

# EDNA ISD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

## 2014-2015 School Year

Edna ISD strives to foster character, leadership, and decision-making skills through student involvement in supervised programs and activities. Remember that it is a privilege to participate in athletics. These procedures provide guidelines and expectations applicable to all EISD student athletes. **These procedures supplement the EISD Student Code of Conduct. EISD Athletic Department Code of Conduct is in effect year-round including all weekends, school holidays, and summer vacation.** Escalating consequences do not carry over to the next school year. That is, a student disciplined for a first offense formal complaint during the current school year who receives another formal complaint during the next school year will be treated under the first offense procedure, not the second offense procedure. The school year ends with the last day of school and the procedures for the upcoming year go into effect the following day. The Athletic Director and/or the Head Coach have the authority to dismiss an athlete for violations of these guidelines. Students who are disciplined or dismissed may schedule a conference with the Head Coach and Athletic Director.

### **1. CONDUCT:**

Conduct yourself in a proper manner. The Edna athletes that have preceded you have given a great deal of class to our program. Edna athletes are noted for their clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponent and play to the best of your ability. This means you are to follow school rules and procedures while attending class at Edna ISD. You are to act properly in class, giving your teachers and administrators' courtesy and respect. As an athlete, you should also conduct yourself in an appropriate manner outside of school. Remember, you represent this school at all times. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. The Athletic Director and/or Head Coach of the sport involved will discipline athletes for offenses that do not involve a formal complaint. Coach/ athlete conferences, coach/parent conferences, extra conditioning, corporal punishment and/or possible suspension may be given for **any conduct offense**. It is the parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to notify the athletic director in writing if corporal punishment is not to be administered.

**Formal Complaint** - A **formal complaint** is defined as an arrest, citation, charge or any other formal action by a law enforcement authority **or any school administrator** in response to conduct by a student athlete that rises to the level of misdemeanor or greater. Students whose charges are dropped or who are found not guilty will not be *automatically* re-instated under this provision. If the charges are dropped, the maximum suspension will be one half of the normal suspension and could possibly result in no suspension if found by the athletic director/head coach that the athlete was not involved. This does not include minor traffic violations.

**Disclosure Policy** - Disclosure enables an athlete to notify the head coach/athletic director of a formal complaint infraction. By disclosing, the athlete's suspension will be reduced by one half. Disclosure should occur by the end of the next school day or prior to the next scheduled practice or contest. If disclosure does not occur within this time frame, then full suspension will be applied.

#### **Formal Complaint: Misdemeanor Offenses –**

**\*\* Any student suspended will not be allowed to travel or dress-out with team. All suspensions must be completed and may carry into the next sport and/or year.**

The **first offense** will result in suspension from an athletic contest or contests. Football, Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting and Cross-Country will have a two (2) contest suspension after school personnel have been notified of a formal complaint. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball will have a four (4) contest suspension after school personnel have been notified of a formal complaint. The number of contest suspensions is based on the average number of games per week during the regular season. In addition to the suspension, extra conditioning will be required for five (5) school days. (Suspensions are affected by disclosure policy.)

The **second offense** will result in suspension from athletic contests. Football, Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting and Cross-Country will have a six (6) contest suspension after school personnel have been notified of a second formal complaint. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball will have a twelve (12) contest suspension after school personnel have been notified of a second formal complaint. In addition to the contest suspension, extra conditioning will be required for fifteen (15) school days. (Suspensions are affected by disclosure policy.)

The **third offense** will result in suspension from all athletic team activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the formal complaint. This suspension is not affected by the disclosure rule. The athlete may continue to work out during suspension at the discretion of the athletic director and/or head coach.

### **Play-off Offenses:**

The **first offense** will result in a two (2) contest suspension. If disclosure occurs, then the suspension will be reduced to one (1) contest.

The **second offense** will result in a four (4) contest suspension. If disclosure occurs, then the suspension will be reduced to two (2) contests.

### **Formal Complaint: Felony Offenses –**

Students charged with felony offenses will not be permitted to participate in Edna ISD athletics. Felony convictions will result in a one-year suspension.

## **2. TOBACCO:**

**TOBACCO:** Tobacco use will not be tolerated in any form including chewing, dipping, or smoking.

The **first offense** will result in having five days of extra conditioning assigned by the Head Coach.

The **second offense** will result in having ten days of extra conditioning assigned by the Head Coach.

The **third offense** will be treated as a formal complaint misdemeanor first offense.

\*\*Any further offenses follow the formal complaint misdemeanor procedure.

## **3. ALCOHOL:**

**ALCOHOL:** Alcohol use by student athletes will not be tolerated. The Athletic Director and/or Head Coach of the sport involved will act on any alcohol offense that does not involve a formal complaint if he reasonably believes that the offending conduct occurred. Extra conditioning and possible suspension may result. If a formal complaint occurs, then the formal complaint misdemeanor procedure will be followed.

## **4. DRUGS:**

**DRUGS:** Drugs will not be tolerated. The Athletic Director and/or Head Coach of the sport involved will act on any drug offense that does not involve a formal complaint if he reasonably believes that the offending conduct occurred. Extra conditioning and possible suspension may result.

### **Formal Complaint: Misdemeanor Offenses-**

The **first offense** will result in suspension from athletic contests. Football, Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting, and Cross-Country will have a six (6) contest suspension after school personnel have been notified of a first formal complaint. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball will have a twelve (12) contest suspension after school personnel have been notified of a first formal complaint. In addition to the contest suspension, extra conditioning will be required for fifteen (15) school days. (Suspensions are affected by disclosure policy.)

The **second offense** will result in suspension from all athletic team activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the formal complaint. (This suspension is not affected by the disclosure rule.) The athlete may continue to work out during suspension at the discretion of the athletic director and/or head coach.

### **Felony Drug Offense-**

Felony drug offenses will be handled according to the guidelines defined in section one felony offenses.

## **5. OTHER CONDUCT:**

**GAMBLING:** Gambling or betting in any form will not be tolerated. Continued offenses may result in dismissal from the program.

**PROFANITY:** Profanity is not an acceptable form of expression. Any offense will result in disciplinary action. Continued offenses may result in dismissal from the program. Profanity directed at an adult authority figure will be treated as a major offense. The athlete will receive extra conditioning and suspension from one to two contests depending on the sport. (Football,

Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting and Cross-Country – One Contest. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball – Two contests.) Playoffs will be a one game suspension for all sports.

**STEALING:** Stealing will not be tolerated. Punishment will be assessed individually depending on the history, the circumstances, and the offense and may result in suspension or dismissal from the program.

**DISMISSAL FROM COMPETITION:** If an athlete is removed from an athletic contest for inappropriate conduct, extra conditioning and/or possible suspension may be assigned depending on the extent of the infraction.

**SCHOOL EQUIPMENT:** Everyone will wear their uniform in the same manner. EISD will furnish your equipment, so do not bring personal equipment from home unless the coach permits you to do so. All uniforms should consist of the school colors of white, blue, black or gray. Lost or damaged equipment will be replaced by the student athlete at their expense. School equipment must be turned in within a reasonable time after the season is complete. Failure to do so will result in fines or disciplinary action.

**RESPECT FOR COACHES:** Players should be respectful to coaches, teachers and administrators when speaking to them. “Yes Ma’am,” “Yes Sir,” “No Ma’am,” “No Sir,” will be expected.

**DRESS / GROOM:** All athletes will follow the dress and groom code established in the Edna ISD student handbook. According to U.I.L. policy, student athletes are not permitted to wear any type of jewelry during competition for safety purposes. No male athlete will be permitted to wear dew rags, earrings, posts, straws or gauges through his ears during athletic practice or contests. Failure to comply will result in a warning the first time. If the problem occurs again, extra conditioning will be assigned. Continued offenses will result in game suspension or dismissal from the program at the discretion of the head coach and athletic director. Your appearance and dress at school, school events, or when traveling to school events should be appropriate and follow EISD and athletic procedure.

**CARE OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES:** You are to keep your equipment in your locker. You are to take off any cleated or spiked shoe before entering the dressing room. When you change into workout gear, your school clothes should be hung up in your locker and your locker locked. Latrines and toilets are to be flushed, showers and faucets turned off so they do not drip, and all trash thrown in the trash can. Clean up in and around your locker each day. Failure to adhere to this procedure may result in discipline for the whole squad.

## 6. STUDENT PARTICIPATION:

**CONTEST PARTICIPATION:** All sports are competitive activities. With this fact in mind, it should be clear that not all athletes will participate in all contests. Each coach will make every effort to allow athletes to participate when the situation allows. Coaches will not discuss playing time with parents as per UIL recommended procedures.

**ATTENDANCE:** It is very important that an athlete be present and on time for every athletic period, practice, or contest. Cutting any class, as well as missing the athletic period/practice for other classes, is not permitted. If you miss your athletic period, practices, or contest, make sure there is a valid reason. Appointments should be scheduled at other times. If you must be absent, call and talk to one of the coaches before your athletic period, practice, or contest. It is up to the head coaches and athletic director’s discretion to determine if an absence from a practice or a contest is excused.

**Excused Absence from a Practice:** If the athlete calls in and the absence from practice is excused, then the make-up conditioning is one mile per practice. If the athlete does not call in but the absence is excused, then the make-up conditioning will be two miles per practice.

**Unexcused Absence from a Practice:** Regardless if the athlete calls in or not and the absence is deemed unexcused, the first offense will result in extra conditioning for five (5) consecutive days (2 miles a day). The second offense will result in suspension from athletic contests. Football, Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting and Cross-Country will have a one (1) contest suspension. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball will have a two (2) contest suspension. In addition to the contest suspension, extra conditioning will be required for ten (10) consecutive days (2 miles a day). The third offense will result in dismissal from that sport.

**In School Suspension:** Absences during the athletic period due to ISS will result in two miles extra conditioning for each athletic period missed. Excessive assignments to ISS may result in contest suspension at the discretion of the head coach and athletic director.

**Excused Absence from a Contest:** If an absence from a contest is excused, it will be treated as an excused absence.

**Unexcused Absence from A Contest:** If an absence from a contest is unexcused, the first offense will result in

suspension from an athletic contest or contests. Football, Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting and Cross-Country will have a one (1) contest suspension. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball will have a two contest (2) suspension. In addition to the suspension, extra conditioning will be required for five (5) consecutive days (2 miles a day). The second offense will result in suspension from athletic contests. Football, Track, Tennis, Golf, Power Lifting and Cross-Country will have a three (3) contest suspension. Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball will have a six (6) contest suspension. In addition to the contest suspension, extra conditioning will be required for ten (10) consecutive days (2 miles a day). The third offense will result in dismissal from that sport.

**\*Extended absences due to sickness, death in the family, vacations, or extenuating circumstances will be evaluated by the athletic director and head coach of that sport to determine the consequences.**

**MULTI-SPORT PARTICIPATION:** All sports are classified in one of three seasons: fall (Football, Volleyball, and Cross-Country), winter (Basketball), or spring (Baseball, Softball, Track, Tennis, and Golf). Athletes are permitted to participate in more than one sport at one time. An athlete may not start a winter season sport while still participating in a fall sport. An athlete may not start a spring sport while still participating in a winter sport.

**CLUB SPORTS/SELECT TEAMS:** Club sports or select teams should not interfere with any practice or contest of Edna athletics. It is not acceptable for an athlete to miss, arrive late, or leave early from a practice or contest for a club sport or select team. If an absence from practice does occur, then it is an unexcused absence and the unexcused absence procedure will be followed. If an athlete misses a contest for a club sport or select team, then the unexcused absence from a contest procedure will be followed.

**INJURY OR ILLNESS:** An athlete is required to inform the trainer and the head coach of their sport of their illness or injury before practice. The coaching staff does not expect you to work out if you are ill or injured, but we expect you to wear the uniform of the day and accompany your group from station to station unless given special permission to leave by the trainer or head coach. A note from a parent/guardian for an injury or illness will be accepted for up to two days. Any non-participation beyond two days or an injury that limits participation must have a doctor's note.

**QUITTING/DISMISSAL:** An athlete who quits or is dismissed from a sport after the first contest will not be allowed to start another sport until that sport's regular season ends unless the athlete is released by the head coach. An athlete that has quit or has been dismissed from a sport will not be permitted to participate in another sport's contest, until he/she has run two miles per practice for ten consecutive practices (20 miles). If an athlete is participating in two or more sports at one time and is released by the head coach of one sport, the athlete may continue to participate in the other sport(s). The athlete must complete the season, including play-offs, and finish in good standing to receive a varsity letter and to be recognized at the sports banquet.

**PROMPTNESS:** The bus will wait for no one on trips. If an athlete misses the bus, they will not be allowed to start the contest and possibly not participate that day depending on the circumstances for missing the bus. During school you will have a certain amount of time after the athletic period bell to be dressed in the uniform of the day and to be in the appropriate place. Tardiness will result in disciplinary action.

**PARTICIPATION PRE-REQUISITE:** The head coach of each sport may require athletes to be enrolled in the athletic period the semester preceding their season. If a student does not meet this pre-requisite, they may be allowed to participate after he/she runs two miles for ten consecutive practices (20 miles) and enrolls in the athletic period. A student may be denied the opportunity to participate in a sport due to failure to enroll in the athletic period or none participation in a sport the previous year. This determination will be left at the discretion of the Athletic Director and/or Head Coach of that sport.

## 7. UIL

Edna ISD will follow all guidelines of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) including but not limited to Constitution, Contest and Rules (CCR), each manual for the individual sports, and the parent information manual.

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*:** Remember, YOU are representing yourself, your parents, your coaches, Edna Independent School District, and the Edna Community at all times.

*Discipline yourself, so others will not have to! We are looking to you to carry on the pride and tradition of Edna High School.*

**Athletic Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form**

*2014 - 2015*

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM AND KEEP THE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

I have read, understand and agree to abide by Edna ISD's Athletic Code of Conduct for the 2014-2015 school year. I understand that I will be held accountable for the behavior expectations and consequences outlined in the Athletic Code of Conduct. I understand that by participating in extracurricular activities, I am a representative of Edna ISD and a role model to my peers and throughout the community; therefore, the Athletic Code of Conduct governs my behavior at all times, and applies both on and off school property. I understand that the behavior expectations or the Athletic Code of Conduct are in addition to those include in the Edna ISD Student Code of Conduct. I understand the violations of the behavior standards of the Athletic Code of Conduct that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in my being disciplined under both the Athletic Code of Conduct and the Student Code of Conduct.

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Parent /Guardian Name:

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Campus:

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Parent /Guardian Signature:

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Grade Level:

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Student Signature:

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