

***Ewen-Trout Creek School District
Jr./Sr. High School
Athletic Policy Handbook***



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Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District

***Athletic Policies Of The Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School
Grades 6 through 12***

The Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District Board of Education recognizes the need for, and encourages student participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

The Board further recognizes that participation in these activities carries with it the responsibility of good behavior in and out of school. The rules and regulations that are set forth here are necessary if fair and effective treatment is to be provided for all athletic participants. Failure on the part of any student to meet this responsibility is cause for suspension of the privilege of representing his/her school.

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

A. Athletic Code of Conduct Policy Form

A participant and his parent/guardian must sign the Athletic Code of Conduct Policy Form indicating that they have received and read a copy of the Athletic Handbook. This form must be in the hands of the coach or Athletic Director before the student is permitted to practice or participate.

B. Sports Physical/Consent Form

A participant must have a yearly sports physical prior to the start of the sport they will be participating in. Students will not be permitted to practice until the coach or athletic director has the completed M.H.S.A.A. (Michigan High School Athletic Association) Physical Form/Consent Form.

C. Enforcement of Rules

The rules and regulations described in this Athletic Handbook will be enforced year round, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

D. Coaches Authority

Each coach has the authority to set his or her own rules regarding their sport

that are not necessarily covered by the Athletic Handbook. Training rules and squad regulations will be discussed and given to the athletes.

E. Student Suspension

When a student is suspended from school for disciplinary reasons, he or she will be automatically suspended from sports until the matter is resolved.

F. Forfeiture of Awards

An athlete who quits or is dropped from a sport, automatically forfeits all athletic awards associated with that sport.

G. School Day Excuses

Athletes will be excused from class if it's necessary to leave for an athletic contest during the school day. The athlete must make arrangements for make-up work with the teachers for the classes he or she will miss, prior to the early dismissal. In order to practice or compete in athletics, athletes must be in attendance on the afternoon of a contest or practice unless the Principal was notified and approval was given prior to that time.

H. Travel

All athletes must ride school sponsored transportation to the game. In order to ride home with anyone other than the school provided transportation, a parent/guardian must be at the game and get permission personally from the coach, and sign the permission roster to take their son/daughter from the event. Written permission to ride with someone else will not be accepted. Once a parent takes their son or daughter from an athletic contest, after first seeing the coach, the school's responsibility for that student then ends. If a student leaves an out of town athletic event without following the above procedure, they will be suspended from the next athletic contest.

I. Athletic Eligibility

In order for a student to participate in extra-curricular activities, they must pass all their classes. Grades will be reviewed every two (2) weeks and students will be informed of their status. Eligibility for beginning to participate in extra-curricular activities will be based on the previous nine (9) week grades. Students who are failing one class may participate in practices and meetings but not games or events. Students who are failing two classes may not participate in practices and meetings or games and events.

Students who become ineligible but bring their grades up to standard can be reinstated at any time.

J. Insurance

The Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District does not carry an insurance policy to cover injuries that may be caused while participating in athletics. It is up to the parents to assume all financial responsibility for their son/daughter while participating in any athletic program at the Ewen-Trout Creek School. This is in respect to injuries during practice sessions, games, or travel.

II. Violations and Penalties

-Violations occurring when a student is in the 7th and 8th grade shall not be carried over into high school. (9th-12th grade) All students will have a clean record upon entrance into the 9th grade, with the following exception:

If a Jr. High student receives three violations while in Jr. High (7th & 8th grades) their record **WILL NOT** be wiped clean. In the event the student with three or more violations in Jr. High receives one more violation while in grades 9-12, the student will permanently lose their eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics while in attendance at Ewen-Trout Creek High School.

-Violations are accumulated on the whole of the athletes school career grades 7-12.

Example *A student receives a violation while in the 9th grade and receives a violation in the 12th grade. The violation they receive in the 12th grade is their second violation and the consequence associated with a second violation would be followed through.*

-The exception to this is as follows: If a student receives their first violation and does not receive another violation for one calendar year from the date of that first violation, the student's first violation would be removed from their record and they would receive the benefit of starting new again. This exception may take place **ONLY** for the first violation while in Jr. High (7th & 8th grade) and their first violation in High School (9th-12th grade)

-Violations, with the exception of chewing tobacco/smoking, do not have to occur under the same heading. Any combination of listed violations will result in appropriate penalties. This will be under the discretion of the School District's Administration. Chewing tobacco/smoking violations will be in a separate category of it's own

-In the event that an athlete has had a first and/or second violation, and is under probation by the Ontonagon County Probate and/or Juvenile Court, they must not violate their probation. A violation of probation will be considered a violation of the Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Code of Conduct. A violation would be, but is not limited to, failing a court ordered urine test.

-Any unused portion of an athletes suspension from a sport will carry over into the next regular season of that participants following sport. A season is defined as the week of the first regularly scheduled game and includes play-off and tournament games. This means that it will carry over into the next school year as well.

A. Use Of And/Or Possession of Drugs and Alcohol

1. First Violation

a. If it is determined by the Principal or his/her designee that a violation (alcohol/drugs) has occurred, the athlete will be dismissed from participation in the sport they are currently participating in , or the next sport they do participate in for 20% of that season.

b. A letter will be sent, and a telephone call made to the parent/ guardian informing them of the infraction of the rules. They will be informed that on the next infraction the student will receive a one year suspension from all athletics. The letter will also contain the appeal procedure.

c. The student must continue to practice in their specific sport during the suspension.

2. Second Violation

a. The student will not be permitted to participate in any interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of the offense. The parent/guardian shall be informed by letter and telephone. The letter will also contain the appeal procedure.

3. Further Violations

a. A further violation if it occurs while the student is under suspension

from a prior violation would result in permanent loss of eligibility while in attendance at Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School. If a further violation occurs and the student is not under suspension from a prior violation, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of the offense.

B. Use /Possession of Chewing Tobacco and/or Smoking.

1. *First Violation*

- a. Written warning from the Principal to the athlete and parent/guardian concerning the rule infraction.

2. *Second Violation*

- a. The athlete will be suspended for 10% of their sport season.
- b. A letter will be sent, and a telephone call made to the parent/guardian informing them of the infraction of the rules. They will be informed that on the next infraction the student will receive a one year suspension from all athletics. The letter will also contain the appeal procedure.
- c. The player must continue to practice in their specific sport during the suspension.

3. *Third Violation*

- a. The student will not be permitted to participate in any interscholastic athletics for one (1) year from the date of the offense. The parent/guardian will be informed by letter and telephone. The letter will also contain the appeal procedure.

4. *Further Violation*

- a. A further violation, if it occurs while the student is under suspension from a prior violation would result in permanent loss of eligibility while in attendance at Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School. If a further violation occurs and the student is not under suspension from a prior violation, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of the offense.

C. Serious Misconduct (Willful destruction of property, breaking and entering stealing, etc.) This will be up to the discretion of the administration.

1. The violation procedure will be the same as use/possession of chewing tobacco/smoking except that there will be no warning for first violation.

D. Gross Indecency/Sexual Misconduct (While under school supervision at school or at a school sponsored event)

1. *First Violation*

- a. The athlete will not be permitted to participate in any interscholastic athletics for one (1) year from the date of the offense.
- b. A letter will be sent, and a telephone call made to the parent/guardian informing them of the infraction of the rules. They will be informed that a further violation will result in permanent loss of eligibility. The letter will also contain the appeal procedure.

2. *Further Violation*

- a. A further violation will result in permanent loss of eligibility while in attendance at the Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School

E. Possession Of Alcohol Or Drugs At School/Athletic Events

1. Any athlete with drugs or alcohol in their possession or under the influence while at school, or at a school event, either on the bus, at a visited school or anytime while under the supervision of a school official shall not be allowed to participate in any athletics in the Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District for a period of one (1) year from the date of the infraction.
2. The drugs or alcohol will be turned over to the Principal as soon as possible where upon he will file a complaint with the proper law enforcement agency to have the person arrested.
3. A letter will be sent, and a telephone call made to the parent/guardian informing them of the rules infraction. The letter will also contain the appeal procedure.
4. A further violation will result in permanent loss of athletic eligibility while in attendance at the Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School

III. Appeals

- A. Any violation may be appealed to the Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education.**
 - 1. Appeals must be made at the next regularly scheduled monthly Board of Education meeting following the athlete's violation.**
 - 2. The Athlete and his/her parent/guardian/representative must be present at the Board of Education meeting in order to appeal the violation.**

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The athlete and parent/guardian must sign this form and return it to the Athletic Director or the athlete will not be permitted to participate

We have read the Ewen-Trout Creek Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Policy Handbook and do fully realize that the school district will enforce these rules.

Athlete's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Grade Level This School Year _____