



# Athletic Department Policies

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Athletic Department's purpose is to encourage and challenge all student athletes to express themselves athletically, taking into consideration the world around them, their peers and themselves.

## GOALS

1. To promote the mission and goals of Edgewood High School.
2. To maintain a Christian image at all times.
3. To improve motor skills.
4. To seek better health and physical fitness.
5. To promote a desire to succeed and excel.
6. To foster the development of moral and ethical standards.
7. To learn the high ideals of fairness in all human relationships.
8. To learn to make proper decisions under pressure.
9. To have fun and to enjoy the competition and camaraderie provided through athletics.
10. To learn how to become a positive leader.

## *Explanatory Notes:*

1. All students participating in any Edgewood High School athletic program must meet all eligibility requirements of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) as well as all co-curricular requirements of Edgewood High School.
2. "Member school" refers to a WIAA member
3. The following set of policies is a combination of WIAA rules/regulations, Edgewood High School and Badger Conference policies.
4. Student athletes participate in the Badger Conference. Athletes will follow the WIAA membership school guidelines, Badger Conference by-laws, and Edgewood High School policies. WIAA guidelines and Badger Conference by-laws are available from the assistant principal, the athletic director or from head coaches.

## ELIGIBILITY RULES

- A. Every student who desires to participate in the Edgewood Athletic Program must:
1. Have a physical examination signed by a doctor and parent/guardian (confirmed on a WIAA form card on file in the athletic director's office).

2. Maintain the standards and adhere to the policies set forth by the WIAA, Edgewood High School and the EHS Athletic Department.

3. Have a Concussion Form signed by a parent/guardian of the athlete prior to participating in a sport.

B. **Who May Participate:** A school may use on its interscholastic teams only full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership.

C. **Fees:** Annual athletic fees are assessed per sport for participants. These participation fees help to offset the annual athletic budget. Participation fees are nonrefundable unless an injury or special reason prohibits the athlete from participating for a great majority of the season. All special cases should be brought to the attention of the athletic director. Coaches may add an additional fee for incidentals, i.e. warm-ups, mouth guards, socks, t-shirts, special practice gear and fees, etc., with the assistant principal's/athletic director's approval.

D. **Age:** A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her nineteenth birthday before August 1 of any given year.

E. **Transfers:** A full time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year." These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

1. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.

2. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade

at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

3. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete for one calendar year.

4. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

5. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with the first day of attendance at the new school).

6. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete for one calendar year.

7. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).

8. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility as his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

9. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9,

a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of one calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete for one calendar year.

10. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents' who move from a primary residence within on school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
11. A student who transfer from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
12. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

**F. Foreign Exchange Students:** This provision applies to students participating in foreign exchange programs. Foreign students attending a member school, but not participating in an exchange program, may receive consideration under Section 5, waivers and/or non-varsity eligibility in accordance with Section 1B and 2B of the WIAA Handbook for High School Regulations.

1. The residence requirement may be waived for one year, upon request, for students involved in foreign exchange programs that have received a 'Full' listing status by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). For students who are "directly placed" through an exchange program, students who are placed through an exchange program not affiliated with CSIET, or students who will not be in attendance for at least one complete semester from start to finish, eligibility will be limited to non-varsity competition.

Note 1: The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.

Note 2: All foreign students must have a physical conducted in the United States prior to participating in practice or competition.

2. Foreign exchange students who transfer after attending one day of school and/or one athletic practice are ineligible for varsity competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions described in Section 5 of the WIAA Handbook for High School Regulations.

3. Foreign students attending and residing at member residential schools are exempt from the residence requirements.

Note: Transfer provisions apply identically to all students, both foreign and domestic.

#### **AWARDS**

1. Each varsity sport will select a special athletic award winner at the end of its season. Because of the diverse nature of each individual sport, the specific qualifications for these awards will be determined by the head coach and his coaching staff. Additional awards are not encouraged and are not the financial responsibility of Edgewood High School.
2. Senior awards for athletic participation will be given at the conclusion of the spring sports season. The awards will be selected by a committee that will include but not be limited to, the activities director and any interested head coaches.

Criteria for the awards will be as follows:

- Athletic participation with strong contribution to the team (minimum of two sports desired)
- Service to the program and school
- Character
- Citizenship
- Scholarship

#### Senior Awards

Berigan Memorial Award

Flad Memorial Award

Earl Wilke Memorial Leadership Award –  
(Male and Female Recipients)

Sanna Memorial Award

Jim McCormick Memorial Award

Hoffman Memorial Award

Tom McCormick Memorial Award

James D. Farley Scholarship –  
(Male and Female Recipients)

#### **LETTER WINNERS**

A varsity letter is to be earned at the discretion of the head coach in consultation with his/her staff and the athletic director. Transportation to Out-of-Town Contests Student athletes are not allowed to drive to or from out of town contests, unless they reside in that town and can meet the team at the site of competition with coach approval, written parent communication to the coach at least one day prior to competition date. Athletes must return with the team or own parent /guardian (with coach's permission) unless a written or verbal permission of the parent/guardian has been given to the coach or at the discretion of the assistant principal.

#### **DUAL PARTICIPATION**

Badger Conference rules prohibit athletes from competing in more than one sport per season. A student who competes in the same sport with a team other than his/her school team during the designated season shall be ineligible for the balance of the season.

#### **INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION vs CLUB/AAU SPORTS**

Students who put out-of-season sports, i.e. club sports, AAU, ahead of their school team may be held out of competition or practice at the discretion of the head coach. If conflict of schedules does occur, head coach must be informed as far in advance as possible.

#### **STARTING THE SEASON LATE**

Students who have not been injured, ill, have academic problems, transferred or have any extenuating circumstances will not be allowed to join an athletic team after the season start dates available from the Athletic Office annually. Anyone who does join the team late and/or before the deadline can only do so with the approval of the parent/guardian, coach and assistant principal.

#### **CANCELLATION OF SPORTS EVENTS**

Practices or events may be called off if school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

#### **VACATION DURING SPORTS SEASON**

Parents and students are encouraged to arrange vacations at a time that would not interfere with team practice or game schedule. If vacation is scheduled during sports season, head coach must be informed as far in advance as possible. Consequences may occur.

#### **CUT POLICY**

Cutting athletes in sports is left up to the discretion of the coach with the permission of the athletic director/assistant principal. However, to the extent that is reasonable, we try not to cut.