

Dear ECMS athletes and parents,

I am excited to see what the 2017-18 school year has in store for all of our athletic teams. I am also eager to see how our athletes have grown in their skills, ability to work as a team and how we demonstrate our faith in competition. Below are our Eastern Christian Athletic Pillars as well as the policies of ECMS Athletics.

**Glorify God**... the most important measure of our success. (Colossians 3:17a) *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus..."*

**Exemplify Christian character**...attitude, behavior, and sportsmanship, exhibiting a God-honoring lifestyle while abstaining from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20) *"...You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body"*

**Strive for excellence**...exhibit a heart for hard work, passion, enthusiasm and energy in the classroom and on the field. (Colossians 3:23) *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."*

**Compete as one**...what is best for the team always comes first. (Philippians 2:4) *"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

**Run the race to win**...compete at the highest possible level. (1 Corinthians 9:24b) *"...run in such a way as to get the prize"*

**Be committed**...showing up and honoring your word is the norm. (1 John 2:5b ESV) *"But whoever keeps his word...by this we may know that we are in Him."*

1) Academic performance-

- A. All student athletes will be held accountable for their academic performance.
- B. In order to compete in games, matches and meets, students must be passing all core classes (reading, math, writing workshop, science, history and bible).
- C. Grades will be checked each week on Monday. The status of the athlete will remain in effect until the next grade check the following Monday. Athletes will be given a two week grace period in the beginning of each academic quarter.
- D. If an athlete is failing one core class, he/she will be allowed to practice with the team, but not compete.
- E. Students that are failing two or more core classes will not be allowed to practice with the team until the next Monday grade check shows that the situation has been resolved.

2) Uniforms and any other team issued gear-

- A. All student athletes are responsible for any equipment they have been issued. This means taking items home and washing them when needed and locking them in a locker if being left in the locker room.
- B. Students who lose or fail to return athletic gear will be charged accordingly.
- C. Students are expected to return uniforms within five days of the end of the season.

3) Student issues-

- A. Any student athlete that has a personal issue related to the team is encouraged to talk to the coach at an appropriate time, in a mature fashion. This could include before or at the conclusion of practice.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have,

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I understand what is expected of all ECMS athletes

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Parent name (print)

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