

Northeast High School Athletics Manual

Welcome to Viking Nation!

This Athletics Manual serves as a guide for all stakeholders involved in Northeast High School Athletics. Our program is built on a foundation of excellence rooted in our core values: Attitude, Attendance, and Achievement. These three pillars drive every decision, every action, and every expectation within our athletic community. This manual is the first of its kind at Northeast and represents a commitment to excellence, equity, and the long-term development of our student-athletes.

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Northeast High School Athletics is to develop student-athletes who demonstrate sportsmanship, leadership, discipline, and academic responsibility. Through competitive sports, our goal is to cultivate a culture of excellence, inclusivity, and integrity. We aim to build champions in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

II. CORE VALUES: The Three A's

Attendance

Attendance is critical to the success of both the individual and the team.

- Student-athletes must maintain regular school attendance and be present in all classes to participate in practices or games.
- Chronic absenteeism may result in removal from the team.
- Coaches are expected to model punctuality and consistent presence.

Attitude

We expect all Viking student-athletes and coaches to demonstrate a positive and resilient attitude both on and off the field. Respect, effort, and enthusiasm are non-negotiables.

- Represent the school with pride and integrity.
- Communicate with respect—toward coaches, officials, opponents, and teammates.
- Take accountability for actions and decisions.
- Exhibit sportsmanship at all times.

Achievement

We are committed to excellence in the classroom and in competition.

- All student-athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to participate. While this is the FHSAA eligibility requirement, Vikings strive to exceed expectations and work toward maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher as a reflection of academic dedication and college readiness.
- Effort in the classroom is as important as effort during practice.
- We encourage our athletes to pursue academic success and to advocate for themselves as students first.
- Coaches and staff work in collaboration with teachers to support academic success.

III. EXPECTATIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

- Student-Athletes:
 - Uphold the Three A's at all times.
 - Follow team rules and school policies.
 - Wear the Viking uniform with pride and responsibility.
 - Participate in at least one hour of community service per school year as a team.
 - Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
 - Engage in a well-rounded athletic experience—multi-sport participation is encouraged and supported by our coaching staff.
- Coaches:
 - Work to foster a team GPA of 3.0 or higher by supporting academic accountability and study habits.
 - Serve as mentors and role models.
 - Maintain clear communication with athletes, parents, and staff.
 - Enforce academic and behavioral expectations consistently.
 - Encourage athletes to explore and commit to multiple sports to enhance development.
 - Support and schedule at least one team community service event annually.
- Parents/Guardians:
 - Support your athlete's commitment to the Three A's by reinforcing expectations at home.
 - Encourage and assist your student-athlete in striving for academic excellence, with the goal of achieving a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - Encourage academic focus and consistent attendance.
 - Communicate respectfully with coaches and staff—using appropriate channels for questions or concerns.
 - Attend meetings, events, and games to foster a positive and supportive environment.
 - Demonstrate good sportsmanship from the stands; negative behavior, including berating officials, players, or coaches, will not be tolerated.

- Help reinforce the values of commitment, teamwork, and character development.
- Spectators & Supporters:
 - Represent Viking Nation with dignity and pride.
 - Cheer positively and respectfully for all teams.
 - Refrain from engaging in confrontational behavior with officials, opposing fans, or coaches.
 - Understand that all decisions made by coaching staff and officials are to be respected—our student-athletes are watching and learning from your example.
- School Staff and Administration:
 - Collaborate to ensure the success of our student-athletes.
 - Uphold athletic and academic integrity.
 - Celebrate and recognize athletic achievement.
 - Promote balance and cross-curricular support to empower multi-sport and academically engaged students.

IV. PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

- All athletes must have completed physicals, insurance, and all required paperwork on file.
- Academic eligibility must be maintained according to district and FHSAA guidelines (minimum 2.0 GPA).
- Participation is a privilege that can be revoked due to violations of the Three A's.
- Athletes are encouraged to participate in more than one sport to build skills, reduce burnout, and foster school spirit.
- Each team is required to organize and complete at least one hour of community service per year.

V. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- Northeast Athletics Website & Social Media (@NEHIATHLETICS)
- Monthly Coach Newsletters
- Team Meetings & Parent Nights
- Open Door Policy with the Athletics Office
- Clear and professional communication protocols for concerns or issues

VI. RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION

- Academic Awards for Student-Athletes
- Social Media Spotlights
- Athlete of the Month Recognitions
- End-of-Season Banquets

- Multi-Sport Athlete Recognition

VII. FINAL THOUGHTS

At Northeast High School, athletics is more than a game—it is a vital part of the student experience. Our commitment to Attendance, Attitude, and Achievement ensures that our athletes leave the field not just as players, but as leaders, scholars, and proud members of Viking Nation.

We appreciate the collaboration of all stakeholders—students, coaches, families, staff, and fans—as we build a legacy rooted in pride and purpose.

Go Vikings!

