

**STUDENT ATHLETIC CONTRACT  
EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS**

Given the special role that interscholastic athletics have in our school system's philosophy and purpose, students involved in the athletic program must realize that participation is a voluntary privilege and not a right. In addition to following all local school and athletic department procedures, student athletes must adhere to all Ohio High School Athletic Association rules and regulations which address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- eligibility - enrollment, residence, age, scholarship
- amateur status/ awards
- non-interscholastic teams/competition
- participation requirements
- instructional programs

In addition to being responsible to the above procedures and in addition to the student code of conduct, students involved in a school-sponsored sport will be subject to the following disciplinary code, a code which is in effect beginning June 1st and ending May 31st of the following year. This is a 24 hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year contract.

- I. Recognizing and accepting the U.S. Government Surgeon General's report concerning the harmful effects of tobacco, the East Palestine Athletic Department plans to do everything educationally possible to discourage such use by pupils within its jurisdiction.

Any student athlete found using tobacco shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- 1st offense - five (5) days denial of participation
- 2nd offense - exclusion from the team

- II. It shall be the policy of the East Palestine Athletic Department to prohibit student athletes from the abuse, illegal possession, or sale of drugs (including alcohol and other intoxicants). The following penalty is to be applied:

- Selling of drugs: Exclusion from the team
- Use, abuse, or possession of drugs:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - ten (10) days denial of participation  
(Student may be reinstated to the team after ten days upon producing evidence of submitting to an approved assessment/counseling program.)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - exclusion from the team

- III. Violations of the following rules and regulations by a student athlete will result in a minimum of five (5) days denial of participation on the first offense and exclusion from the team on the second offense:

- A. Insubordination
- B. Profanity and vulgarity directed toward students, school personnel, volunteers, or visitors whether it be spoken, written, or electronic
- C. Theft of private or public property
- D. Vandalizing school, private or public property

- IV. The coach and /or athletic director, to promote the uniformity of the team concept within the East Palestine Athletic Department, will have the right to deny participation to any student whose behavior or appearance is deemed to be extreme, unnatural, or disruptive.

- V. For any end-of-season recognition(s), an athlete must complete the season (as determined by the coach) in good standing. It is also to be noted that once a student begins a sport, and then quits after the season begins (after the first game, match, or meet), then that student is not permitted to go to another sport or open gym that same season.

**INDIVIDUAL HEAD COACH - SPECIFIC SPORT REQUIREMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby agree to the following rules and regulations handed out and explained verbally by my \_\_\_\_\_ coach.  
*(name of sport)*

**Student Signature**      **X** \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above rules and regulations regarding athletic participation.

**Parent Signature**      **X** \_\_\_\_\_