

El Dorado High School Aquatics Athletic Participation Information

Philosophy

El Dorado High School Aquatics athletic participation will supplement, support, and assist athletes in their growth and development. It will promote the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. High school athletics is sometimes competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play.

Sportsmanship

An important mission of our high school aquatics program is to teach and reinforce values relating to sportsmanship, competition, and fair play. It is expected that team personnel, parents, and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events.

Bullying

Bullying is prohibited at all times. Bullying involves any act that subjects teammates to mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, or ridicule. In some instances, bullying constitutes a criminal act. At a minimum, bullying may lead to immediate dismissal from the team.

Communication With Coaches

Parents should not attempt to address coaches immediately after games and practices. Coaches have many post-game and practice responsibilities, including supervision of players. Also, the post-game/practice period is often emotionally charged and not conducive to productive discussion. If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern, he or she should contact the coaching staff to arrange a later meeting.

Participation Standards

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Accordingly, athletes must meet certain standards in order to earn the privilege of participation. At a minimum, the following standards are required of all athletes.

- 1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, program and community.
- 2. Exhibit responsible, respectful and trustworthy behavior toward teammates and the coaches.
- 3. Comply with all school and team rules, regulations, and policies.
- 4. Exhibit appropriate behavior during all team related activities.
- 5. Attend all team functions unless ill or given prior permission to be absent by the coaches.
- 6. Respect and comply with decisions made by the coach and coaching staff.
- 7. Display good sportsmanship at all times.

Keep this page for reference

Athlete / Parent Athletic Participation Contract

Parent and Athlete: Review the information on the previous page and in the contract below. Complete information as requested, affix signatures, and return the completed contract to the high school coaching staff.

Stipulations

The athlete and his or her parent/guardian have received and read the Athletic Participation Information (previous page). Based on this information, the athlete and parent/guardian understand and stipulate to the following:

- 1. We have read and understand the eligibility regulations required for participation.
- 2. We affirm that the student will not participate in bullying at any time, of any nature.
- 3. We, as a participant or spectator, will exhibit a high level of sportsmanship at contests.
- 4. We will follow appropriate procedures in communicating concerns to coaches.
- 5. We affirm that the athlete will abide by all school, team and participation standards.
- 6. We affirm that the student will not use steroids, illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Sportsmanship and Citizenship

The El Dorado High School Aquatics code of ethics: Class, Character and Courage. The "Three C's" serve as underpinnings of our high school, extracurricular, and service missions. All El Dorado High School Aquatics members are expected to demonstrate the highest level of conduct, sportsmanship and behavior whenever they represent the high school program. All members of this program must consider their actions carefully and be responsible for their choices. Athletes are (at all times) expected to do their best to uphold the "Three C's" and show their HAWK PRIDE.

Permission to Participate

We have carefully reviewed the Athlete Participation Information and Athlete / Parent Athletic Participation Contract. We understand the conditions for participation in the high school aquatics program, and we understand the consequences associated with violation of these conditions.

Please affix signatures below:	
Name of Athlete (Please Print):	
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:	Date:
Signature of Athlete:	Date: