought before the Athletic Council who have been placed on Out-of-School Suspension, or recommended by the coach, Athletic Director, or Building Principal. If the problem persists the committee could implement a one year (365 days) suspension from all athletic activities from the date of the determination by the Athletic Council.
- IV. At no point should any student –athlete participate in hazing or encourage another person to do so. Hazing takes many forms and should be reported to the coach, principal, or parents. Students will be receiving instruction on hazing at the beginning of the sports season.

The Athletic Council will convene in a timely fashion with all five members in participation. The student and his/her parent or guardian will be notified of this meeting and may participate in the "fact-finding portion" of the meeting. The five-member committee will then meet in private to discuss the findings and come up with a determination in the rules and regulations violated. When applicable a consequence will be set. The full consequence must be served before participation in that sport or any other team participation at Edwards-Knox. This consequence may be in addition to an administrative determination. There will be a Violation of Rules and Regulations Committee form completed and kept on file by appropriate officials. The students/parents/guardians will be made aware of the committee's decision and given a copy of this form.

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I have reviewed the Student Athletic Agreement with my son/daughter and understand that all team members will be expected to abide by these rules and regulations. I hereby give my permission for (Name of Athlete) _____ to participate in (Name of Sport) _____ for the _____ season.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

Athlete Signature

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM - AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF A MINOR

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I, _____, being the parent/legal guardian of the above named student, do hereby allow a qualified medical person to act in my behalf in authorizing medical care and/or hospitalization for the above named student in the event that I cannot be contacted.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Special Medical Problems - List

Signature Date

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Home Telephone Work Telephone

HOSPITALIZATION COVERAGE FOR THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT

Insurance Company / Identification or Contract Number

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____
Name Telephone No.

This document shall be presented to a physician or appropriate hospital representative at such time as emergency medical care or hospitalization may be required.

* A copy of this form must be kept in the team's medical kit and taken to all games by the Coach.

Return this form to your coach.

**EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL
STUDENT ATHLETIC MEDICAL UPDATE**

Prior to the start of tryout sessions of practice at the beginning of each season, a health history update for each athlete must be conducted unless the student received a full medical examination within 30 days of the start of the season.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Note: "YES" to any of these questions does not mean automatic disqualification from the athletic activity indicated. However, it may require a review and approval by the school physician before the student can report to practice or tryouts.

The answers to the questions on this form will be held in the school health office and will be kept confidential.

Student: _____ Grade: ____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

Sport: _____ Varsity ____ JV ____ Modified ____

HISTORY SINCE LAST HEALTH APPRAISAL:

If the answer to any of the following questions is "YES", please describe the condition or situation that prompted your answer on the reverse side of this form.

1. Allergies (Bee Sting/Medications/Food/Latex, etc.)? YES___ NO___
2. Does the student carry an Epi-pen for a life-threatening allergy? YES___ NO___
3. Asthma YES___ NO___
4. Does the student carry an inhaler? YES___ NO___
5. Does the student take any medications daily? YES___ NO___
6. Concussion/Head Injury/Seizures YES___ NO___
7. Recent injury that requires medical attention or protective equipment? YES___ NO___
8. Recent illness lasting longer than one week (i.e. Mono) YES___ NO___
9. Has the student stayed in hospital overnight or had an operation? YES___ NO___
10. Currently taking medications YES___ NO___
11. Diabetes/Hypoglycemia YES___ NO___
12. Heart/Blood Pressure Problems YES___ NO___
13. Heat Exhaustion or Stroke YES___ NO___
14. Hearing Impairment YES___ NO___
15. Bleeding Tendency/Anemia YES___ NO___
16. Recent Surgery or Hospitalization YES___ NO___
17. Kidney/Liver Disease YES___ NO___
18. Contact Lenses YES___ NO___
19. Is there any medical condition that might be aggravated by playing sports? YES___ NO___
20. Does student have or is there a family history of high blood pressure, heart trouble, diabetes, cancer, asthma, seizures, or any other serious illness? YES___ NO___

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Return this form to your coach.