



## Everglades High School Sportsmanship Policy

**Everglades High School** is committed to a spirit of good sportsmanship as a means to achieve exemplary citizenship and to enhance the image of our school community among students, patrons, and guests of our district. To enhance and promote sportsmanship and citizenship goals, all students, sponsors and fans representing our school are expected to display exemplary levels of sportsmanship during all school sponsored events and activities.

### **I. OBJECTIVES OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

Each student who participates in the Everglades High School athletic program is expected:

#### **On the field/court to:**

1. Be gracious and courteous regardless of whether he/she wins or loses.
2. Abstain from the use of illegal tactics.
3. Abstain from the use of profanity.
4. Abstain from displaying fits of temper, clowning, or other inappropriate behavior.
5. Cooperate with officials, coaches, and athletes.

#### **At school to:**

1. Maintain good scholarship.
2. Pay respectful attention to classroom activities.
3. Show respect for teachers and other students.
4. Obey all classroom and school rules.
5. Maintain a good attendance record.
6. Express yourself in speech, writing and other modes of expression, **including electronic expression**, in a manner which promotes cooperation and does not interfere with the educational process.

#### **In the school building and on school grounds to:**

1. Conduct yourself so as to be a role model for other students.
2. Be respectful of the team you represent.
3. Use school equipment with respect and care.
4. Be respectful of the equipment and facilities while at away games.
5. Respect the property of others.

#### **In the community to:**

1. Express yourself in speech, writing and other modes of expression, **including electronic expression**, in a manner which promotes cooperation and does not interfere with the educational process.
2. Avoid the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs or mood-altering substances.
3. Represent yourself in a manner becoming of a student-athlete at Everglades High School

### **II. MINIMUM TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

1. Students are expected to be at team practices on time. A student should always consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practice or a game without a good reason is unacceptable.
2. Students are expected to treat all equipment as if it were his/her own. Each student is financially responsible for all equipment he/she checks out and will not be allowed to participate in another sport until the obligation is cleared.
3. Athletes, like all other students, are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable, responsible manner in keeping with the School Board of Broward County code of conduct.
4. Students are expected to remain on a team until all contests are completed, including district, regional, and state tournaments and meets. Dropping out of a sport is a serious matter. No student should quit any sport without first consulting his/her parents and speaking with the coach and/or athletic director to discuss his/her intentions. Any athlete quitting or being dropped from a team is not permitted to participate in another sport or use athletic facilities until the conclusion of the sport from which he or she quit or was dropped.
5. Students are to be dressed in official school uniforms when representing EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL in a game or a meet. Deviations from, or additions to, the school uniform are not permitted without the express permission of the coach.

6. Students are to keep the team locker room neat and clean.
7. Players and coaches ARE to travel as a team to and from all contests except in the case of an emergency (injury, illness) or if special arrangement is made between the Athletic Director's office and the parents in person or writing.
8. Student athletes are expected to attend and participate in all classes for which they are enrolled, including Study Hall, on a scheduled contest date.
9. Students must maintain satisfactory conduct in school and in the community to participate in interscholastic, extracurricular activities (See SB Policy 6201)

### **III. PENALTIES**

1. Unauthorized possession of school equipment: Any student in unauthorized possession of an item of EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL equipment or property will be immediately suspended from athletics and reported to his/her Assistant Principal for further action
2. Drugs and Alcohol: Any team member found or possessing alcohol or drugs will be suspended from competing in athletics immediately and will be reported to his/her Assistant Principal for further action.
3. Any External Suspension from school will result in automatic suspension from all team activities during the out of school suspension and possibly longer. It may also result in removal from the team.

### **IV. APPEALS**

If a team member suspended by a coach wishes to appeal, he/she will notify the Athletic Director that he/she would like to have a meeting scheduled. The Athletic Director and the athlete's Assistant Principal, if necessary, will meet with the athlete and his/her parents who must also be present.

### **V. ADDITIONAL COACH'S RULES**

A coach may, if he/she so desires, add to the above additional training rules and regulations and additional penalties for their individual sport. These will be presented to the athletes and parents prior to the season for that sport.

### **VI. HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY RULES**

To be eligible to play a sport, a student must fulfill all of the eligibility requirements established by the FHSAA, BCAA, School Board of Broward County, and Everglades High School.

1. A student must complete ALL paperwork prior to participation in any athletic activity.
2. A student must carry an UNWEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA of 2.0 or higher.
3. A student must be in attendance on the day of a scheduled contest to be eligible to play in that contest. Any student missing two or more classes (excused or unexcused) on the day of an event is ineligible to participate on that date.

### **VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the rules outlined in this policy, and further understand and agree to abide by all rules as outlined in the Broward Schools *Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8*, as required to be a member of any EVERGLADES HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM.

Student Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_