



NOBLESVILLE EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK for STUDENT/ATHLETES

Sports offered at NEMS:

Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Cross Country, Dance, Football, Golf, Softball, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY:

A strong athletic program is a source of great pride for not only Noblesville Schools but also the entire community. The athletic program at Noblesville East Middle School is an integral part of the overall athletic program.

The athletic program at Noblesville East Middle School is a competitive interscholastic program. We are trying to win games while playing and developing as many athletes as possible. It is not an intramural program or a "learn to play" program.

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES:

Participation by student athletes is a privilege, not a right. It must be earned through commitment, honesty, loyalty, sacrifice, courage, discipline, and hard work.

Minimum Expectations:

- never use inappropriate language during a game or practice
- respect your opponents and officials
- be a positive contributor not only to our school but also to our community
- represent Noblesville East Middle School to the very best of your ability
- display sportsmanship at all times

Academic Eligibility

To participate in athletics at Noblesville East Middle School, a student must be passing 70% of the classes that assign a letter grade. Grade checks will be done every 3 weeks.

A student's academic eligibility starts over each academic year.

Attendance Policy

In order to participate in a practice or game, a student must be at school at least the 2nd half of the day. This is generally considered to be 12:00pm. Exceptions to this would be excused absences of any nature, including funerals or medical appointments

If a student leaves school at any time due to sickness during the day, they may not participate in practices or events at school. The Athletic Director may make exceptions to this rule due to extenuating circumstances.

Behavioral Policy

Whenever applicable, The Noblesville East Middle School Athletic Department will follow IHSAA rules. A final decision will be made by the Athletic Director or Principal.

Athletes at Noblesville East Middle School are expected to be role models and set the standard for the rest of the student population regarding behavior and citizenship.

Disciplinary action taken by the coach or the school may also determine whether a student is eligible to participate in athletic practices and/or interscholastic competition.

If an athlete is required to serve an in-school suspension or out of school suspension, he/she will not be allowed to practice or participate in an athletic contest after school on that particular day.

All athletes and their parents or guardians are required to have on file a signed athletic contract prior to participation in any sport.

An athlete may be dismissed from a current athletic team or prevented from participation on future athletic teams at the discretion of the athletic director or administrator due to an out of school suspension.

EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS:

Equipment and uniforms are the athlete's responsibility. The failure of an athlete to return uniforms/equipment will result in the athlete & parents paying the replacement cost.

TRANSPORTATION:

All athletes will be required to pay the \$25 transportation fee to defray the costs of transportation. If your student receives free or reduced lunch, then the fee is \$0 (free lunch) or \$12.50 (reduced lunch). The transportation fee is due by the start of the first contest.

Athletes are expected to ride the team bus both to and from the road event. Athletes may ride home with parents only if the parent fills out the appropriate transportation form stating who may transport the student home. Parents should let the coach know prior to leaving that they are taking their student with them.

RISK STATEMENT:

While participating in athletics at Noblesville East Middle School, the student/athlete and their parents must be aware of the risks involved in a sport:

I have read the eligibility/conduct rules as stated in the Noblesville East Middle School Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook. If I am selected to represent Noblesville East Middle School on any interscholastic team, I agree to observe the athletic departments procedures, instructions of the coach, and the rules of Noblesville East Middle School, as they are outlined in the student/athlete handbook and the athletic contract. I understand these rules are minimum standards, and coaches may impose further restrictions if deemed necessary.