

Erie Tigers Baseball



Player/Parent Handbook

Welcome

I speak for the entire coaching staff when I say we are excited to usher in a new era of Erie Tigers Baseball. The staff welcomes you to the 2021 spring season.

This handbook is designed to layout the expectations for both players and parents participating in the program.



We look forward to a successful season and thank you for your participation and support.

Mike Newton

Head Baseball Coach, Erie High School

Player Expectations

Academics

Your first responsibility as a student athlete is the classroom. To remain in good standing in the program, players are expected to have passing grades in every class for which they are enrolled. The coaching staff will conduct weekly grade checks. If a player has a failing grade in any class, the player is expected to miss practice or a game(s) to raise the failing grade to passing.

We will follow Erie High School's policy on eligibility for student athletes. Should eligibility become a consistent issue, the coaching staff may consider dismissal from the program.

Attendance

Players are expected to be present and on time for practices and games.

Players that are late/absent to a practice or on game day without having been excused by an administrator, teacher or coach will make up for the tardiness/absence as decided by the coaches.

Any time a player expects to be tardy/absent to a team activity, that player should notify the head coach of their respective team via text, email or phone call as far in advance as reasonably possible.

Players are expected to attend all scheduled classes to be eligible for practices or games on the same day. (Saturday games/practices - players are expected to attend all scheduled classes the day before a Saturday practice/game unless otherwise excused).

Drug and Alcohol Use

The use of drugs and alcohol will not be tolerated at any time. The use or possession of drugs or alcohol may result in immediate dismissal from the team.

Player Conduct On & Off the Field

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at school, on the field and in the community.

As a player you represent; Erie High School, the Baseball Program and most important... your parents/guardians.

Failure to conduct yourself in a respectable manner may result in removal from game/practice, suspension and/or dismissal from the program.

Hazing

At no point will hazing be permitted in the school, locker rooms, team bus, hotel rooms, etc...

Players are expected to respect their teammates, coaches and anyone associated with the program.

Cell Phone Use

Players are not allowed to use cell phones during team meetings, practices or games unless previously authorized by a coach. Players using a cell phone may be dismissed from team activities until notified by a coach of his return to participate. (Obvious exceptions for emergencies).

Parent Expectations

We expect parents/guardians to support and encourage their athletes. The life of a High School student/athlete is a stressful one. The more you are able to support and encourage your athlete, they better off they will be and the better off the program will be.

Parents, like the student athlete are expected to respect opposing teams, opposing parents, coaches and UMPIRES. We appreciate enthusiasm on game day but expect that it is done in a respectful manner. You are doing us no favors by notifying an umpire of their ineptitude.

We ask that you do not communicate with players during games, scrimmages or practices without prior coaches' approval. This can be distracting to the player, their teammates and coaches. (Obvious exceptions for family emergencies, injuries, etc.)

Should a situation arise where a meeting is desired with a member of the coaching staff, we expect the 24-hour rule to be followed. Please refrain from blind-siding the coaching staff directly after a game.

The following procedure will be followed in the event of a conflict:

- Step 1: Student/athlete and coach meet**
- Step 2: Student/athlete, coach and parent meet**
- Step 3: Parent, coach and Athletic Director meet**

Please encourage your player to be accountable for their actions and advocate for themselves.

Parents - We appreciate all that you do for our program. Thank you!

2021 Player/Parent Contract

I _____ (player), and _____
_____ (parent/guardian) have read the 2021 Erie Tigers
Baseball Player/Parents Handbook. By signing below, we acknowledge and
understand the rules and expectations set forth in this handbook.

Student Athlete

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date