

East Georgia State College



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East Georgia State College
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Dear East Georgia Student-Athlete,

On behalf of the East Georgia Athletics Department, welcome to East Georgia State College and a new phase in your life as you pursue a college education. We are proud you have chosen East Georgia to further both your education and athletic career.

As a member of the East Georgia athletic family, our expectations for you are similar to your own personal family's expectations. Act responsibly as you represent East Georgia State College. Study, go to class, practice hard, and do your best to excel. Take pride in the opportunity to represent your institution in a first-class manner. The Athletic Department holds the philosophy that the athlete's most important tasks are pursuit of personal growth through academic work and team experiences, and development of a sense of ethical responsibility. The department strives to maintain an outstanding athletics program conducted in a manner that sets an example for good sportsmanship. The department recognizes that its primary commitment is education of the student-athlete and extends academic support, tutoring, and advisement as a few of the tools offered as you progress toward your degree. We encourage you to be responsible as a student-athlete and use these services, so that you can maintain satisfactory progress towards a degree.

The Athletics Department is strongly committed to the NJCAA and GCAA rules and competes at the highest level. We hope you will take full advantage of this opportunity to get a college education while participating in intercollegiate sports. You are an important member of the East Georgia Athletic Department. We want you to succeed at the highest level both academically and athletically.

Please remember that the coaches and administrators are here for you. Our goal is to help you succeed in life. Once you have obtained your degree, we hope that you will remain involved with the East Georgia Athletics program.

We are happy to have you as a part of the East Georgia family and student-athletes. Please feel free to contact me should the need ever arise. We wish you the best in all of your collegiate endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Staff Directory

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Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide our student-athletes with knowledge of the East Georgia State Athletic Department expectations for student-athletes and to provide them with the knowledge that each athlete needs to be successfully navigate their EGSC experience.

East Georgia State College Mission Statement

East Georgia State College is an associate degree granting, liberal arts institution of the University System of Georgia providing its students access to both academically transferable programs of study and collaborative programs in occupation related fields. The College prepares traditional and nontraditional students for success in the global 21st century through a technologically advanced teaching and learning environment that fosters personal growth. The College continuously engages the communities it serves through public service, continuing education, cultural enrichment, and economic development opportunities.

East Georgia State College Athletics Mission Statement

The purpose of East Georgia State College Athletics is to support the overall educational mission of the college. The athletic programs of EGSC seek to increase college participation among those who otherwise would not have the opportunity, foster the pursuit of excellence as a daily habit, and contribute to the overall quality of campus life.

East Georgia State College is committed to providing our students avenues for growth, education, and achievement through our athletic program. We strive to maintain the highest standards of academic achievement, sportsmanship, athletic competitiveness, and integrity in our programs. The athletic program seeks to create and enhance a positive image of the college.

Athletic Department Philosophy

East Georgia State College offers an educational program whereby students are provided opportunities to develop intellectually, physically, socially, and morally within the purposes of the institution. The athletic program of the College supports these values and recognizes them as guiding principles.

Athletic participation offers inherently beneficial values to individuals and can have a positive influence on people regarding cooperation, responsibility, fair play, loyalty, tolerance and respect for authority. Participation in sports also provides the student-athlete the opportunity to develop courage, understanding, sportsmanship, mental alertness, discipline and leadership in a stimulating, competitive situation.

Our intercollegiate athletic programs will be conducted in a manner designed to protect and enhance the educational and physical welfare of the student-athlete. A major goal of the Athletics Department is to help student-athletes realize the full potential of their athletic abilities while also increasing their intellectual capabilities and providing them a meaningful opportunity to grow as an individual. The department will not compromise its commitment to educate and graduate its student-athletes.

The Athletics Department is committed to delivering intercollegiate athletic programs that are consistent with the College's mission and that generate the trust and support of its various constituencies. The goal of the department is to field teams that compete successfully against other institutions while exemplifying the missions which guide East Georgia State College. The department is also committed to conducting its programs in strict adherence to the policies, rules and regulations established by the College Administration, Board of Regents, the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) and the Georgia College Athletic Conference (GCAA).

Athletic department personnel are expected to represent the College in a manner consistent with East Georgia State College's guiding principles and values. Coaches are expected to treat their student-athletes fairly and to provide

leadership that helps them mature physically, and intellectually. East Georgia State College recognizes the significant contributions made by its student-athletes and seeks to promote their well-being and to provide an environment that will prepare graduates for both a livelihood and a rewarding life.

Membership

East Georgia State College holds memberships in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Georgia College Athletic Association (GCAA). Members are listed on the GCAA web site: (<http://thegcaa.com/landing/index>).

EGSC supports intercollegiate teams for men in basketball and baseball and for women in basketball and softball.



NJCAA Mission Statement

The purpose of this corporation shall be to promote and foster junior college athletics on intersectional and national levels so that results will be consistent with the total educational program of its members.

GCAA Mission Statement

The GCAA's mission is to promote the education and development of college students, especially junior college students, through intercollegiate athletic competition. GCAA's members share the common commitment to high standards and the principle that competitive athletic activities are an important part of education. GCAA and its Members believe that student growth and excellence may be achieved through athletic competition because it promotes the qualities of hard work, physical fitness, team play, good sportsmanship, self-discipline and high moral standards.



Student-Athlete Standards of Conduct

It is a privilege and not a right to be a student-athlete and all student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that exhibits honor and respect to the team, athletic department, College and surrounding community for the duration of their tenure as a student-athlete. As a member of the student body at East Georgia State College, student-athletes must act in accordance with the *Student Conduct Code*, as published by the institution. In addition, as a representative of the team, the Athletics Department, and East Georgia State College, a student-athlete's conduct must be above reproach at all times. Student-athletes are accountable to the following authorities:

- A. Local ordinances, and State and federal laws, both civil and criminal;
- B. National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA);
- C. Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA);
- D. East Georgia State College (EGSC);
- E. East Georgia State College Athletics Department
- F. Respective Team Rules

For clarification of the governing authorities, student-athletes should consult with a member of the coaching staff or administration. Violation of any of the standards of conduct encompassed by these authorities may result in dismissal from the team, expulsion from the college or other civil or criminal charges. A detailed description of the College's student discipline process can be found in the EGSC Student Handbook (www.ega.edu). In general, sanctions may include a warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion of the student. In addition, should the misconduct be severe enough to warrant felony charges being brought against you, you will be suspended from participation until the felony charges have been dismissed.

Student-Athlete Discipline Policy

East Georgia State College and its Athletic Department require all student-athletes (including trainers and managers) to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably upon the people, values and traditions associated with the College, the GCAA and the NJCAA. The East Georgia State College athletic department reserves the right at any time to change, delete, or add to any content in this manual at its sole discretion. The EGSC Athletic Department takes the position that all grievances pertaining to a coach, administrator or any member of the athletic department staff should be handled as non-academic complaints and are handled under the college grievance policy.

Student-athletes are subject to all rules and regulations as stated in the Student Handbook. However, due to the high visibility and increasing public scrutiny of all athletic programs, student-athletes are expected to meet higher standards of personal conduct and appearance than those stated in other College regulations. All disciplinary reports involving student-athletes will be communicated to the EGSC Athletics Director and appropriate Coaching Staff by the Associate Vice President for Student Conduct and Title IX. Therefore, in addition to the sanctions that may be imposed for misconduct as stated in the Student Handbook, student-athletes may be suspended by the appropriate Athletic Department official from participation in intercollegiate athletics for any of the following:

- Violation of NJCAA, GCAA rules or team rules
- Arrest for any crime other than a minor traffic offense
- Possession of any illegal drug
- Illegal sale of prescription drugs
- Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol, beer, or wine
- Fighting with, threatening the safety of or harassing any individual
- Stealing money or property from the lawful owner
- Destruction of College property

- Unauthorized entry into any College building
- Any interference with the normal operations of the College or any disruption or conduct that interferes with the rights and opportunities of those who attend the College
- If you violate a College regulation, or a city, state or federal law, you are not exempt from further penalty by the athletic department

The suspension imposed may range anywhere from one day to one or more semesters depending upon the severity of the misconduct and the surrounding circumstances. The suspension imposed may also be an indefinite suspension pending the outcome of some future event. (See Student Handbook, Disciplinary Code <https://www.ega.edu/about/at-a-glance/policies-and-procedures-of-the-college/index.html>)

Disciplinary actions may range from reprimand to dismissal, including the possible loss of eligibility and/or financial aid. You may appeal the loss of financial aid to the Office of Financial Aid, and enforcement of EGSC Student Conduct Code to the appropriate College body. Student-athletes have the right to appeal a decision involving athletic suspension or removal from the team. The student athlete CANNOT appeal loss of financial aid due to NJCAA eligibility. In general, sanctions may include a **warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, community service, mandated counseling and attendance of an education program**. The student-athlete will notify the coach who made the decision in writing regarding her or his views on the issue within 5 business days of the date of the decision. If the matter is not resolved, the student-athlete would appeal to the Director of Athletics, and then to the Athletics Disciplinary Committee, who will have the final decision.

The cancellations or non-renewal of an athlete's grant-in-aid for any act of misconduct will be done in accordance with NJCAA and GCAA rules. In addition to any discipline that may be imposed under this policy, the unauthorized possession of any steroid, the possession of any illegal drug and the illegal possession of alcohol, beer, or wine (including public intoxication or driving under the influence of alcohol) by a student-athlete will be treated as serious offense. Student-athletes are also reminded that participating in situations that involve alcohol or drugs, even if they are not themselves using could result in suspension or exclusion from team activities. Consumption of any illegal drug or unauthorized consumption of any steroid will result in expulsion from the athletic program.

Student Arrest

When a student is arrested, whether on or off campus, the College may bring charges if the student's behavior is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. After reviewing the available information about the case and discussing the situation with the student, the Associate Vice President for Student Conduct and Title IX shall make a decision regarding whether the College will bring disciplinary charges against the student immediately or wait for the outcome of the trial prior to deciding if the College disciplining charges are appropriate. If a student-athlete is arrested, he/she should contact the Director of Athletics. Failure to report an arrest may result in suspension or removal from the sport.

If arrested and charged with a crime, a student-athlete must follow these steps listed below:

- 1) Report violation to the office of Athletic Director
- 2) Undergo a review by the Athletics Disciplinary Committee made up of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, the Athletic Director, and two additional members of the athletic committee
- 3) Adhere to the decision of the Disciplinary Committee

Student-athletes at East Georgia State College are obligated to abide by NJCAA, GCAA, and College rules. If you violate a college regulation, or a city, state, or federal law, you are not exempt from further penalty by the athletic department. Student-athletes are reminded that they are students and subject to the East Georgia State College Student Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with athletic department policies or school policies, deliberately or unintentionally, could result in the loss of scholarship and/or eligibility. When in doubt about the rules, student-athletes should contact

their coach or the Director of Athletics. Student-athletes are reminded that unique and separate judicial affairs processes or grievances policies and procedures are not required for student-athletes.

If you ever encounter a situation in which you are unsure of your appropriate behavior according to the NJCAA, College or Departmental regulations, DO NOT HESITATE to discuss the matter with your Head Coach, Trainer, Academic Advisor, or the Athletic Director.

General Guidelines of Behavior include:

- It is the responsibility of all athletes to honor the College's values as an academic community which is set forth in its mission statement.
- It is the athlete's sole responsibility to be aware of and abide by all current and future College, NJCAA and GCAA policies, procedures, rules and regulations. (Such policies, procedures, rules and regulations are printed in College publications, including but not limited to the Student Handbook, the Student-Athlete Handbook, the College Catalog, NJCAA and GCAA policies and bylaw publications.)
- It is the athlete's sole responsibility to be aware of and abide by all federal laws, state laws and local laws and ordinances.
- While engaging in athletic competition, the athlete is expected to control him or herself at all times. Profanity, poor sportsmanship, or loss of physical control is behavior that will not be tolerated.
- Athletes will not gamble, wager or bet in any form on any athletic activity.
- Athletes will not engage in academic dishonesty including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and submitting work that is not their own.
- Athletes will not engage in trickery or evasion of rules in order to gain an advantage over an opponent.
- Athletes will not engage in any form of hazing or harassment. (See the College's policies prohibiting harassment.)
- The conduct of teams when travelling should be impeccable. Good representation by the student-athlete representing this institution is one of the fundamental reasons for the athletic program. Locker rooms and hotel rooms are to be left in a neat and orderly manner.
- Recognizing the value of personal appearance, student-athletes may be required to conform to a specific standard set forth by his or her coach or by the Athletic Director. (e.g., specific travel dress code).
- Student-athletes are responsible for facilitating the jobs of the manager, the trainer and the coach(es) (i.e., return of uniforms and equipment following games, practices and/or trips, assist in loading and unloading vans, and cleaning the vans after use).
- Bench Decorum - When on the bench students should exhibit appropriate decorum and remember that they are representatives of the East Georgia State College athletic program and the College.
- Officials - Students should never challenge officials either from the bench or while on the field/court. In fact, students should be courteous, even after a "bad call." No doubt, the same officials will be seen many times throughout a season and in future seasons. Positive behaviors will be remembered.

- Pre-game workouts - It is recommended that student-participants not engage in conversations with fans, friends, parents, etc. during the pre-game, game, or post-game, until released by the head coach after the contest has concluded. Neither students nor coaches should ever respond or recognize negative comments from people viewing the contest.
- Sportsmanship/Negative Gestures - It is expected that East Georgia State College student athletes will represent the College and our athletic teams with the highest level of integrity and sportsmanship. Students should NEVER make disparaging comments or gestures to opponents, teammates, coaching staff, or officials. Even after the contest has ended, student-athletes should reflect a positive attitude that illustrates the above. Behavior and sportsmanship from EGSC students is expected to be exemplary at all times.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result ~~and~~ in disciplinary action by the athletic department.

Equipment and Team Gear

Student-athletes must take responsibility for the care and upkeep of sport specific equipment and facilities. Any gear or equipment that is provided for student athletes to use in practice, play or travel with the team must be cared for in such a way that it will be available for future use. Mistreatment of gear or uniforms by the student athlete that results in it becoming unusable will result in the student-athlete paying for the replacement of damaged items.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty is defined as the bypassing of the learning process through cheating or unauthorized assistance, plagiarizing, lying, tampering, forgery, academic theft, and academic fraud, including the misrepresentation of student identity or authorship of academic work. Cheating and plagiarism are regarded as very serious forms of academic dishonesty. Any use of unauthorized assistance on exams, papers, homework assignments, or other course work constitutes cheating. Knowingly providing assistance during an exam or allowing other students to copy one's work is also a serious form of academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism consists of submitting written work that has been developed wholly or partially by someone else. Submitting written work in which the ideas of others have been duplicated or even paraphrased without proper reference to the author is also a form of plagiarism. Also considered plagiarism is the acquisition of term papers or other assignments from another source and the subsequent presentation of these materials as the student's own work. In addition, students may not use papers in more than one course without the permission of both instructors.

Student-athletes who are guilty of any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action set forth by the instructor, the EGSC Student Handbook, and/or the athletics department. Student athletes found responsible for cheating could also lose athletic eligibility per NJCAA regulations.

See EGSC Academic Honesty Policy: <https://www.ega.edu/about/at-a-glance/policies-and-procedures-of-the-college/03-academic-honesty-policy.html>

The Athletic Department's protocol for the prevention of Academic Dishonesty is contained in the EGSC Athletic Academic Integrity Plan: <https://www.ega.edu/about/at-a-glance/policies-and-procedures-of-the-college/03-athletic-academic-integrity-plan.html>

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use

Any athlete found to be under the influence or in the possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on/off campus or at institutionally approved events will face immediate suspension/expulsion from the athletic program. Smoking or chewing tobacco will not be permitted anywhere on campus, or any area posted as such or while traveling with and representing the Athletic Department at any event.

Section 10: NJCAA Handbook: “The use of all tobacco products by any player, coach, official or other individual involved in an NJCAA sponsored event; (i.e. games, practices) is prohibited. Any individual violating this policy shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.” The College reserves the right to use random drug screenings to ensure compliance with this policy.

Social Media

Our athletic department staff understands the importance of computers, the internet, and social networking to our student-athletes. Although we cannot dictate how you manage your personal page we ask that each of you demonstrate discretion in the information you provide in your internet postings. If you post to personal web sites like Twitter, Snapchat, TikTok or Facebook, we hope you remember that as a student-athlete you are an ambassador for your team and East Georgia State College. Therefore we strongly suggest that your personal information, dialogue, and photographs be appropriate and in good taste. You should understand that internet postings are not private, and others have access to these websites, including faculty, College administration, the NJCAA, and potential employers. If an internet posting by a student athlete is reported and deemed inappropriate, necessary disciplinary actions will occur. If you have a Facebook page it will be required that you “friend” your coach. This will help ensure compliance to this policy.

Conflict Resolution

The East Georgia State College Athletic Department encourages conflict resolution at the lowest, most appropriate level between student-athletes and EGSC Head Coaches or the EGSC Athletic Director. Please see the EGSC Conflict Resolution Policy: <https://www.ega.edu/about/at-a-glance/policies-and-procedures-of-the-college/08-conflict-resolution-policy.html> This is a structured process in which a person with no interest in the outcome of the conflict/dispute assists the parties in reaching a negotiated settlement of their differences.

Student-Athlete Housing

All student athletes are required to live in on campus housing unless they meet one of the exceptions in the Residency Requirements for Student Athletes Policy: <https://www.ega.edu/about/at-a-glance/policies-and-procedures-of-the-college/04-residency-requirement-for-student-athletes.html> Student-athletes are expected to follow all policies and procedures of our housing staff. If a student violates any EGSC Housing policy or rule, they risk dismissal from their team.

Students that meet one or more policy exceptions may be living in off campus housing in the local community. It is extremely important that these individuals are mindful of their enhanced visibility as representatives of the College and athletic department and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects well on all involved. Student athletes living off campus will be required to sign the Student Athlete Off Campus Housing Agreement, attached hereto.

Student athletes living in off campus housing will not:

- Host parties or large gathering
- Create excessive noise
- Damage their rental properties
- Be delinquent in paying rent and utilities

Student-athletes evicted from their housing are subject to permanent suspension and cancellation of athletic scholarship. Furthermore, any student-athlete that is dismissed from a sports team may be immediately reassigned to an alternate room away from the team (on a different wing/floor/building) at the discretion of the head coach.

Know Your Neighbors- The first step in fostering good relationships with your neighbors is getting to know them. Make an effort to introduce yourself to your neighbors. It will be much easier to solve any problems that may arise later if you and your neighbors are acquainted and feel comfortable approaching each other.

Be Considerate- Your schedule and that of your neighbors may differ considerably.

SCHOLARSHIP & TRANSFER WAIVER APPEAL/OBJECTION

The purpose of the Athletic Grant-in-Aid Appeals Committee at East Georgia State College is to provide an opportunity for a hearing, requested by a student-athlete, who has filed an objection with the Athletic Director. An appeal can be requested for the cancellation of scholarship funds or a transfer denial. The committee will review the coach's decision and allow the athlete to present their position.

APPEALS PROCESS FOR NON-RENEWAL OF ATHLETIC GRANT-IN AID:

Athletic grant non-renewal letters are sent by the financial aid office to affected student-athletes by certified mail, no later than July 30th of each year.

1. Student-athlete is notified in the letter that they have the right to appeal and the procedure to follow to submit an appeal, if they believe the decision to withdraw scholarship support has been made unfairly.
2. Student-athlete has five (5) working days from the date of the acceptance letter to contact the Chair of the Athletic Grant-in-Aid Appeals Committee.
3. The Chair has five (5) working days to schedule a meeting with the members of the Athletic Grant-in-Aid Appeals Committee. The student-athlete will receive a written and verbal invitation to the meeting.
4. The committee, having heard the appeal and having reviewed all documentation, will vote on the reinstatement/cancellation or support of coach's decision.
5. An oral decision will be given to the student-athlete immediately. A written decision will be mailed to the student-athlete and to their coach, the compliance officer and the faculty athletic representative within five (5) days of the decision.

NOTE: Student-athletes may not appeal loss of aid due to ineligibility.

Athletic Grant-in-Aid Appeals Committee – Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (Chair), Director of Financial Aid, and three other members of the athletic committee to hear and render judgment related to students who have been denied athletic grant-in-aid.

East Georgia State College Athletic Policy on Student Athlete Release

Regarding NJCAA Bylaw Article 5 Section 10 One-Time Transfer Exceptions

The Department of Athletics of East Georgia State College will review on a case-by-case basis transfer requests for all sports. The Department of Athletics reserves the right to deny all transfer requests. Requests for transfer may be denied

because of the inability of the sport coach to obtain a replacement student-athlete for the team. This is especially true in the months of June, July, and August after the recruiting process has been completed.

GCAA policy states a student-athlete who becomes identified with a GCAA institution shall be ineligible to participate in any sport in which that student-athlete previously participated at another GCAA institution. If at the end of one calendar year following identification with the second GCAA institution, the former GCAA institution gives its approval, the student-athlete could become eligible to participate in any sport, provided all other rules of eligibility are met. However, during that one calendar year, the student-athlete shall not receive any athletic grant-in-aid.

If the request is denied, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she can request a hearing conducted by the Athletic Director. The student-athlete will have 5 business days in which to appeal the decision. The College shall promptly hear the request for an appeal within 5 business days of such request. In order to set up a hearing date, the student-athlete shall contact the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

Statement on Coach's Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the coaches to help the student-athlete to achieve to their fullest potential. Coaches should create a positive, supportive environment that challenges and inspires his/her team members. Coaches should provide student-athletes with the guidance, teaching and support that will allow them to grow athletically, academically and socially. Coaches will help the student-athlete to become more disciplined and focused in pursuit of their goals and to give them some of the tools that they will need to overcome the adversity that they will face in the future. The EGSC Athletic Department takes the position that all grievances pertaining to a coach, administrator or any member of the Athletic Department staff should be handled as non-academic complaints and are handled under the College Grievance Policy.

Student-Athlete Selection Guidelines

While it is the philosophy of East Georgia State College to allow all students to try-out for the various sport teams, the head coach will always make the final decision as to who will be on a team roster. Athletic participation is still a privilege and a place on a team must be earned. The following are some basic guidelines that head coaches utilize when selecting team members:

Academic Achievement – The most important reason a student should attend East Georgia State College is to receive an education. Coaches will select serious students to our athletic teams. This will enhance the College's credibility and also ensure that the time spent training and developing a student-athlete will be most productive.

Character – Coaches will strive to select students who are good citizens. This is consistent with the athletic department's philosophy of enhancing relationships with the community. When considering character, coaches will consider the following factors:

- Does he/she do his/her best to follow instructions?
- Is the student a positive person who encourages others and supports his/her teammates?
- Does the student display the effort and determination that it takes to improve and be successful?

Athletic Ability – Coaches look for student athletes that:

- Are fundamentally sound in the skills related to the sport.
- Possess the appropriate specialized skills, to be effective in the sport.
- Possess a level of athletic conditioning that will allow him/her to succeed.

Academics

The athletics department of East Georgia State College is committed to helping our student-athletes become successful academically as well as athletically. Our team members will be held accountable for their academic effort. The athletic department and its staff are committed to helping its student-athletes learn the skills to become successful at EGSC and throughout the rest of their lives.

NJCAA Intercollegiate Athletics–Academics

It is the responsibility of each student-athlete to maintain good academic standing. Each student-athlete must meet the eligibility requirements established by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). This requires upholding a **2.00 GPA** or above and maintaining full-time enrollment (12 credit hours) during each semester his/her sport is in season along with the attendance policy. Failure to meet these requirements will result in immediate suspension/expulsion from the athletic program. (See Student-athlete Progress Reports)

Advising

Each student-athlete will be assigned a faculty advisor that corresponds with the athlete's declared major. The advisor's role is to focus on the academic accomplishments of athletes and to maximize opportunities for personal growth, intellectual skills and career success of the athlete.

Student-Athlete Progress Reports

Student-athletes are required to turn in a bi-weekly progress reports signed by each of their teachers. Failure to turn in Progress reports may result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

Academic Support

Monitored Study Hall is required for all first-year student-athletes, second year student-athletes that do not meet our departmental 3.0 G.P.A. goal, and/or any second year student-athlete who would like to take advantage of this offering. This program is designed to support and monitor a small part of our student-athlete's study habits. Athletic Department staff will monitor and assist student-athletes during this time. Each student-athlete who is not exempted from this requirement is required to **spend a minimum of 6 hours per week in monitored study hall**. This expectation is to be met in season and in the off-season.

Additional academic support is available in the campus Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Tutors are available to help students during regular ACE Center hours. Documented ACE Center hours may be used to substitute for Study Hall time at the coach's discretion.

Choices made and Consequences Paid for Missed Study Halls (Per Semester):

- **1st Unexcused Attendance:**
Acceptable reprimand at coach's discretion
- **2nd Unexcused Attendance:**
Notification to the student and coach that the student-athlete will need to set a meeting with the Athletic Director to rectify the situation before she/he will be eligible to participate in sports and/or be eligible for future Athletic Department support (financial or other). The coach will be notified that the student-athlete is not eligible to participate in her/his sport until this meeting has taken place. The student-

athlete's future scholarships may also be frozen (put on hold) until the student's individual situation has been resolved and corrective actions put in place.

- **3rd Unexcused Attendance:**

Holds will be placed on student-athlete's scholarship and the Athletic Director will determine further restrictions including possible removal from East Georgia State College Intercollegiate Athletic programs.

Withdrawal from Classes

Student-athletes should be mindful of the **minimum 12 credit hours** requirement for eligibility. If at any time a student athlete's class load falls below 12 credit hours he/she become immediately ineligible. Before a student athlete **withdraws from a class he/she must have written permission from his/her coach.**

Guidelines on Scheduling Conflicts between Academics and Athletics

The East Georgia athletics department affirms the following guidelines in order to recognize both the primacy of the academic mission at East Georgia State College and the importance of the intercollegiate athletic program for our students. The guidelines are meant to offer direction with an appropriate degree of flexibility. Where conflicts occur, students, faculty, and coaches are encouraged to work out mutually acceptable solutions; faculty and coaches are also encouraged to communicate with one another about such conflicts. Note that the guidelines make a firm distinction between athletic *practices* and competitive *contests*.

1. Regular class attendance is expected of all students. Students who are participating in intercollegiate athletics should not miss class, seminar, or lab for practice.
2. Students who have a conflict between an athletic contest and a required academic activity, such as a class meeting or a lecture, should discuss it and try to come to an understanding regarding the conflict with their coach and their professor as soon as possible, preferably during the first week of the semester and certainly in advance of the conflict. When a mutually agreeable understanding is not reached, students should be mindful of the primacy of academics at EGSC.
3. Students should take their schedule of athletic contests into account as they plan their class schedules and may want to discuss this with their academic advisors and coaches. Students consult with their coaches for all academic scheduling.
4. Coaches should make every effort to schedule practices and contests to avoid conflict with classes and should collect their students' academic schedules in an effort to coordinate team activities and minimize conflict. Coaches should instruct students not to miss class for practice and should encourage students to work out possible conflicts between classes and contests as early as possible.
5. Faculty should provide a complete a description of scheduling requirements (syllabus) as soon as possible to their classes early each semester (preferably before registration or during the first week of classes); faculty and coaches alike should work with students to resolve contest-related conflicts.
6. Coaches and faculty alike should avoid last-minute scheduling changes whenever possible. If a schedule is changed after students have arranged their commitments, it is important for the faculty member or coach to be flexible.
7. Faculty should be willing to help the coaching staff in their attempt to monitor student academic progress. Faculty will be asked to complete a short student progress report every other week.

NJCAA General Eligibility Information

- A. All NJCAA Rules of Eligibility are in effect as of August 1, 2019
- B. A member college must be in good standing with the NJCAA and the GCAA to enter a team or individual in an activity sponsored by the NJCAA.
- C. Students participating on an intercollegiate level in any one of the certified sports of the NJCAA shall conform to the requirements of the NJCAA Rules of Eligibility, the rules and regulations of the GCAA, and the rules of the college at which the students are attending and participating.
- D. Ineligible students shall not be allowed to dress for any contest.
- E. Students who falsify their academic and/or athletic participation record shall be ineligible for further competition in an NJCAA member college at any time. This includes East Georgia State College Progress Reports.
- F. Colleges having an intercollegiate athletic program above the Junior/Community College level shall not be allowed to participate in any of the certified sports of the NJCAA.
- G. The word “term” is used within the Eligibility Rules and refers to quarter, semester, or trimester, whichever applies to the official unit of class. The term, i.e. unit credits, quarter term with semester credits, etc. will be evaluated and an interpretation entered in the Casebook.
- H. A student athlete’s GPA will be determined by dividing the accumulated quality points by the corresponding credit hours at each institution of attendance. NOTE: Passing and satisfactory grades may be contributed as “C” grades.
- I. Student athletes must maintain a 2.00 GPA throughout the entire academic year.
- J. Student athletes must maintain an 80% attendance rule throughout the entire academic year.
NOTE: If any NJCAA, GCAA or Institutional Guideline is not met, the student athlete may face suspension/expulsion from the program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

The following rules shall be used to determine a student-athlete's eligibility for athletic competition in any one of the certified sports of the NJCAA. **THIS ENTIRE SECTION MUST BE READ BEFORE A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY STATUS CAN BE DETERMINED.**

- A. Student-athletes must be making satisfactory progress within an approved college program or course as listed in the college catalog.
- B. Student-athletes must be enrolled in full-time status using any combination of sessions within a term, and in classes that begin before the end of the regular sport season in which the student-athletes choose to participate, within 15 calendar days from the beginning of the term.
 - 1. Student-athletes that do not conform to this rule will be ineligible for the remainder of the term.

- C. Student-athletes must maintain enrollment in 12 or more credit hours of college work as listed in the college catalog during each term of athletic participation. Student-athletes that drop below 12 hours are ineligible until full-time status is regained within that term.

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- D. Prior to the 15th calendar day from the beginning date of the term for the second full-time semester, as published in the college catalog, a student-athlete must have passed 12 semester hours with a 1.75 GPA or higher.
- E. Prior to the 15th calendar day from the beginning date of the term for the third full-time semester, and all subsequent semesters thereafter, as published in the college catalog, a student-athlete must satisfy one of the following four requirements to be eligible for the upcoming term:
1. Pass a minimum of 12 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA or higher during the previous semester of full-time enrollment,
- OR**
2. Pass an accumulation of semester hours equal to 12 multiplied by the number of semesters in which the student-athlete was previously enrolled full-time with a GPA of 2.00 or higher,
- OR**
3. A first season participant must have passed a minimum accumulation of 24 credit hours with a 2.00 GPA or higher for the **initial term** of participation, regardless of previous term or other accumulation requirements (**NOTE:** This only establishes eligibility for the initial term, not subsequent terms.)
- OR**
4. A first *or* second season participant must have passed a minimum accumulation of 36 credit hours for a fall sport, 48 credit hours for a spring sport, with a 2.00 GPA or higher, regardless of previous term or other accumulation requirement.
- F. Prior to a second season of participation in an NJCAA certified sport, student-athletes must pass a minimum accumulation of 24 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA or higher. (**This is in addition to satisfying 4.D or 4.E.**)
- G. Student-athletes must be enrolled full-time (12 or more credits) at the college where they have chosen to participate when the regular season schedule of a sport begins. Student-athletes not enrolled during the term when the season begins remain ineligible throughout the season schedule unless they enroll on the first possible enrollment date following:
1. Their release from Active Armed Services of the United States with a discharge other than dishonorable.
 2. Their return from a religious mission.
 3. Their graduation from a high school or receipt of an equivalency diploma.
 4. Their transfer from an NJCAA member college which has dropped a sport after the school year begins. Student-athletes that satisfy one of the four exceptions become eligible after the previous term has ended upon registration as a full-time student-athlete for the new term. (Student-athletes must be added to the eligibility form before participating.)
 5. A student-athlete attending a multi-campus college may, if at the campus of his/her enrollment a sport is not offered, participate in that sport at any campus within the system that offers said sport.
- I. In the following sports, student-athletes are not required to be enrolled during the fall term to be eligible to participate in the sport during the spring season unless the records are carried over into the spring season: Baseball, Bowling, Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, and Tennis. If the fall records are carried over into

the spring season, all student-athletes must be enrolled full-time (12 or more credits hours) during the fall term when the schedule begins.

Note: If you have ANY questions about academic/athletic eligibility, contact your coach or the Athletic Director before changing class schedules.

NCAA Eligibility Pamphlet

Each Student athlete will be provided with an NCAA eligibility information packet.

Transfer and the NCAA Clearinghouse

If you are planning to transfer to a four-year college and are hoping to continue participating in athletics, it is mandatory that you register with the NCAA Clearinghouse to determine your qualification status. Your status will determine what your academic goals should be for successful transfer to a Division I or Division II college. See the below for specific information regarding NCAA Transfer guidelines.

Transfer Eligibility NCAA Division I (beginning Fall 2019)



⦿ **Qualifiers:**

- > **Minimum of one full-time term at two-year**
- > **Minimum grade point average of 2.500**
- > **Average of 12 hours for each full-time term in attendance**
- > **Not more than 2 credit hours of PE activity courses**

⦿ **Non-qualifiers:**

- > **Graduate from the two-year**
- > **Minimum of 48 transferrable-degree credit**
 - **6 hours of transferrable English**
 - **3 hours of transferrable math**
 - **3 hours of transferrable science**
- > **Minimum of 3 terms in attendance at two-year**
- > **Minimum grade point average of 2.500**
- > **Not more than 2 credit hours of PE activity courses**

Notes:

- Students planning on attending a Division-I or Division- II school must register with the NCAA clearinghouse.
- Students have 5 years from the time they first enroll in college to use their 4 years of eligibility in the NCAA
- Students must complete their eligibility prior to completing 10 full time semesters for NAIA

NJCAA Letters of Intent/ Grant and Aid

ALL NJCAA Letters of Intent (NLOI) are binding eligibility/financial contracts between the student athlete and East Georgia State College. Three (3) copies of this NLOI will be made once all signatures are in place.

- Original filed online with the NJCAA
- Copy to the Student Athlete
- Copy on file in the Athletic Department

All financial awards must be clearly noted by semester on the NLOI.

The NLOI will become void IF:

- The student athlete becomes academically ineligible. NO Grant In Aid will be issued to an ineligible student athlete.
- The student athlete ‘quits’ the team. The last date of attendance/ participation will be noted and all funds will be revoked and returned to the program that issued the NLOI. The student athlete will then be charged by East Georgia State College for all tuition and fees noted on the NLOI.

If a NLOI is on file and a ‘separation’ occurs between a student athlete and the team, the Grant In Aid total may be revoked and will be calculated based on the time spent on the team. A ‘final contact’ date will be documented and all Grant In Aid funds will be adjusted accordingly.

The Athletic Department will use an 8-month academic calendar, 4 months each semester, to base the percentage of financial commitment.

Athletic Grants-In-Aid & Other Financial Aid

You may have been awarded a grant-in-aid - frequently called a “scholarship” - because of your athletic ability. The financial aid office at the direction of each coach gives the aid. In addition, if you qualify, you may receive aid from the state, Pell Grants and certain other federal benefits. It is important to remember that any grant-in-aid made by EGSC is for one year only. The grant-in-aid may be renewed from year to year, and notification of cancellation must be made in writing before July 1st of each year.

Your grant cannot be cancelled during an academic year unless you render yourself ineligible for competition or are guilty of serious misconduct, voluntarily withdraw from the sport, or change of your status (i.e. boarder to commuter, full-time to part-time, etc.). Further, your grant-in-aid may not be increased during the year. If you believe your grant has been cancelled unjustly, you may appeal to the College’s financial aid office. The appeal must be in writing. No appeal will be granted for NJCAA ineligibility.

If you plan to receive Federal or State aid you must complete the FAFSA before the published priority deadlines. These dates are: fall June 11, spring October 1 and summer March 1.

Outside Competition

Student-athletes with eligibility remaining may not compete as a member of any outside team or all-star squad in any non-collegiate, amateur competition in their sport except as approved (such as summer basketball leagues) by the NJCAA. If you have any questions about such outside competition, check with your coach or the director of athletics.

Physicals & Insurances

All student athletes participating in any one of the NJCAA certified sports or clubs must pass a physical examination administered by a qualified health care professional licensed to administer physical examinations **prior to the first practice for each collegiate year in which they compete.**

Three medical forms due by first day of participation:

- Physical–Dated **BEFORE** August 23rd of the current year
- Insurance Form
- Emergency Information Form

Submit both the medical insurance information form and emergency information form to your head coach prior to the first participation.

All injuries must be reported immediately to the trainer or, in his absence, the head coach. Medical referrals will first be made by our certified athletic trainer on staff. The head coach will participate in medical referrals in absence of the trainer. If at any time a student athlete, who is away from the athletic facility, needs to seek medical attention they must immediately contact the trainer or the head coach if they feel it is a sports-related injury or illness.

****All intercollegiate student athletes at East Georgia State College are required to have personal or family medical insurance that covers intercollegiate athletic injuries and illness. Any athletic injury includes any traumatic injury even to the face and teeth. ****

This primary insurance policy must cover the student-athlete from August 1st of the current year through July 31st of the following year. Student-athletes and/or parents need to verify that this primary insurance policy covers injuries in Georgia. Also, primary insurance coverage must remain in effect during the entire school year to ensure that the student-athlete is covered during in-season and off-season activities. If the primary insurance coverage should lapse/discontinue for any reason, the parent/student athlete will be responsible for all medical bills related to athletic injuries. It is each student athlete's responsibility to inform the athletic training staff of any specific or unique guidelines and changes in their medical insurance coverage (EX: Medical services provided only at Emergency room outside HMO/PPO network.)

The athletic accident insurance at East Georgia State College is catastrophic coverage only. It will not duplicate benefits paid or payable by any other insurance plan including HMOs or PPOs. East Georgia State College will cover excess costs over \$25,000.00. If you are not covered by a primary plan, you are required to investigate plans and purchase your own insurance coverage because the college's is not a primary care plan. There is a one-year cap on payment from original date of injury. East Georgia State College will not be responsible for any medical bills incurred to an injured athlete without prior approval by the certified athletic trainer.

Substance Abuse

Because of the fundamental importance of maintaining drug-free athletics competition, and the grave danger that substance abuse poses, substance abuse on the part of student-athletes (or any member of the East Georgia State College student body) will be viewed as a serious violation of the student athlete code of conduct.

- Student-athletes may be tested.
- Tests will be administered at the discretion of the coach and the AD staff, by a third-party provider.
- Results of tests will be known only to the specific coach who has mandated the tests, the Athletics Director, Athletic Trainer, and individuals at EGSC whose job responsibilities require involvement in Substance Abuse Programs, such as Counselor and the Associate Vice President for Student Conduct and Title IX.
- A positive test for substances banned by the NJCAA may result in the immediate dismissal from the team involved and revocation of scholarship.

Substance Abuse Policy : <https://www.ega.edu/about/at-a-glance/policies-and-procedures-of-the-college/04-athletes-substance-abuse-policy.html>

Student Rights under FERPA (*Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*)

This institution is covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), which is designed to protect the student's rights with regard to educational records maintained by the institution. Under this act, a student has the right to inspect and review education records maintained by this institution that pertain to the student, to challenge the content of records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading or a violation of privacy or other rights, and control disclosures of education records with certain exceptions. 'Directory information' will be treated as public information and will generally be available on all current and former students at the discretion of the institution. This includes the following: student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports programs, age, hometown, hobbies and general interest items of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees, honors and awards applied for and/or received, and previous educational institutions attended by that student. Any student who does not wish directory information disclosed must file a written request to the Registrar's office.

THIS PAGE IS FOR YOUR RECORDS, PLEASE READ, SIGN/ DATE AND TURN IN REMAINING PAGES OF THIS STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK TO THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU!

STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK RECEIPT CONFIRMATION

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To protect individual's privacy, the use of cameras or videos of any kind in inappropriate areas is strictly prohibited. Some examples of unacceptable use would be, but are not limited to locker rooms, training rooms, hotel rooms, etc. The respect of another's privacy must be strictly protected.

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This Student-Athlete Handbook is presented by East Georgia State College Athletic Department. Our intent is to provide accurate information for our students, however East Georgia State College and the NJCAA reserve the right to amend policies as it is deemed appropriate.

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date

Athletic Director Signature

Date

Sport(s) *(Check all that apply.)*

- Basketball _____ Baseball _____
Men's _____ Softball _____
Women's _____



East Georgia State College
Athletic Department
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Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
Tel: 478-289-2036
Fax: 478-289-2057

Drug Testing Consent Form

****Please complete and return to Athletics Department or Head Coach.**

<i>Student Name:</i>		<i>Student ID#:</i>
<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Apt. #</i>
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
<i>Home Tel:</i> ()	<i>Cell:</i> ()	<i>Other:</i> ()

I have read and I understand East Georgia State College's substance abuse and drug testing sections contained in this handbook and have read the EGSC Athletes Substance Abuse Policy. By signing this form, I agree to abide by the terms of the Athletes Substance Abuse Policy, and I hereby agree to, and I consent to be tested for controlled drugs and substances as required by that policy.

I further agree that refusal to submit to testing as required by The EGSC Drug Testing Policy may subject me to being dismissed from the team.

Student Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if minor)

Date



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Informed Consent for Participation

You have voluntarily agreed to participate in East Georgia State College Athletics. You understand that your participation will include weight training, running, conditioning, practice, games, tournaments and other similar events.

You understand that participation in athletics has a potential for serious bodily harm such as physical injury, mental injury and death. Possible injuries include: injury from athletic equipment, cerebral or cognitive injury, concussions, head injury, neck injury, spinal injury, paralysis, nerve damage, strains, sprains, broken bones, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, heart attack, stroke, pain, suffering and similar or related conditions. Causes can include but are not limited to player collisions and falls. You may be exposed to other risks which may not be foreseeable.

You also understand that participation in EGSC Athletics involves travel (including but not limited to bus, van, car or airplane travel). I acknowledge that travel involves risk which can result in damage to property, personal injury or death and I agree to participate in the program and in the team travel, with full knowledge of the risks involved.

If you have any questions about the dangers associated with your participation, please immediately voice those concerns to East Georgia State College Athletics Staff prior to signing this form.

You acknowledge that as a participant in East Georgia State College Athletics, you will represent the college in athletic events and gain valuable athletic competition experience. Your present and future commitment to the team will instill discipline and team loyalty in you and contribute to the success of your team. You may withdraw consent and discontinue your participation on the team at any time.

I have carefully read and clearly understand the above information and have been informed of the inherent risks involved. I am aware that not all risks associated with my participation can be predetermined. I voluntarily agree to participate in East Georgia State College athletics.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Acknowledgement & Assumption of Risk

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ATHLETICS PARTICIPANTS

EGSC Athletics activities involve substantial risks of bodily injury, and other dangers associated with participation in such activities. Inherent risks, hazards, and dangers peculiar to such activities include, but are not limited to: death, broken bones, sprains, bruises, heart attack, stroke, cerebral or cognitive injury, concussions, head injury, neck injury, spinal injury, nerve damage, heat exhaustion and other injuries. Causes can include but are not limited to player collisions and falls. It is the responsibility of each participant to engage only in those activities and programs for which he/she has the prerequisite skills, qualifications, preparation, and training. I further understand that I may be exposed to other risks which may not be foreseeable. I hereby assume any and all such risks. East Georgia State College, along with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia neither warrants nor guarantees in any respect the physical condition, safety, suitability of any equipment, property or premises for any purpose. The undersigned further acknowledges that East Georgia State College and the Board of Regents are owners of the EGSC athletic facilities and make no warranty as to the adequacy, quality or comprehensiveness of instruction for participants on this court. All participants in voluntary recreational activities and athletic programs will be required to sign the within Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue Form.

While East Georgia State College, along with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, reasonably screens every trip leader, vehicle driver, and instructor prior to hiring, East Georgia State College, along with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia does not warrant nor guarantee in any respect the competency or mental or physical condition of any trip leader, vehicle driver, instructor, or individual participant in any athletic activity. East Georgia State College, along with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia neither warrants nor guarantees in any respect the physical condition of any equipment used in connection with such activity. I understand that participation in EGSC Athletics involves travel (including but not limited to bus, van car or airplane travel). I acknowledge that travel involves risk which can result in damage to property, personal injury or death and I agree to participate in the program and in the team travel, with full knowledge of the risks involved. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for any hospital or other costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my participation in the EGSC Athletics, including injury or damage sustained during travel to and from EGSC Athletics' events. In this regard I certify that I am covered by a 24-hour health and accident insurance policy or, in the alternative, I will be personally responsible for the medical costs associated with any personal injury to me.

I have read the above paragraph concerning the risks associated with my participation in EGSC Athletics. I accept and assume all risks, hazards, and dangers involved in such activities and voluntarily elect to participate. I understand that I may withdraw my consent and elect not to participate at any time.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Parent's Signature (if under 18)

Date

RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE NOTICE CAREFULLY. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in the EGSC Athletics involves an inherent risk of physical injury and assumes all such risks. The undersigned hereby agrees that for the sole consideration of East Georgia State College allowing the undersigned to participate in the EGSC Athletics and in connection therewith, making available to the undersigned for his/her use while participating in such activities, certain equipment, facilities, grounds or personnel of the Institution, the undersigned participant does hereby waive all liability, release and forever discharge the Institution and Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually and its officers, agents and employees, and the Georgia State Tort Claims Trust Fund, of and from any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, arising out of all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property, and the consequences thereof, including death, resulting from my voluntary participation in or in any way connected with my participation on the Team, or in travel to and from such activity, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above I will not sue the institution, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers agents or employees, or the Georgia State Tort Trust Fund for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my voluntary participation in EGSC Athletics at East Georgia State College.

I further understand that acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue the Institution, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or any agent of employee thereof, or the Georgia State Tort Trust Fund shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign or official immunity by said Board or its members, officers, agents or employees. Further I understand this Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue shall be effective during the entire period of my membership in EGSC Athletics, including practices, games and other events.

I have received a copy of this document, and certify that I am _____ years of age and suffering under no legal disabilities and that I have read the above carefully before signing.

This ___ day of _____, 2023.

Signed in the presence of:

Signature

Witness

Parent's Signature (if under 18)

Please list any/all current medications, including their purpose, dosages and frequency/times taken:

CERTIFICATION AND MEDICAL CONSENT AUTHORIZATION:

I understand that I am voluntarily participating in any and/or all trips with the East Georgia State College Athletics Department. By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge that all information is accurate and current. I understand that East Georgia State College does not provide primary insurance and that I should consult my physician before participating in this program. In the case of accident or illness, I am hereby authorizing the trip leader(s) and/or school official to administer or seek medical treatment for me deemed reasonably necessary. This includes preventive care, first aid, rehabilitation, emergency treatment and hospitalization. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for any hospital or other costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my participation in such voluntary travel.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Student-Athlete Off-Campus Housing Agreement

Basic Information (please print)

Today's Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Name: _____ Age: _____ Student ID# _____

Rental Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Land-Lord Name: _____ Tel #: (____) _____

As a student-athlete living in off-campus housing it is extremely important that you are mindful of your enhanced visibility as representatives of the College and athletic department and conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on all involved. In order to safeguard the interest of the College and the community all athletes living in rental property are required to sign the student-athlete housing agreement.

Student athletes living in off campus housing **will not**:

- Host parties or large gathering
- Create excessive noise
- Damage their rental properties
- Be delinquent in paying rent and utilities

Student-athletes living in off campus housing **will**:

- Allow coaches to periodically inspect the rental property without notice.
- Be considerate of their neighbors.

Your schedule and that of your neighbors may differ considerably.

Student-athletes in violation of this agreement are subject to permanent suspension from athletic team participation and cancellation of athletic scholarship. Appeals should be made within 5 working days to the athletic director and will be reviewed by the Athletics Disciplinary Committee.

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Signature

Date

Student-Athlete Contact Sheet

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Name you go by: _____ Student ID#: _____

Local Address: _____ Tel #: (____) _____
Street *Apt. #*

City, State, Zip Code Cell #: (____) _____

Permanent Address: _____ Tel #: (____) _____
Street

City, State, Zip Code

Personal Email Address: _____

Can your cell phone receive text messages? Yes No

EGSC Email Address: _____@ega.edu

Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

1. Name: _____ Tel #: (____) _____ \

Address: _____
Street *City, State, Zip Code*

2. Name: _____ Tel #: (____) _____

Address: _____
Street *City, State, Zip Code*

3. Name: _____ Tel #: (____) _____

Address: _____
Street *City, State, Zip Code*

Do you have any social media accounts? Yes No

Please specify below:

Facebook Twitter MySpace Other: _____
(List)

Instagram Snap/Chat Skype

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Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date

Athletic Director Signature

Date

Basketball _____ Baseball _____
____ Men's _____ Softball _____
____ Women's

Sport(s) (*Check all that apply.*)