

ATHLETE | 2023 PACKAGE | 2024

Student Athlete Name: _____

WELCOME TO EMCS ATHLETICS 2023-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians and Student Athletes,

Welcome back to another exciting year of athletics at EMCS! Being part of the Wolverines program is both a privilege and responsibility, as student athletes are always expected to positively represent their school and community. Meeting these expectations will ensure you have an enjoyable and rewarding experience as part of our EMCS athletics program.

STUDENT ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

EMCS student athletes are expected to regularly attend classes and uphold good academic standing. Playing on a sports team can be time consuming, so it's important to maintain a balance between athletics and academics. Students that are missing classes, or falling behind in their courses, may be prohibited from participating in their sport.

Athletes are expected to be positive role models during games, practices, tournaments, and throughout the community. Respectful behavior and language towards teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators is required to contribute to a safe and inclusive sport environment.

ATHLETIC FEES AND FUNDRAISING

Each athlete must contribute a one-time fee of \$50.00 per year. This covers BC School Sports (BCSS) fees, equipment, athletic awards, and the sports banquet. **Students will also be expected to participate in at least one athletic bottle drive throughout the year.**

SCHEDULES

Schedule information is updated regularly and can be found online at https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/ or through the LVISSAA website at lowerislandschoolsports.ca/high-school/

CONSENTS

Please ensure you complete the consents at consent.sd62.bc.ca. This is important for media (photos) and cash online.

PARENT/GUARDIAN DRIVERS

Parent/guardian drivers are so appreciated and essential for transporting athletes to and from games and tournaments. Completing the process to become a driver is free and easier than it seems. The details are listed in this package, or you can visit **emcs.sd62.bc.ca** to complete the process online. Even if you have registered as a driver in previous years, the information needs to be updated on an annual basis. Please contact the school office to confirm your information is current and accurate before transporting any students.

EMCS staff and community coaches welcome you to Wolverines Athletics. We look forward to a fun and rewarding year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

Amy Hawkings
Amy Hawkings (she/her)
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STUDENT ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

Wolverine Athletics is an extension of the classroom and carries the same behavioral obligations for coaches, athletes, and spectators. Student athletes are expected to regularly attend their classes and maintain good academic standing. Being a member of a school sports team is never an excuse to miss classwork. EMCS will not hesitate to suspend athletes from playing in games, or taking part in practices, if they are not keeping up in the classroom. Coaches and teachers can work with students to help them succeed, both academically and athletically, throughout their season.

Athletes are expected to be positive role models during games, practices, tournaments, and throughout the community. Respectful behavior and language towards teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators is required to contribute to a safe and inclusive sport environment.

Student athletes are expected to:

- Play hard and within the rules.
- Win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Exercise self-control and composure always.
- Respect the decisions of officials without gesture or argument.
- Demonstrate that is it a privilege to represent their school and community.
- Be supportive and positive toward the efforts of teammates and opponents.
- Be punctual to practices, games, and meetings.
- Communicate clearly, and as early as possible, about athlete absences

This is to certify that ______ (print student name) will participate in competitive inter-school athletics and will abide by the student athlete responsibilities and expectations above.

Please sign below to indicate:

- This student athlete participates with the full knowledge of their parent or guardian;
- This student athlete has reviewed and understood the student athlete responsibilities and expectations;
- You know of no medical reason that would prohibit participation; and
- You are responsible for the replacement costs of uniforms lost, damaged, or not returned by the designated date.

Student Athlete Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

EMCS is committed to ensuring that all student-athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, and all other individuals involved have an opportunity to participate in a safe and enjoyable environment. Spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which supports the values at EMCS and encourages the growth and development of all student athletes. To ensure a positive, safe, and inclusive sport environment, we require spectators to uphold the following standards while in attendance at EMCS events:

- Show respect to all student-athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and other spectators.
- Appropriately communicate with EMCS coaches and volunteers.
- Remain in designated spectator zones (bleachers or spectator seating areas).
- Refrain from using profane language or performing offensive gestures.
- Refrain from any behaviors of harassment.
- Refrain from using media, social media, or networking forums to criticize or threaten.
- Follow the "24-hour rule" which states that spectators will not discuss a game, or situation in a game, with coaches until at least 24 hours after the event. The intent of this rule is to avoid an emotional or confrontational discussion in the presence of players or other spectators. The incident can be properly addressed the following day with a more reflective and positive approach.

Any spectators unable to follow the spectator code of cond	duct will be contacted by the EMCS administration for follow-up.
This is to certify that Milne Community School Athletics Spectators Code of Con	
Please sign below to indicate you have reviewed and und	erstood the Spectator Code of Conduct:
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	Student Athlete Name
Parent/Guardian Signature(s)	Date

FEES

ATHLETIC FEE (\$50)

EMCS is a member of two high school sports organizations: BC School Sports (BCSS) and Lower Vancouver Island Secondary School Athletics Association (LVISSAA). Each athlete must pay an athletic fee of \$50 to cover BCSS membership and costs of sports equipment, awards, uniforms, and the sports banquet. The \$50 fee is only required once per school year, no matter how many school sports the athlete participates in.

TEAM-SPECIFIC FEES

For some sports, additional fees are approved by the School Board to help cover the cost of travel, tournament entry, and accommodation. These fees are sport specific and will be disclosed at the beginning of those sport seasons.

UNIFORM CHARGES

Athletes are responsible for washing and taking care of their team uniforms. These must be returned to their coaches at the end of the season. Any student that does not return their uniform will be charged a \$200 replacement fee.

Please indicate that you have paid the \$50 athletic fee below:

☐ I have paid online at https://sd62.schoolcashonline.com

BC SCHOOL SPORTS

CONSENT TO RELEASE STUDENT INFORMATION



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT & REGULATION

		Required Information:	
	Required information:		
	Full Name		
	Gender		
	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		
	Current Grade Level		
	First Year Athlete Entered Grade 8		
	Previous School		
connection v	with my participation in athlet	d by BC School Sports, its agents, and its affiliated athletic organizate activities, and with the general administration and promotion of the ents, games, clinics, and camps, which BC School Sports, its agents, and promote.	athletic
Student Athl	ete Signature	 Date	_
Parent/Guar	dian Signature	 	_

BC School Sports 100-4585 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC, V5G 4L6 (604) 737-3066 (604) 737-9844 (fax)

e-mail: info@bcschoolsports.ca website: www.bcschoolsports.ca

PARENT/GUARDIAN DRIVERS

Parent/guardian drivers are crucial to the success of our athletics program. There are no buses available for away games, so the only way to transport the student athletes is parents and coaches driving them. If you can drive your student athlete, and their teammates, it helps our program immensely.

Before you can transport athletes, our office needs to have each of the forms listed below on file. Even if you have registered as a parent-driver in previous years, the information needs to be updated on an annual basis. Please contact the school office to confirm your information is current and accurate.

Please check in with the EMCS office if you have any questions or concerns about the process.

STEPS TO REGISTER AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN DRIVER:

Form	How to Complete	Frequency
Proof of Insurance & Driver's License	Provide to Main Office at EMCS	Annually
Form #62-21	http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/about/volunteer- information/	Annually
Criminal Record Check	https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck Access code: FQGBNWNUXA	Every 3 years
Drivers Abstract	https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/clio/	Every 5 years

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EMCS ATHLETICS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL 2023/2024 SEASON.