

# **EZEKIEL ACADEMY KNIGHTS**

## ***Athletic Guidelines***

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 3:14  
"Bring every man up to his full potential in Jesus Christ." - Colossians 1:28

### **PURPOSE:**

1. To glorify God our Father and exemplify the Body of Christ in every word and deed.
2. To fellowship with other Christians in a spirit of encouragement and unity.
3. To display Biblical disciplines and accountability while learning athletic competition both in the regular season and all tournaments.
4. To develop the skills and attitudes of godliness through teamwork and sportsmanship.
5. To enhance the Christ-like character of our student athletes through the highly visible and influential leadership role as an Ezekiel Academy (EA) team member.
6. To recognize, appreciate, and utilize each one's God-given potential and talents.

### **ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Must be a student currently enrolled in Ezekiel Academy or enrolled in an AAO (Approved Athletic Organization) affiliated with Ezekiel Academy through the Alabama Christian Sports Conference (ACSC). If not enrolled with Ezekiel Academy a student athlete must have a completed Athletic Association Application for that school year on file in the Ezekiel office.
2. Conference eligible athletes must be 12 years of age on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. A copy of the student athlete's birth certificate must be on file in the EA office. A student athlete's age is defined as the age of the student athlete on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. Student athletes under the age of 16 by August 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible to play on the junior high team and are eligible to "play up" and to appear on the varsity roster by request of the varsity coach. Student athletes who are 16 or older on August 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for varsity teams only. Please note that in certain circumstances Junior High students may be permitted on the Varsity roster to play. At times, a Middle School team may be formed for some sports. Only students 14 years of age and under as of August 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for any middle school sport offered by EA.
3. The student athlete's gender will be determined by the biological definition/declaration on the student athlete's original birth certificate
4. Possess and maintain Christ-like character and moral integrity. Be aware that coaches and athletic administrators are encouraged to build relationships with students and their families as they partner with parents to hold athletes accountable for the character choices and moral integrity displayed within and outside of the athletic arena.
5. Be willing to furnish the required participation and uniform fees by the due date as announced for that sport.
6. Complete and submit an athlete packet to the EA Office which includes: Registration form, Signed Guidelines, Physical Fitness Medical Release Form signed by a physician, Waivers (2), ACSC Concussion Form, Copy of Insurance, Written testimony of a personal relationship with Jesus.
7. Provide all personal equipment required as a member of the team (ex. cleats, shoes, gloves, shin guards, etc.)
8. Agree to abide by the following EA Athletic Board's Moral Code of conduct and respond respectfully to coaches and athletic administrators who may call attention to any problems related to this Code of Conduct.
  - a. Be punctual at practices and game times. A printed schedule will be provided by each team's coach. (c.f. Discipline # 1)
  - b. Demonstrate respect and cooperation for all coaches, officials, and other team members. (c.f. Discipline #2)
  - c. Maintain a high standard of personal conduct (no drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, use of profanity, inappropriate behavior/posts/presence on social media, no displays of flirtation or affection, no bullying) . (c.f. Discipline # 3)
  - d. Commitment to devote the required time to be at all the scheduled practices and the games specified by the coaches and the availability of practice facilities. In the event that a student athlete is unable to attend a practice / game, it is the responsibility of the **student athlete** to contact the coach at least 4 hours prior to the scheduled/called practice/game. EA sports are designed to help the student athlete learn responsibility in a safe place. If a student athlete cannot follow directions and listen to the coach's directives, then that student athlete is not ready to be a part of an Ezekiel Academy team sport. (c.f. Discipline # 1; Parental responsibility # 14)
  - e. Offer full cooperation to all the expectations established by the team's coach. A written copy for each sport will be provided to each athlete at the first official parent meeting for that sport.

9. Lead a five-minute devotional at the beginning of one of the practices. (Example: read a passage of Scripture, asks for prayer requests, share a personal testimony.)
10. Must maintain an average of 70/C in the core subjects (English, Math, Science, History) for the academic year. A copy of the student athlete's grades from the latest grading period must be on file in the EA Office. The grades issued for any course taken as a tutorial class (ex: LIFT, dual enrollment, etc.) will be the grade used to determine eligibility.
11. Respectfully accept coaching decisions regarding team membership, position(s), playing time, etc. Evaluation results and "playing time" options will be overseen by the Athletic Director. Positions and playing time are determined by the coach and will be supported by Athletic Administration unless it violates the EA guidelines or code of conduct. Should a player or parent(s) desire to request a conversation with the coach about these situations, a meeting of at least one coach and the EA athletic director is required. An EA administrator will be involved in the meeting if available. Discussions regarding the topic of coaching disagreement (including the ones listed here) will **not** occur over the telephone, text, or email, and will only be conducted with the attendance of the proper number of coaches, athletic director, and EA administration at a scheduled time. A request for a meeting may be made to the following persons: coach(s), EA athletic director, EA administrator, parent /player involved.
12. When a matter that needs to be resolved arises, first go to the person with whom there is a question, misunderstanding, or disagreement to seek resolution. Try to include a third party during the conversation. Once this meeting takes place and you feel that another meeting is needed, you must submit an email to the EA athletic director and the other person(s) involved that need to be included in this subsequent meeting. Please do not discuss any matter with the EA athletic director or EA administrator or staff until you have had the initial meeting with the proper person(s).
13. Commit to a complete season of teamwork. Once teams are determined, all student athletes are expected to fulfill their commitment to the team from pre-season until post-season play is completed. ANY PLAYER WHO IS UNABLE TO FULFILL A SEASON-LONG COMMITMENT and quits a team except for medical or family emergency, WILL FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY FOR THE TEAM THE FOLLOWING YEAR. Coaches of other EA sports will be notified of the failure to fulfill the commitment and may use this information in determining acceptance onto other teams.
14. Any student athlete who sustains an injury that requires professional or medical treatment must present a copy of any restrictions signed by a doctor to the head coach of that particular sport in which the student athlete is participating. In the event of a concussion, the student athlete must provide the head coach a medical release signed and dated by a medical doctor before the student athlete will be allowed to participate in any further team activities. If a parent declares that their student athlete has experienced an injury or a concussion, that parent must provide medical evidence of any such injury and any restrictions placed on the student athlete to the head coach to prevent jeopardizing the student athlete or Ezekiel Academy.
15. A student athlete who participates in more than one sport during a school year is required to attend all practices, meetings, and games involved with the current sport in which you are participating. The student athlete has the same requirement of participation for the subsequent sport in which times and scheduling do not interfere with the current sport. Example: a player finishes the current sport at 7:00 and the subsequent sport requirement starts at 6:30, the player is expected to attend the subsequent sport event. Some events will be on a volunteer basis, but attendance will still be kept by the coach showing who has been coming to help in determining positions and playing time.

#### **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Accept the responsibility for the transportation of your student athlete to and from all practices, games, and athletic events. No student athlete of any age will be left to wait for a ride. Our coaches are all volunteers so please respect them by assuming your full responsibility of transportation, including **prompt** arrival and departure. Gas expenses should be shared by any teammates riding with other families to and from the out-of-town games.
2. If buses or vans are provided, student athletes are required to ride on the assigned vehicle and will remain on the same bus or van for the duration of the trip. Any parent wishing to have their student athlete ride home with family after a game **MUST** provide written approval to the head coach.
3. Must sign the Ezekiel Academy Waiver of Liability provided prior to attending the first practice.
4. Must sign the Alabama Christian Sports Conference (ACSC) Waiver of Liability
5. Must sign the ACSC concussion form.
6. Sign the Parent/Athlete Agreement provided by the Ezekiel Athletic Board.
7. Provide a copy of the family's current insurance card (front and back)
8. Submit to the EA office a copy of the latest grade report.
9. Make all payments for player participation and uniform fees to the Ezekiel Academy office by the date given at the sport's parent meeting.

10. Present any known and unchangeable schedule conflicts before Team Evaluations so that a discussion about time commitment and absences can be discussed and agreed upon before team selections are made. Recognize that once team commitments are made, any un-agreed upon conflicts may result in reduced playing time.
11. Support your student athlete by attendance at the games and encouraging his/her efforts and playing skills. Offer a lot of praise!
12. Volunteer and fulfill the required number of parental jobs necessary for a successful athletic program. These jobs include but are not limited to: work in the concession stand, admission gate, clean-up detail, field/court officiating, scorekeeping, clock operator, etc. for the home games. Failure to serve your appointed times may result in limited playing time for your student athlete. Parental team jobs are required by every athlete's family. This volunteerism is a vital and appreciated part of the success of EA's athletic program.
13. Honor the policy that only players in EA uniforms or those in visiting team uniforms are allowed on the field of play or gym floor at any time during a sporting event.
14. Parents are responsible for supervision of their other children during practices or games. Children must remain with the parents at all times and are not permitted to play in/on other parts of the gym or field of play as regulated by the renter's policy and for the safety of our children.
15. Agree to not discipline your student athlete by restricting him/her from attendance at a practice or game with the exception being parental discretion for academic reasons (Example: no pass/no play).
16. Recognize that some games and travel time will interfere with some academic schedules (LIFT program, dual enrollment, etc.). We understand that academics are important, so parents and student athletes are responsible for planning for their missed class work. If this is a major concern, then we ask you to reconsider your student athlete's participation. Being an Ezekiel Academy student requires a full commitment. Failure by a student athlete to make that commitment hurts the team and the teamwork that is needed for a team to compete.
17. Must make personal contact with the coach prior to the practice or game to be missed if the parent wishes to excuse his/her student athlete from attendance at a practice or game.
18. Demonstrate a Christian attitude at all practices, in traveling with the team, and at attendance of all games. Negative criticism towards other (coaches, officials, athletes, or opposing team coaches or athletes) causes detriment to EA. the team's testimony, and your witness. Always be mindful that EA desires to magnify the name of Christ and His Gospel message. The Ezekiel Academy name carries the name of Christ so honor His Holy Name.
19. Recognize that all coaches affiliated with EA are volunteers and are fully supported by the EA Athletic Board to make decisions on playing time and student athlete's role in any game.
20. Agree to speak with a coach about matters relating to the game or a player ONLY when two coaches or the EA athletic director are present. (c.f. discipline #6
21. Provide proper care for student athlete's uniform (c.f. details under uniforms).
22. Provide the Ezekiel Academy office with a Disciplinary Summary Form for Transferring Students that has been signed by the student's former school official if transferring from another school.

## **UNIFORMS**

1. The EA game uniform will be discussed at the first parents' meeting. In any sport for which a uniform must be purchased by the player, that uniform will remain the property of the player. Any jersey number will remain with the student athlete until that student athlete graduates or ceases to play the sport. Once a student athlete stops playing the sport that jersey number will be made available to a new player that may be added once that season starts or to another student athlete the following year,
2. Uniforms will be given out to student athletes ONLY when ALL the player requirements (forms and fees) have been completed and submitted to the EA office.
3. The EA game uniforms are to be worn during an EA game only. They are NOT to be worn at any other time (before the game, after the game, while eating food as food stains, or as articles of clothing for outside events). Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.
4. Proper care and condition of the uniform are the sole responsibility of the student athlete. Any replacement of a uniform due to damage or loss will be the financial responsibility of the student athlete or his/her parents.
5. The uniform should be laundered according to the following instructions:
  - a. Wash in COLD WATER ONLY. The colors will fade or bleed otherwise.
  - b. Hang the uniform to dry. DO NOT PLACE IN THE DRYER. They will shrink!
6. The EA uniform should not be altered in any way.
7. Individual team rules regarding team attire will be defined by the coach (i.e., practice attire, travel attire, etc.)
8. The EA uniform that is not purchased by the player must be returned after the final game. The uniform must be in excellent condition at the time of the return. Any loss of, or damage to, the EA uniform will be the financial responsibility of the student athlete and his/her parents.

9. The teams may adopt their own style of warmups to be worn to games. The EA coach will inform the student athletes of what is allowable. Please remember that clothing that is appropriate and honoring to Christ will be worn at all times.
10. Any clothing worn at practices must be God honoring and allow the student athlete the ability to play/practice without hindrance.
11. Practice shorts may be any type but are to be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee. Bikers are expected to be worn under these shorts for modesty purposes.
12. Female athletes are expected to wear sport undergarments. No straps should be visible( No tank tops)
13. Hair must be out of the face during games and practice.
14. National Federation Rules apply to all games so being properly equipped is very important and the coaches will inform the student athlete what is proper for all games.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

1. There will be times when parents will be asked to assist with transportation, especially for the away games. Only parents will be permitted to drive other student athletes. If a parent volunteers to drive student athletes to a game, that same parent is expected to return those same student athletes.
2. All student athletes will be required to travel with the assigned adult (coach or parent)for the duration of the trip. Each student athlete must remain in the assigned vehicle for the duration of the trip .If buses or vans are provided, student athletes assigned to a van or bus will remain on the same van or bus for the duration of the trip.
3. Assignments for travel purposes will provide for separate vehicles for males and females. If it is necessary for males and females to travel together on a provided van or bus, they will sit on opposite sides of the van or bus from one another. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. The use of cell phones, iPod's, MP3 players, CD's, DVD's or etc. will be permitted in the vehicle(s) transporting student athletes ONLY if the coach agrees to allow it. Please remember that all music must be played through ear buds and must be consistent with a Christian testimony. (See Discipline outline below.)
5. All student athletes who leave with the team must return with the team. Any exception to this policy requires a **written** permission from the student athlete's parent to be given to that student athlete's coach with the parental approval detailing all changes in transportation **prior** to the initial departure of the team.

## **FEES**

1. The student athlete registration fee is \$200.00. The coach of each specific sport will provide the parents a written list of any additional fees related to the specific sports at the first parent meeting for that sport. The player registration fee, gate and concessions will be used for facilities' rentals, officials, miscellaneous expenses for equipment, athletic awards, insurance and coaches' honorarium. Any student athlete who wishes to find business sponsorships to help with these fees is encouraged to do so. Payment should be made to Ezekiel Academy for any sponsorship monies.
2. The \$200.00 player registration fee is due in the EA office by the date given at the first parent meeting for each sport. A late fee of \$50.00 will be applied after the due date. **The player fee is non-fundable after the first scheduled game has been played**
3. Any additional uniform or equipment that was paid for by Ezekiel on behalf of the student athlete is the responsibility of that student athlete and must be returned to Ezekiel Academy. Loss or damage of that equipment is the sole financial responsibility of that student and/or his parents. Any equipment issued to the student athlete must be returned within one week of the end of the sport season.
4. All monies raised by an EA student athlete in an EA sponsored fund-raiser will be used entirely/solely for the purposes designated by that team sport and are non-transferable. A record will be kept to account for those student athletes / parents who have worked / served to raise funds for the team. Student athletes / parents who have not participated in fund-raising events will be expected to pay the cost for that individual student athlete's portion (uniform, tournament, etc....).

## **DISCIPLINE**

Above all, the desire of Ezekiel Academy is to honor Jesus Christ in all we do. The commitment of honoring the name of Christ in all aspects of our EA athletic program is very serious to us and with His name comes great honor and

responsibility. All athletes, coaches, and family members are expected to pursue genuine Christian behavior at all times. Within the framework of "Christian behavior" comes an expectation of the occurrence of certain actions and the restraint of others.

Any act by an individual team member that harms or destroys the Christian witness of the EA homeschool ministry or jeopardizes the safety of another person will result in immediate dismissal. The EA Athletic Board will review any questions raised with respect to the breach of the conduct code regarding the behavior or character of any individual person's actions. The decision by the EA Athletic Board in these matters will be final and not subject to reconsideration. Much prayer and effort has been made to define the conduct and responsibilities and believe that as each one follows these guidelines there should be no concern for such disciplinary action.

The coach of each sport will provide written expectations and disciplines at the first pre-season meeting. Expectations and disciplines will include but are not limited to attendance, participation at workouts/ practice team responsibilities, games, as well as procedures for excused and unexcused circumstances. Definitions may vary from sport to sport but will be at the discretion of the coach and under the supervision of the Ezekiel Academy Athletic Director. All student athletes and parents will be required to follow these disciplines.

Excused absences are those given to the coach stating the reason why a student athlete is unable to attend a practice or a game. EA coaches understand that family issues, church activities, sickness, work schedules, vacations, and other special events take place in all of our lives. Whatever the reason, please just inform the coach so that he / she may properly plan for practices or games.

1. Failure by a student athlete or the parent of the student athlete to personally contact the coach about missing a practice or game will result in the following:
  - a. First offense will result in a non-starting role or sitting out a portion of the game (defined by the sport) "Benching" means that the student athlete still sits on the bench, in uniform, with the other players for the duration of the suspension,
  - b. Second offense will result in not playing in the next game.
  - c. Third offense will result in an indefinite suspension until the problem is resolved.
  - d. In the event of an emergency, any notice is helpful and expected.
2. Failure by a student athlete to show respect for a coach or coaches, EA, officials, or fellow athletes by actions and/or words will be disciplined immediately. This also includes the use of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, or any other electronic device to post comments, narratives, and/or pictures that fail to hold others in the highest standards of godliness and modesty will be cause for disciplinary action. All student athletes who represent EA are expected to govern themselves by these disciplines and when attending any EA event or game.
  - a. Any offense of those listed above will result in an automatic, indefinite suspension until the problem is resolved. The EA Athletic Board will collect all information to make an informed decision regarding the student athlete. The Board will make every effort to reach a decision in a reasonable time.
  - b. A second offense of those listed above will result in immediate dismissal from the team.
3. Failure of a student athlete to maintain integrity of personal conduct reflecting a true testimony of our Lord by participating in the following activities will result in:
  - a. Use of alcohol, non-prescribed drugs, or any tobacco product will result in an immediate/indefinite suspension from the team.
  - b. Use of profanity will result in the student athlete offering an open, verbal apology to the coach, team, athletic director, and officials. A second offense of this nature will result in an immediate/indefinite suspension until the EA Athletic Board deems the student athlete has corrected his/her problem.
  - c. Attendance of a girlfriend/boyfriend at practices is not permitted. Student athletes are here to practice athletic skills and learn team play without outside distractions. Non-compliance with this guideline will result in both students being asked to call their parents to come and get them. A second offense will result in an indefinite suspension from the team pending the EA Athletic Board's decision for the resolution of the problem.
  - d. In the leadership role and in relation to all social media, the student athlete agrees to hold to the highest standard of modesty in dress (no bathing suits, no strapless or off the shoulder dresses, no shirtless photos). First offense is an immediate and indefinite suspension from the team pending the EA Athletic Board's decision for resolution to the problem. Second offense is immediate dismissal from the team
4. Failure of a student athlete to comply with the coach's instructions regarding cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, cameras, etc. will result in the following:
  - a. First offense will result in the coaching staff collecting the electronic devices and holding them for the duration of the trip.

- b. Second offense will result in no electronic devices being allowed with the exception of a cell phone. The coach will keep the cell phones in his / her possession only to allow the student athlete to call parents.
  - c. The coach has the authority to require that all electronic devices be put away if in the coach's opinion those devices are interfering with the team's ability to focus or causes distraction for the student athlete's participation with the team.
5. If a student athlete is removed from a practice or a game for disciplinary purposes, the coach of that team must submit an email to the EA athletic director and the EA administration explaining such actions of the student athlete and the punishment within 24 hours of the game or practice. No further disciplinary action will take place to the student athlete without the approval of the EA athletic director and EA administrator. A meeting may be required / needed before moving forward with such disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action will require the coach to email to the parent(s), the EA athletic director, and the EA administrator explaining why such disciplinary action was taken to prevent the repeat of this occurrence.
  6. Any student athlete who is disqualified or receives a personal technical foul in a game will **not** be allowed to play in the remainder of that game and will automatically be suspended from playing in the next game until that student athlete has completed the equivalent time of a full game's suspension. For example, if a student athlete receives a technical in the first quarter of a game, that student athlete will not be allowed to play until the second quarter of the next game. That student athlete will be expected to remain a member of the team and to sit on the bench with the team.

Appeals to any official call may be made if video evidence from the game can be shown to defend the player's actions. Any student athlete who desires to appeal the technical will still be removed from the current game but can get the athletic administration for a three-person administrative process. For the appeal, the video must show enough evidence to overturn the call made by the official. If the appeal is successful, the player will be reinstated by very the next game. If video evidence does not show where an official made an incorrect call, the student athletes next game suspension will be fulfilled.

7. In the EA Coaches' Manual, all coaches agree to the policy of the company of two. If the student athlete or parent needs to discuss a challenging situation with any coach, that coach is required to have a second coach or athletic director present for the conversation. The EA Coaches' Manual also specifies that if a student athlete and / or a parent has a matter that needs to be clarified by the coach both the student athlete and the parent must be present for the discussion. This discussion will take place at the first available time that all parties involved can meet together but never after the immediate conclusion of a game
8. Everyone involved in the Ezekiel Academy Athletic Program (players, coaches, parents, guests) will honor and respect all people. EVERYONE will be expected to represent Ezekiel Academy and the Lord Jesus in a way that glorifies our Lord. Although it may seem difficult to have such a broad, blanket expectation, it is truly within Biblical standards that we help hold one another accountable to behavior that honors the name of Christ.
  - a. Support one another and encourage proper behavior
  - b. Offer support to each student athletic by your attendance
  - c. Support the discipline for improper behavior

Improper behavior includes but is not limited to:

1. Verbal aggression/profanity or physical aggression towards any player, coach or game officials, or any other fan.
2. Inappropriate social media presence. This is not a "policing" issue that will be done by Ezekiel Academy, but it is under the umbrella of accountability and will be addressed if questions of inappropriate social media behavior arise.
3. Involvement in activities out of line with a Christian lifestyle, including any illegal activity.
4. Public displays of affection or provocative clothing

Improper behavior will be addressed from varying levels of discipline (face-to-face discussions, parent meetings, suspensions, restrictions on attendance) by the EAAC board or the EA Board of Directors.

9. Any student athlete who verbally or physically assaults any coach will result in an automatic, indefinite suspension. It will be the responsibility of the EA Athletic Board to review all information in the given situation and to make a final decision regarding the student athlete with respect to EA athletics.
10. Any parent who verbally or physically assaults any coach, student athlete, official, or spectator will immediately result in an automatic, indefinite suspension of the parent from the EA athletic program / events. It will be the responsibility of the EA Athletic Board to review all information in the given situation and to make a final decision regarding the parent with respect to EA athletics. There is no time structure set for the EA Athletic Board to rule.

## **BULLYING:**

EA's Athletic Program is a Christian ministry to young people and thus positions itself toward a "no bullying" policy. By definition, "bullying" is any repeated, unwanted, aggressive, intimidating, or threatening behavior that is directed toward another person, on or off school grounds, that adversely impacts the spiritual, educational, or physical environment for any student and/or staff. This may include, but is not limited to, pushing, shoving, name-calling with profanity, purposeful exclusion, slander, and verbal cruelty. Cyber bullying is anything that would include use of social media to harm, slander, intimidate or lie (rumors) about another individual. In our non-Christian culture there are "trends" and "role models" that exemplify a behavior inconsistent with the standards of conduct for EA student athletes (for example, the philosophical excuse that "boys will be boys"). EA's commitment is that **"bullying" will not be tolerated in any form.**

It is the responsibility of the EA coaching staff to position themselves such that each and every student athlete understands any actions of bullying will be addressed immediately with the consequence being dismissal from the team. Coaches are to communicate by word and deed the Christian value that EA will stand up for and protect the weaker brother (Luke 10:25 ff) This Biblical responsibility is expected for the coaches as well as the student athletes. Every EA student athlete must be assured that there will be no repercussions or retribution for acting responsibly on this principle. When an issue(s) remains unknown to leadership because the student athlete is afraid to tell, or the issue(s) is not addressed, then the "bully spirit" is emboldened.

EA addresses the bullying issue also by declaring that the ratio of adult supervision must be explained in full detail to the parents and the EA Athletic Board prior to any overnight trip. In making room assignments, it is imperative that the more mature leaders of the team be placed among the other team members, not just altogether in the same room.

Any student, parent, or family member that participates in bullying may be asked to withdraw from Ezekiel Academy and will not be allowed to assume any role that represents the Ezekiel program or the EA administration.

## **POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY**

The following criteria have been established to assist in the planning for any tournament participation. . The purpose for these guidelines is to create oneness of heart and team spirit in the decision-making process thereby dispelling any misunderstood expectations among the EA families and Athletes.

1. Any team that desires to pursue post season play must consist of student athletes who were actually members of the team during the regular season play. A student athlete is defined as a person who has fulfilled all the requirements as detailed for an EA student athlete's eligibility as stated in the EA Athletic Guidelines.
2. The coach that coaches the team during the regular season must remain as the coach of that team for all post-season play.
3. Student athletes, coaches, and parents will be responsible for attending the seminars, workshops, or worship services that are offered while in attendance at any Christian tournament. In addition, morning and / or evening devotionals must be led by student athletes and coaches participating in post season play.
4. Plans for post-season play must be announced in written form to the parents and student athletes at least six weeks prior to the final game.
5. The responsibility for organizing and making arrangements for travel, accommodations, tournament fees, registration, student athletes' expenses, and other details lies solely with the parents and the coaches working together. The EA administration will serve only to enforce the established guidelines.
6. All fundraisers must follow the EA Policy for fundraisers. All fundraisers require prior approval by the EA administrator.
7. Any and all fundraisers must be made available to all student athletes who will be participating in post season play. However, a student athlete has the choice not to participate understanding that all funds raised will go only to those student athletes who participate in the fundraiser. Fundraisers should be those that can be done by the student athletes themselves. All fundraisers must have prior approval from the EA Administrator.
8. All guidelines for the regular season play will also apply to post season games and travel.

## **FUNDRAISING**

All athletic program fundraisers must follow the EA policy for fundraisers. All fundraisers require prior approval by the Ezekiel Academy Administrator. The fundraiser form must be completed and submitted to the Ezekiel Academy office and approved before the fundraiser will be allowed to begin. All fundraisers will be put on the Ezekiel Academy calendar once approved.

If provided, all fundraisers will be made available to all student athletes. However, a student athlete has the option to NOT participate in the fundraiser, understanding that expenses for that sport are still the responsibility of the student athlete.

All fundraisers will be declared as "team fundraisers" where the funds support the team's general account or as "individual fundraisers where the funds earned will directly benefit the student athlete who raised the money to be applied to the cost to play. In some instances, a combination of these two types of fundraisers might be arranged but it will be clearly explained by the coach beforehand.

All monies from any fundraiser must be submitted to the Ezekiel Academy office with documentation accounting for all funds dispersed and all profits. Monies that are to be applied to any student athlete's player fees must also be documented.

No person or group of persons will be allowed to have a fundraiser to benefit any team, group, or class, from Ezekiel Academy unless the fundraiser procedure and approval have been followed. Ezekiel Academy is a 501-C3 organization so all efforts have been made to protect that legal status. Failure by any group or individual to follow these policies will be subject to removal from Ezekiel Academy and the event cancelled.

**Members of the EA Athletic Board:**

EA Administrator / Assistant Administrator  
EA Athletic Director / EA Assistant AD  
EA Athletic Club President

Head Coaches:	Baseball	Cheerleading	Soccer-Boys
	Basketball - Boys	Cross Country	Soccer-Girls
	Basketball - Girls	Football	Softball
			Volleyball

**CHECKLIST of REQUIREMENTS for YOUR CONVENIENCE**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete Information Form +  | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Birth Certificate * | <input type="checkbox"/> EA Waiver +                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete/Parent Agreement +  | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Insurance Card *    | <input type="checkbox"/> EA Physical Evaluation Form + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Latest Grade Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete's Testimony *       | <input type="checkbox"/> ACSC Concussion Policy Form + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Player Fee                  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> ACSC Liability Form +         |

\* On file in EA Office if student athlete has played for EA in the past.

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