

## **Elmira High School Athletic Contract**

**Please read carefully. Once this contract is signed it will be in effect year round and cover the individual's participation in all athletic activities during the student's entire Elmira High School career.**

I realize that it is a privilege to participate in an athletic activity at Elmira High School and not a right. Accordingly, I agree to abide by the following rules and regulations.

1. Before participating in an athletic practice I will pay my athletic sport fee, complete all required paperwork including medical forms and provide proof of medical insurance. All past dues and or fees (including library fines) must be paid prior to student participating in sports or attending extra-curricular functions. Students will be presented with a statement of past due fees at registration every year and at the end of each semester. I must practice and condition at least two weeks with a sport before participating in an athletic event. I may not become a member of any athletic team until all equipment/uniforms have been returned or payment made for the loss at replacement cost. If I quit one sport, I may not participate in another sport during that season without the consent of both coaches involved and the athletic director/principal. If I am suspended or removed from an activity, I may not participate in another activity that season.
2. School equipment/uniforms are the property of Elmira High School. School equipment/uniforms found in my possession will be confiscated. I understand that school issued equipment is for my personal use at Elmira High School practices, events and performances only. I will only use school equipment or wear school uniforms/practice gear at designated times and I will not permit others to wear it at any time.
3. I will attend all mandatory practices and all athletic contests unless excused in advance by the coach or athletic director/principal. Failure to attend practices/events without a prearranged absence will result in disciplinary consequences.
4. I will not be permitted to participate in either practice or an athletic event if I have been absent or suspended, out-of-school or in-school, from school for any part of the day, excused or unexcused, unless on a school sponsored activity or a pre-arranged absence. Attendance on the last school day of the week determines eligibility for the remainder of the week. If I improperly participate, consequences may be increased. I am expected to be in attendance and punctual the day following an event. The high school may lessen or eliminate the penalty if it is found to be an unavoidable accidental circumstance.
5. If I am to miss class time or a due date for an assignment due to an athletic contest, I will arrange the make-up requirements with my teacher in advance of the absence.

6. **WHEN TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED:** I must ride district provided transportation when traveling to contests. After an away contest, I may be released to my parent by the coach, with a parent signature. I may also be released to another adult family member or parent of another high school student if written arrangements are made in advance with the athletic director.
7. **WHEN TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED:** District transportation is not provided on return trips that are within a 45 mile radius of Elmira High School. Examples, Junction City, Cottage Grove, Marist, Pleasant Hill, etc... It is the responsibility of the coach to identify the contests that will not have return transportation, early in the season, and inform the athletes. It is the responsibility of the athlete and parent to make transportation arrangements ahead of time. It is expected that each athlete/parent will prepare for the instances when no return transportation has been provided. All athletes must "check-out" with the coach. Athletes may leave with their parent/guardians and or other adults. If a parent/guardian wants their student athlete to either drive themselves, or leave with another student, prior written permission must be obtained (at least by the prior day).
8. I understand that a suspension, out-of-school or in-school, will make me ineligible for, at a minimum, the next contest. Two school suspensions during a season will result in dismissal from the team and a minimum of four weeks of ineligibility.
9. Academic eligibility will comply with district and OSAA rules and regulations. Progress toward graduation means a student may graduate with their original class while attending classes at Elmira High School and without enrolling in outside course work.
10. If I am ejected from an event and the District is fined by the OSAA, I will pay the fine and face disciplinary consequences. As an athlete, I may not accept money, articles or awards other than those sanctioned by the OSAA and EHS.
11. The district will attempt to resolve concerns or issues at the lowest possible level. Therefore, the issue should be processed in the following manner: coach, head coach, athletic director, principal, superintendent, and if necessary the Board. The complaint must be in writing with a copy to the athletic director.
12. I will abide by the EHS Athletic Contract. Any conduct, school related or not, that, in the judgement of the coach, athletic director/administrator, or other supervisory staff, is detrimental or reflects negatively upon the athletic program or school will be subject to discipline. I realize I am subject to all disciplinary rules.

### **Substance Abuse Policy**

A primary goal of the district is the development and maintenance of a safe and drug free environment. I realize that the inappropriate use of substances or the use of illegal substances will interfere with the development of my full physical and mental potential and create a safety concern for myself and other participants. The use, possession or sale of drugs, alcohol or tobacco are also illegal activities that discredit the athletic program and Elmira High School. Therefore, I accept and will not violate the following rules:

1. I will not use, possess or distribute alcohol, tobacco products or drugs, including the misuse or abuse of prescription or over-the-counter drugs.
2. I will not socialize with others while they illegally use drugs, tobacco or alcohol. Socialize means a student is present and does not immediately leave an area where drugs, tobacco and or alcohol are being used or distributed.

**Consequences:** These consequences are cumulative during my career at Elmira High School and will carry over from one sport to the next. The athletic contract will be in effect on a year-round (12 calendar months) basis. Student violations that occur during vacation periods or the off-season will have consequences imposed during the participant's next sport season. I must complete the season in which the consequence is imposed or the consequence will be reassigned during the next sport season in which I participates.

**First Offense:** I will be suspended from athletic contest participation for the number of contests typically played in a two week period. I will be required to discuss the violation with a counselor/administrator.

**Second Offense:** I will be suspended for a period of time equivalent to the number of contests typically played in a six week period. I will be required to participate in an assessment by a professional approved by the district and participate in any recommended treatment program before resuming participation. My parent/guardian is responsible for the cost of the assessment and treatment program.

**Third Offense:** I will be ineligible for athletic participation for one calendar year. I must actively participate in and complete a prescribed treatment program prior to my athletic eligibility being reinstated. My parent/guardian is responsible for the cost of the assessment and treatment program.

If I voluntarily request assistance in dealing with a drug, alcohol or tobacco problem prior to my first offense or investigation thereof, I will be eligible to participate in athletics provided I follow the recommended course of action. An individualized policy will be collaboratively developed by me, my parent, coach, counselor, athletic director and approved by the principal. This may include a professional assessment and treatment program at no cost to the district.

### **Action and Appeals for Non-Academic Reasons**

1. The athletic director, administrator or coach does not have to personally see a rule violation to take action. However, reasonable suspicion must exist. Consequences may be modified if extenuating circumstances exist.
2. If I am suspended from athletic participation, other than for academic reasons, I will have the right to appeal as follows:
  - a. I will make my request for appeal in writing and present it to the athletic director within 48 hours (two school days) of notification of the consequence. A date for a hearing shall be

established as soon as possible but no later than three school days from the receipt of the appeal.

- b. I will be entitled to due process rights as found in public education and representation at any hearing before the committee.
- c. The appeals committee will consist of the head coach of the sport, a site-council member and one teacher of the athletes choice. The athletic director and/or an administrator will facilitate the meeting but will not be a voting member.

### **Action and Appeals for Academic Reasons**

1. If I am suspended from athletic participation, for academic reasons, I will have the right to appeal as follows:
  - a. The chain of command will be as follows:
    - (1) Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students
    - (2) Principal or Assistant Principal
    - (3) Superintendent
    - (4) School Board
  - b. I will make my request for appeal in writing and present it to the athletic director within 48 hours (two school days) of notification of the consequence.
  - c. A hearing will be set within 24 hours (1 school day) of receipt of the request to appeal with the building principal or designee.
  - d. Additional appeals will follow the chain of command.
  - e. I will be entitled to due process rights as found in public education and representation at any hearing before the committee.