

Eastern Athletic Team Standards

The MCPS athletic program provides opportunities for eligible 7th and 8th graders to compete in cross country, softball, basketball, and soccer. These privileges are afforded to students who are willing to commit the time, energy, and sacrifice necessary to make their team the best.

Team Standards – Eastern Middle School student athletes will adhere to these standards :

- **Have a GPA of 2.0** (with no more than 1 E) **or higher**
- Display behavior that will add to the good name of Eastern Middle School (respect for self & others, responsibility, teamwork, and sportsmanship) (no teasing, ridicule, verbal or physical violence, or intimidation)
- Attend all tryouts, practices, and games (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) unless absent from school or pre-arranged appointment is approved by principal and/or coach
- Maintain good community and school relationships
- Follow all school rules and policies
- Display good sportsmanship at all times
- No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs allowed

Student Eligibility

- **Medical** – submit a medical form signed by a doctor (good for 2 years in middle school) before tryouts
- **Parent Permission** – submit permission form signed by parent before tryouts
- **Medical Card** – submit card signed by parent before tryouts
- **Athletic Team Standards** – submit the form - signed by parent and athlete before tryouts
- **Fees** – if student makes the team = they must pay ECA fee (\$30.00 for the year) before first game
- **Transportation form** – submit transportation form signed by parent before first game
- **Attendance** – **Students must be in school all day 8:15 – 3:00** unless a pre-arranged appointment is approved by principal and/or coach. Students must also be in **ALL classes on time**. Failure to be in school all day, or on time to classes, will result in loss of participation in tryout, practice or game that day.
- **Suspension** – Students that are suspended from school may not practice or play in a game
- **Student ejected from game** – student athletes ejected for unacceptable or unsportsmanlike behavior will sit out that game & the next game
- **Physical Education class** – Student athletes must dress and actively participate in PE class during tryouts, practices, and game days. Failure to dress & participate in PE will result in loss of participation in tryout, practice or game that day. PE students that are medically excused from PE may not participate in athletics during that time period.
- **Team commitment** – Student athletes that quit an athletic team mid-season are not eligible to tryout or participate in any other team at Eastern MS for the remainder of the school year.

By signing this document, student athletes and parents/guardians signify they understand its contents and agree to abide by all terms contained in the document. Failure to follow these procedures is grounds for dismissal from the team.

Signature of Athlete

Signature of Parent

Date