

Ewen-Trout Creek School District

Junior High / High School



Student & Parent Athletic Handbook

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Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District

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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

(for all students including Virtual Learners)

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 or a serious violation, he or she will be automatically suspended from sports until the matter is resolved.

F. Forfeiture of Awards

An athlete who commits a violation, 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.

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 provide written permission to the coach, and sign, or have their designee sign, the permission roster to take their son/daughter from the event. Once a parent, or approved designee, 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

Academic eligibility will be reviewed every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. beginning the fourth Tuesday of each grading period.

Students must be passing all classes to maintain full eligibility.

First Failing Grade Check (Warning Status):

- A student failing one or more classes at a grade check will be placed on a one-week academic probation period.
- The student and parent/guardian will be notified of the failing grade(s).
- During the probation period, the student remains eligible to participate in practices, meetings, contests, and events.

Second Consecutive Failing Grade Check (Ineligible Status):

- If the student is still failing the same class or is failing any class at the next Tuesday grade check, the student will be declared ineligible.
- Students failing one class may attend practices and team meetings but may not participate in contests, competitions, performances, or events.
- Students failing two or more classes may not participate in practices, team meetings, contests, competitions, performances, or events.

Restoration of Eligibility:

- Once declared ineligible, a student will remain ineligible until the next Tuesday grade check.
- Eligibility will be restored when the student is passing all classes at an official grade check.

Attendance Eligibility

Student-athletes are expected to maintain regular attendance.

A student-athlete must be present for **at least one-half of the school day** on the day of a contest, competition, performance, or event in order to participate.

- Exceptions may be granted for excused absences approved by the administration in advance, including medical appointments, school-sponsored

activities, bereavement, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by the administration.

- Students serving an out-of-school suspension are ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities during the suspension period.

Tardiness

Students are expected to arrive at class on time.

- A student who accumulates more than five (5) tardies in any class during a grading period will receive a one-game suspension from the next scheduled contest, competition, performance, or event.
- For every additional tardy beyond five (5), the student-athlete will receive an additional one-game suspension.
- Continued excessive tardiness may result in additional disciplinary action, including extended extracurricular ineligibility.

Excessive Absences

Excessive absences may affect extracurricular eligibility. Absences, as defined in the Student & Parent Handbook, are days missed without a doctor's written excuse, excused due to a death in the family, an approved Vacation Form, or an approved Senior Personal Day.

- A student-athlete who accumulates more than seven (7) absences during a grading period will receive a one-game suspension from the next scheduled contest, competition, performance, or event.
- Excused absences for school-sponsored activities will not count toward the seven-absence limit.
- For every additional absence beyond seven (7), the student-athlete will receive an additional one-game suspension.
- Absence counts will reset at the beginning of each new grading period.

Virtual Student Eligibility

Students enrolled in a district-approved virtual or online educational program are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities provided they meet all academic eligibility requirements.

In addition, virtual students must:

- Log in and participate in their virtual coursework each school day.
- Be on pace with coursework as established by the virtual program provider and/or district.
- Be passing all courses in accordance with the district's academic eligibility standards.

Virtual student participation and academic progress will be reviewed during each weekly eligibility check. Students who are not logging in regularly, are significantly behind pace in one or more courses, or are failing one or more classes will be subject to the same eligibility consequences as students enrolled in traditional in-person instruction.

VIOLATIONS

-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 its 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 athlete's suspension from a sport will carry over into the next regular season of that participant's 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 10% 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 if they commit another 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 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, Vaping, Drug Paraphernalia and/or Smoking.*

1. *First Violation*

- a. The athlete will be suspended for 10% of their sport season, if sport season ends with the remaining amount to be served during the next 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 if they commit another 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.

2. Second 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.

3. 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 inter- scholastic 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 the first violation.

D. Gross Indecency/Sexual Misconduct (While 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 whereupon 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.
 3. At the request of the parent or guardian, the School Board Meeting can be held in a closed session.

By signing and dating this handbook, the parent and student understands and accepts full responsibility for his or her actions.

Parent

Date

Student

Date