



## ELLENVALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS POLICY

Ellenvale Junior High School recognizes the value of extracurricular athletic opportunities and their role in developing well rounded and healthy individuals. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the athletic opportunities afforded to them at Ellenvale while maintaining a primary focus on their academic success. This policy is designed to ensure that student-athletes, teachers, and coaches are aware of the responsibilities they have been given in being eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. Participation on school teams is not a right but a privilege.

We kindly ask that parents and athletes read over our policy, and initial where stated. Please return this form (can be completed online – you will be sent a link) to the coach prior to the start of the athletic event, or participation will not be permitted.

### **Athletic Fees**

All interscholastic sports require a degree of financial funding in order to operate successfully. Some sports have a higher budgetary requirement than others for officiating, equipment, facility rentals, etc. Although the school covers the vast majority of the athletic funding, participation on school teams does involve some cost to the athletes. The following is a list of the fees associated with the athletic teams at Ellenvale:

Cross-Country	\$6.00	Table Tennis	\$11.00
Soccer	\$16.00	Badminton	\$6.00
Touch Football	\$16.00	Lacrosse	\$16.00
Volleyball	\$12.00	Slo-Pitch	\$12.00
Basketball	\$28.00	Track and Field	\$12.00

\*\$50.00 cap for athletic fees for athletes playing on multiple sports teams

(This list is based on the teams offered in the past academic year. Any new teams offered will be subject to an appropriate fee.)

Receipts will be available for any monies collected as athletic fees upon request. Monies must be collected prior to the season of play in order to be eligible to participate. Fees can be paid using [SchoolCash online](#) available through the [Ellenvale website](#).

**In addition to the athletic fees that are to be paid, students will be eligible to participate on the understanding that all outstanding accounts have been resolved. These areas may**

include but are not limited to overdue library books, school fundraising responsibilities, student fees, previous uniform assignments, and other responsibilities given to the students.

## **Discipline**

### **Referrals**

If an athlete receives a Behavioural Referral within one month of a season or event or at any time during the season of play, the athlete will receive a warning about expected behaviour. If an athlete receives a second Behaviour Referral, they may receive an automatic one-game suspension.

A third behaviour referral during the season of play will result in a recommendation to the Athletic Advisory Council to determine further courses of action to be taken.

### **Lates/Absences**

An athlete accumulating 3 or more unexcused lates/absences in the month prior to a season or event or during the season of play will result in a one-game suspension. Chronic tardiness will be brought to the Athletic Advisory Council.

If an athlete has an unexcused absence on a game day, they will not be permitted to play in that game.

## **Academics**

### **Missing Assignments/Work**

Any athlete with incomplete assignments or missing work will not be permitted to participate in competitive play until their work is completed and deemed to be satisfactory. Any issues are to be reported by teachers to the Athletic Advisory Council.

### **Questionable Academic Achievement**

Teachers may submit, to the Athletic Advisory Council, the names of any student athlete whose academic achievement is in question. These cases will be dealt with on an individual basis and could result in being ineligible to participate in athletic competition.

## **Expectations and Responsibilities**

### **Athletic Advisory Council**

The Athletic Advisory Council oversees the basic operations of competitive athletics at Ellenvale Junior High. This group will meet on an informal basis to discuss issues related to eligibility, discipline, and other issues that may arise.

The Athletic Advisory Council consists of at least one school-based administrator, an athletic director, and one other staff member. When this group meets to discuss a particular situation, the coach of the team involved should be present and other invested parties may be invited to attend.

### **Athlete/Team Expectations**

As a member of any Ellenvale sports team, athletes are expected to;

***Be a student in good academic and behavioural standing within the school***

***Display good sportsmanship at all times***

***Attend all practices and competitions unless otherwise arranged with the coaching staff.***

***Compete to the best of your abilities***

***Carefully use and return all equipment and uniforms***

***Replace the costs of lost uniforms or equipment assigned***

***Be a positive, respectful, and respected representative of Ellenvale***

## **Teacher Expectations**

Teachers are encouraged and expected to forward any concerns regarding an athlete's academic progress or behavioural issues to the coach or athletic advisory council.

Teachers are encouraged to maintain frequent communication with coaches and student athletes relating to the academic progress and behaviour of the student.

## **Coach Expectations**

Coaches are expected to adhere to the MJHAA and NSSAF guidelines relating to the seasons of play including tryouts, exhibition games, and any other competitions.

An accurate team list is to be submitted at least three days prior to the start of season of play or competition to administration and the athletic director. Coaches are responsible for the collection of the athletic fees associated with each sports team. These fees are to be submitted to administration along with an accurate list prior to the season of play or competition. Athletes who have not paid their fees are not eligible to compete.

Coaches and Administrative Assistants will distribute, collect, and maintain accurate records of the appropriate forms associated with their sport or competition such as

*J- Forms (transportation forms)*

*Uniform Assignments*

*Equipment Assignments*

*Tournament or Competition Consent Forms*

*Early Dismissal Forms*

*Athletic Fee Tracking*

Coaches are responsible for the distribution and collection of any equipment or uniforms assigned to athletes. Uniforms and equipment are expensive to be replaced so your diligence is very important in this area.

Coaches are expected to adhere to the guidelines of the athletic policy and ensure that teams and athletes are aware of the policy and its details. As a coach, it is vital to represent Ellenvale through positive team leadership, sportsmanship, behaviour, and to demonstrate an appreciation for interscholastic athletics.

Any community coach/chaperone/volunteer is required to complete a Criminal Records Background Check prior to any involvement with a sports team.

## **Administration Expectations**

Administration is expected to communicate with coaches, in a timely manner, the names of any student athletes who have violations related to referrals or unexcused lates as discussed in the discipline section. Administration is expected to maintain records of the athletic fees collected and submitted by coaches as well as the issuing of receipts when necessary.

It is the responsibility of the administration to oversee the general application of the school athletics policy.

It is the responsibility of the athlete's parents/guardians to arrange transportation to and from sporting events for their son/daughter. The school and coach does not arrange or take responsibility of transportation for team members for any event that takes place outside of regular school hours.

For events that take place during school hours, a student not traveling with their own parent must have written parental permission submitted to the coach/office indicating who their son/daughter is permitted to travel with that has been signed and dated.