**East Jackson 7th & 8th Grade Athletic Policies**

1. **Drugs:** Any possession or use of tobacco products, alcohol, performance enhancing substances, illicit chemicals, including marijuana, will not be tolerated.

**First Possession:**  Will result in athlete being suspended for 25% of the scheduled contests, but he or she is required to attend all practices. Penalties will also carry over into the next season the student participates in if the full suspension can’t be served.

**Second Offense:**  Will result in suspension from athletics for the remainder of the season. If the offense occurs in the spring it will also carry over into the next year with the athlete having to sit 25% of the first season he/she participates in.

1. **Uniforms:** Any loss or damage of athletic uniforms will result in replacement or reimbursement. Any replacement or reimbursement costs must be paid before participating in the next sport.
2. **Conducting Unbecoming an Athlete:** Any swearing, use of obscenities, or indecent conduct during an athletic competition or on the athletic bus will not be tolerated. Blatant disrespect towards any parent, faculty member, coach, or referee during athletic contests will not be tolerated.

**First Offense:** Coach’s Discretion

**Second Offense:** Minimal two game suspension – maximum penalty is dismissal from the team.

1. **Detentions:**

When an athlete receives one or two detentions during an athletic season, discipline is left up to the coach’s discretion.

Three detentions during one athletic season will result in a one game suspension.

Four detentions during one athletic season will result in dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.

1. **Suspensions:** If a student is suspended twice during an athletic season he/she will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. Depending on the severity of the behavior an athlete may be dismissed on his/her first suspension.
2. **Academic Eligibility:**

For a student to be eligible to participate in athletics they may only be failing one class if they are taking seven full classes. If a student is talking only six classes they must be passing all six to be eligible. Eligibility checks will be conducted on a weekly basis beginning no later than the fourth week of each semester, and will be based on a cumulative semester average.

Student Athletes will be required to attend study sessions when receiving letter grades of a D or below. Study sessions will be set up by the individual coaches.

When a student receives a failing grade which causes them to be ineligible they may appeal that class one time only (see coach or athletic director for appeal form). This request must be approved by the parent, teacher, and administration, and may be denied by any of the three.

In addition to this policy all students must meet the minimal academic requirements set forth by the MHSAA (must have passed a minimum of 66% or their coursework from the previous semester). They must also meet all transfer regulations set by the MHSAA.

**(Please see academic athletic policy adopted 8/9/93 for more details)**

1. **Attendance:**

Students participating in athletics must be in school for four consecutive hours of the school day (by the beginning of 3rd period). Students not in school at least four consecutive hours will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

In the event that an athlete has two unexcused absences from practice they may be dismissed from the team.

If a student has physical education they must participate in class in order to practice or play in an athletic event on a given day.

Athletes must attend the practice on the prior day of an event in order to participate in the event.

All athletes must have rides with ½ hour after the end of a practice. Two late rides may result in dismissal from the team.

1. **Physical Examinations:**

Every student must have a current physical in order to practice. A current physical is determined by the date of April 15 of the year prior to the start of the current school year.

1. **Transportation:**

All athletes are to ride to and from athletic contests using school transportation when available, unless they sign out with the coach of their team by his/her parent. Any instance that an athlete does not ride school transportation and it is unauthorized will result in disciplinary action up to possible dismissal from the team.

**\*\*Any instance which occurs for which a consequence is not stated may be directed to the East Jackson Middle School Athletic Council or the Athletic Director for a decision. If needed the Athletic Council will consist of at least five members: the secondary principal, the secondary athletic director, a teacher of the student’s choice, a middle school coach, and a middle school teacher to be named by the principal.**