

Ashley Athletics

Parent Athlete Information Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of the athletic policies of New Hanover County Schools. A parent or guardian and the student-athlete must be present at the meeting held before the beginning of the sports season in which the athlete is participating. If you have attended another sports season orientation meeting during the school year, you must attend the Coach's meeting.

Orientation Meeting

Overview of Athletic Handbook

Each of the following will be discussed during this meeting:

NCHSAA Information

1. Overview of North Carolina Athletic Association
2. Basic Eligibility and PowerPoint

New Hanover County Schools/Ashley Athletic Information

3. Goals of Ashley Athletics
4. Code of Ethics (Enclosed)
5. Athletic Booster Club
6. Transportation Waivers
7. Season Ticket Information
8. Awards and Banquets
9. EAGLES RESPECT

Ashley Athletics Webpage

10. Schedule Change Notification
11. Directions to Away Events

New Hanover County Schools Athletic Insurance

12. The athletic insurance provided by the New Hanover County Schools and NCHSAA will be explained
13. The injury procedure used by NHCS will be reviewed

Individual Sport Meeting Agenda (7:20 pm TBD)

Overview

- Introduction of Coaches/sponsors
- Program coaching philosophy

Information

- How teams will be chosen
- Criteria for lettering and other awards
 - Student-athlete must be in good standing
 - Awards are listed in the Athletic Handbook
- Team Rules
 - Training Rules
 - Practice/Game schedule
 - Practice attendance policy
- Citizenship/sportsmanship/academic development & academic tutorials
- Sickness/return from injury & emergency care
 - Athletes must be in attendance at school to participate in practice or a game. Coaches will check the absentee list each day
- Travel Guidelines
 - Transportation
 - Departure and arrival times
 - Dress guidelines
- Parental Involvement
- Other Items

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with the Head Coach

- Child's mental or physical state
- Ways to help athlete improve in the activity
- Concerns about your son/daughter's behavior

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with the Head Coach

- Team Strategy
- Play Calling
- Other student-athletes
- Playing Time
 - It is very difficult to accept that your child may not be playing as much as you or they may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all athletes involved.

If you have a Concern to Discuss with the Head Coach

- Call the school and set up an appointment (24 hours). Ashley High School: 910-790-2360
- If the Coach cannot be reached, contact the guidance department to set up an appointment for you.
- Please Do Not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for the athlete, parent and coach

What a Parent Can Do if a Meeting with the Coach Does Not Resolve the Issue

- Call and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation
- The appropriate next step can be determined at this meeting. If you have questions concerning this, please contact the Athletic Director or Head Coach at 910-790-2360 x129.

NHCS CODE OF ETHICS

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in any extra or co-curricular activity is an important part of the educational experience in the (NHCS) New Hanover County School System. A primary goal of such activities is to teach students character and self discipline skills that will enable them to develop to their highest potential. As role models for their peers and younger students, students who participate in extra or co-curricular activities ("participating students") are held accountable for their actions at a higher standard than other students. Because of the public nature of the extra and co-curricular programs sponsored by NHCS, participating students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect the high standards and ideals of their school and community. The participating student becomes subject to this Code of Conduct upon the student's signature and date below and continues until graduating from high school. Participating students are subject to this code at all times during the calendar year, including summer months, whether on or off campus. For summer month violations, any discipline or punishment imposed would go into effect at the next scheduled extra or co-curricular activity by the student.

The following standards of conduct must be observed:

A. GENERAL RULES

- Students shall perform to the best of their ability both academically and athletically.
- Students shall contribute their best effort to the success of the team.
- Students shall conduct themselves both on and off the field in a way which brings credit to the team, the athletics program, and the system.
- Students shall abide by the letter as well as the spirit of NHCS rules and regulations in accordance with NHCS Student Discipline Policy 8410.
- Students shall at all times respect and be courteous to all members of the community and to visitors to the campus.
- Students shall exhibit dignity in manner and dress when representing the system.
- Students shall neither physically abuse nor threaten another person nor abuse any NHCS owned or controlled property or property associated with any NHCS sponsored functions.
- Students shall not participate in any form of hazing or initiation. Any activity of this nature is strictly prohibited. If it is determined that hazing has occurred, the involved student(s) may be suspended or dismissed from the team.
- Drugs, tobacco and alcohol: The possession, use of illegal or counterfeit drugs/alcohol, including possession of paraphernalia for ingestion of such substance by participating students is not acceptable and prohibited. If school officials receive credible evidence (i.e. a police report or criminal charges related to a drug or alcohol offense) or have reasonable suspicion that a violation under this section has occurred, the school will investigate. If after investigation of charges, the school officials determine that the participating student committed the violation, he/she shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in Section A.

First offense (resulting in an out of school suspension): The participating student will immediately be suspended from all extra and/or co-curricular activities for seven days*. If it is a drug or alcohol related offense, the student must enroll in an approved substance abuse program and complete the program. Reinstatement is contingent upon the participating student complying with recommendations made by the advisor/coach, treatment program, and the administration.

Second Offense (resulting in an out of school suspension): The participating student shall be suspended from all extra and/or co-curricular activities for 21 days*. The student must complete 20 hours of community service as recommended by the principal or designee. Reinstatement is contingent upon the participating student complying with recommendations made by the advisor/coach and the administration.

Third Offense (resulting in an out of school suspension): The participating student shall be suspended from all extra and/or co-curricular activities for 365 calendar days. Reinstatement is contingent upon the participating student complying with recommendations made by the advisor/coach and the administration.

Fourth Offense (resulting in an out of school suspension): The participating student shall be suspended from all extra and/or co-curricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school or middle school career, which ever is applicable.

B. Drug or Alcohol Sale, Manufacture, or Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver or Distribution

First offense (resulting in an out of school suspension): The participating student found in violation will be suspended from all extra and/or co-curricular activities for 45 days* or sport season whichever is longest. Reinstatement is contingent upon the participating student complying with recommendations made by the advisor/coach and the administration.

Second Offense (resulting in an out of school suspension): The participating student found in violation will be suspended from all extra and/or co-curricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school or middle school career, which ever is applicable.

C. Criminal and Juvenile Charges

A participating student charged with (or convicted of) a criminal or juvenile offense, misdemeanor or felony, other than a minor traffic offense, shall be suspended immediately from extra and/or co-curricular activities until a investigation has been completed by school personnel. The participating student must inform his or her coach or advisor of any criminal **or juvenile** charges against them as soon as possible, but no later than the student's next participation in any extra curricular event, to include practices, rehearsal, etc. The Principal will review the circumstances surrounding the behavior and determine in conjunction with NHCS Athletic Director or Superintendent's designee what disciplinary action, if any is necessary. A dismissal or other disposition of criminal or juvenile charges shall not prevent the school officials from imposing discipline based on the behavior. **Code of Conduct violations which may affect the school climate or have a direct and immediate effect on the welfare of the school shall carry a suspension of at least 45 days* from all extra and/or co-curricular activities.**

* For the purpose of this document, all days are defined as school days unless otherwise indicated.

**For the purpose of this document, "participation" includes, but is not limited to, practices, rehearsal, games, contests and performances.

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Athletes and other students who represent their individual school and/or the New Hanover County Schools in Interscholastic Activities which include, but are not limited to, band, chorus, drama and student government, will be required to adhere to the standards set forth in the Code of Ethics for Athletics and Student Representatives. The student and the student's parent or legal guardian must sign this Code of Ethics before the student may participate in those activities each school year.

Participation in an extra or co-curricular activity, including athletics, is a privilege and not a right.

All fines and fees owed by the student to the NHCS or to the school must be paid before a student is allowed to participate in athletics, extra and co-curricular athletics.....

Social Media Guidelines for Student-athletes

The Ashley Athletic Program recognizes and supports its student-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of online social networks. At Ashley, our best strategy regarding social media is to educate student-athletes on the expectations and inform them about how social media can help them network and communicate the value of educational athletics.

In this context, however, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for Eugene Ashley High School is a privilege, not a right. As a student-athlete, you represent the school and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, and this community in a positive manner at all times. Any online postings must therefore be consistent with the team, Federal and State laws, New Hanover County Schools, and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association rules, regulations and policies (Eagle's Respect).

If you participate on a social networking site or use social media, we recommend you keep the following in mind:

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, comments, and posts) may be accessible even after you remove it.
- What you post can harm others: respect the privacy and rights of others and your teammates.
- What you post may affect your future. Many employers, college coaches, and school admissions officers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments, and posts).
- Similar to comments made in person, the Athletic Department will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
 - Critical, Derogatory or defamatory language (coaches, administrators, students and/or opponents);
 - Comments that create a serious danger to the safety of another person or that constitute a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person;
 - Comments or photos that describe or depict unlawful assault, abuse, hazing, harassment, bullying or discrimination; selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other illegal or prohibited conduct, including violating the [New Hanover County Schools Policy 8410 on Student Discipline](#).

Monitoring and Consequences

Each head coach must identify at least one coach ("Team Monitor") who is responsible for investigating and/or monitoring the content of the team members' social media sites and postings if the coach or athletic director receives reports of inappropriate use. The Athletic Department also reserves the right to have other staff members access, monitor, and/or receive reports about student-athletes social media sites and postings.

In addition to reviewing postings according to the Guidelines identified above, Team Monitors will also evaluate postings for information that could indicate a potential violation of NHCS regulations related to Student Discipline.

Any violation of law or of New Hanover County Schools, Ashley Athletics' rules, regulations, or Policies, Student-Athlete Code of Ethics, or evidence of such violation in your online content, is subject to investigation and possible immediate sanction by the Administration at Ashley High School, the NCHSAA, the Ashley Athletic Department, and/or law enforcement agencies. Internal sanctions may include, but not be limited to, notice to remove the posting or photo, disciplinary action by Ashley High School, suspension and/or dismissal from the team, and/or forfeiture of eligibility.

For More Information:

Ashley Athletic Information: www.ashleyathletics.org

NHC Code of Ethics: <http://www.nhcs.net/athletics/PDF/NHCSCodeofEthicsPledge.pdf>

NHC Traditional Calendar: <http://www.nhcs.net/calendars.htm>

Ashley Season Ticket Application:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEotR2FfaDNkVknZYnh1TTVTMWpMbGc6MA>

NCHSAA Information: <http://www.nchsa.org/>

National Federation of High School Sports: <http://www.nfhs.org/>



Harris Teeter: http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/tie_details.aspx
and link your HT VIC card to Ashley Athletics #8040

