

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

Eligibility lists are due one week prior to the first game. The names of all participants must be on the EPISD Middle School Eligibility Form. A copy of the eligibility report is to be sent to the athletic office. Additions can be made at any time. The eligibility lists must have the principal's and campus coordinator's signature. As students listed on the Eligibility Report become ineligible, it is the coach's responsibility not to allow them to participate in the games.

Eligibility Rules for Competition (For further information see UIL website)

Eighth grade students who are over-age for eighth grade athletics may participate on the freshman team at the high school in their attendance zone.

A player on the eighth grade team may not have reached his/her fifteenth birthday on or before September 1 of the current year.

A player on the seventh grade team may not have reached his/her fourteenth birthday on or before September 1 of the current year.

Only over-age seventh grade students may compete on the eighth grade team. In addition, a student must meet the following academic requirements.

(1)beginning at the seventh grade year, HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM the sixth grade TO THE SEVENTH:

(2)beginning at the eighth grade year, HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM the seventh grade TO THE EIGHTH:

Students may participate in more than two years at the seventh and eighth grade level, provided they are not in violation of the Age Rule, were not retained for athletic purposes, and do not participate the first six weeks of a school year, if they are not promoted unconditionally from the previous grade to the next higher grade as required by State Law.

Parent's Approval Form, Steroid Form, Physical Form and Acknowledgement of Rules Forms

The above completed forms must be on file with the coach before equipment is issued and practice is permitted. **All students participating in interschool athletics, including team manager, must have an annual physical examination dated on or after the last Friday in May of the current school year.**

Student managers must turn in all forms and be included on the eligibility list.

Parent Orientation

Parent Orientation Video

All parents are required to view the parent orientation video once per year. Parents are required to attend coaches' meetings for every sport.

General Information

A contestant may participate on his/her school team in addition to an outside team while their sport is in season. Practice for volleyball and football may not start until the first day of school.

Only EPISD full-time employees may coach. See section on Volunteer Coaches.

Practice games and scrimmages are allowed prior to the first regularly scheduled game. Coaches will make their own arrangements. (Provided the scrimmages meet UIL start date and number of contests guidelines).

Games and scrimmages should be scheduled with other El Paso Independent School District teams. Games and scrimmages against teams in other districts must be cleared through the athletic office.

A coach must complete an Injury Report form on all athletes injured while participating in EPISD's athletic program. White and yellow copies should be sent to the parents and the pink copy kept in the coach's file. If a parent takes an athlete to the doctor, the doctor completes the two forms and keeps on copy for his file, and the student returns one copy to the coach. (Refer to Injury/Injury Plan).

A first aid kit/AED should be accessible at all practice sessions and games.

The home team coach will be responsible for completing the online game report the morning following a contest by 9:00 am. Saturday contests should be reported by 9:00 am Monday morning. **If a team competes against a team that is not in our district, it is the responsibility of the EPISD coach to report the score to the Athletic Office.**

Only contestants and coaches will be allowed on the playing area during competitions. (Parents and spectators must sit in stands.)