



FOOTBALL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEAM RULES/EXPECTATIONS

- If you were enrolled in the EASD previous to sign up day, you must show up for practice on the first day in August. Failure to have paperwork/physical turned in on time will result in an unexcused absence from practice.
- If you are going to miss a practice you must notify a Coach **prior to the practice**. If a player misses 3 unexcused days of practice, he may be removed from the team.
- Excessive absences from practice may result in suspension from the team and/or removal from the team.
- If an athlete is suspended either in-school or out-of-school, or is academically ineligible, they will not be permitted to attend any team functions (practices, games, etc.) until they are eligible or until the suspension is over.
- If a player violates the Drug and Alcohol Policy, a first offense will result in a 28-day suspension. During this suspension, players will be expected to be at practice/films/team functions, but will not be with the team for any games or scrimmages. A second offense will result in a 60-day suspension and the player will not be allowed at any team functions or activities, including practice.
- Coaches reserve the right to suspend a player from team activities for not following the Code of Conduct or for any actions, in or out of school, that are deemed inappropriate and detrimental to our team culture.
- If you are injured, you are still expected to be at every practice and team function. The only acceptable excuse will be if you are receiving physical therapy. Our trainer will verify if you are receiving therapy from them. You will need a note from your physical therapist if you are receiving therapy off of school property and missing practice.
- All players are expected to follow the team rules regarding dress for practice and games.
- All players must travel to and from all away games/scrimmages with the team. The only exceptions will be if there is a conflict with another Easton Area School District sport or event (i.e. - soccer game, band concert, etc.). This must be cleared with the coach prior to the game or scrimmage.
- Players should not be participating in any other "club" sports once football practice begins in August. We do not want to take a chance of anyone getting injured. Failure to comply may result in suspension or removal from the team.
- Athletes in season must be in school by 10:45AM in order to be eligible to compete that day in a practice, game, or scrimmage. If an athlete has an excused note, it must be taken to the grade level office to be verified and the grade level principal will decide if the athlete is eligible to practice/play that day. If the athlete is deemed "unexcused" by grade level principal, the athlete cannot participate that day.
- On the school day prior to each game, players are expected to wear shirt, tie, dress pants or khakis, and dress shoes to school
 - The way you leave the house is exactly the way you should look when you come in the locker room.

- Look sharp. Be proud. Develop respect.
 - As a football player at Easton, you are SPECIAL AND DIFFERENT, dress and behave accordingly.
- Eligibility/Academic Performance
 - Eligibility reports are done each week and provided twice to the coaches by the Athletic Office
 - Students who are deemed ineligible are not able to practice or play for one week
 - Students who have one or more grades below a 60% will not be part of “A” game until grades are improved
 - **Student-Athlete = STUDENT BEFORE ATHLETE!**
 - Our goal is for each young man to develop and mature to the point where college will be an option for each of them upon graduation. For this to be possible, they must begin to develop the proper study skills, work ethic, and academic habits to open up those opportunities for continued education, and if they are fortunate, opportunities for continuing their athletic careers.
- Restrictions on spectators at practice/games
 - Must stay on “School-Side” of field. May not sit on “House-Side.”
 - Will be enforced by Easton Area School District Security, Easton Area School District Police, and Forks Township Police
- Team Needs
 - Booster club
 - In need of a parents to help coordinate Middle School arm of the Easton Football Boosters
 - Organize Ice-Pop distribution after summer practices
 - Run snack bar at home games
 - Select team gift with Coach and organize purchase of those gifts
 - Organize with Coach the postseason pizza party
 - Any and all activities/decisions must be approved by the Head Coach
 - Game Video
 - Need a parent capable of videotaping each game
 - Chains/Scoreboard
 - Need parents willing to help run the chains and scoreboard for “A” and “B” games