



A Partnership Serving Essex County Student Athletes E C T

Tournament Information & Statement of Agreement

You are invited to apply for entry into the **Essex County Tournaments** for the school year **2020-2021**.

(Specific rules governing specific sports are listed under a separate cover)

Statement of Agreements

Agreement I. National Federation and NJSIAA rules and regulations, NJSIAA Bylaws, Article V and NJSIAA rules and regulations govern all schools participating in all ECT sponsored tournaments without exception.

Agreement II. In accordance with SEC Article III, Section 9., Essex County Athletic Directors Association (“ECADA”), you must elect to be a member of the ECADA Commission in order for your school to be eligible to participate in year-end Essex County tournaments and participate in an Essex County Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner, and any other activity approved by the Executive Committee.

Agreement III. The ECADA retains the revisable right to adjudicate an emergent issue.

_____ High School hereby agrees to abide by the
aforementioned Statement of Agreements numbered I, II and III and all other ECT tournament
rules and regulations.

Principal

Director of Athletics

The following are the tentative dates of the **Spring, 2021** Essex County Tournaments.

Boys Tennis: May 11, 13 and 15.

Golf, Boys and Girls: May 25.

Boys Volleyball: By May 13, 18; Semis on May 21; Final on May 26.

Girls Lacrosse: By May 15, 18; Semis on May 20; Final on May 22.

Boys Lacrosse: By May 15, 17; Semis on May 19; Final on May 22.

Spring Track Relays, Boys and Girls: May 15.

Spring Track Championships, Boys and Girls: May 21 – 22.

Baseball: Prelims by May 7, First Round May 8, Quarters on May 12, Semis on May 15, Final on May 22.

Softball: Prelims by May 6, First Round May 8, Quarters on May 15, Semis on May 21, Final on May 22.



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ESSEX COUNTY TOURNAMENT SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

(To be read to your team prior to the start of the tournament. Retain a copy for that purpose.)

Congratulations. Shortly, you will compete in the Essex County Championships. We hope that you are aware of the honor of competing in a county tournament. The initial Essex County Tournament was conducted in 1947 with the start of the Boys Basketball Tournament as compared to our most recent addition; the Girls Bowling Tournament that began in 2013. Besides these two (2) tournaments, there are twenty-eight (28) others for a total of thirty (30) Essex County Tournaments sponsored in joint partnership by the Essex County Athletic Directors Association (ECADA) and the Super Essex Conference (SEC). We hope to field enough teams to have Girls Golf added to our list.

Along with the honor of competing in the county tournament comes a responsibility that each and every student athlete, coach, administrator and spectator has; the duty to honor the traditions of the sport and to treat the other participants with respect. As a member of a team you are expected to conduct yourself in a matter that will bring respect to you, your teammates, coaches, parents, school and community. May no act of yours bring shame to the important things we have just stated.

Sportsmanship is about attitude and behavior. Always keep in mind that as a student athlete your actions and behaviors are being observed by everyone around you. Unsportsmanlike conduct has a very damaging effect on your team's reputation. With this in mind the ECADA and SEC request that all participants:

1. Demonstrate respect at all times for coaches, opponents and event officials.
2. Avoid offensive gestures or language.
3. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
4. Accept officials' decisions and abide by them.
5. Demonstrate a helping hand to other competitors as fellow athletes.
6. Show respect for public property and equipment.

As a competitor and student of the game, play the game with the highest forms and standards of sportsmanship, respect and discipline no matter the outcome. Participation in this tournament is one of the most exciting experiences of a young person's life. Keep it positive.

The ECADA and SEC wish all of you the best during the tournament. We hope that your experience in our tournament will be an enjoyable and rewarding one.

Good Luck,
Essex County Athletic Directors Association (ECADA) Commission
Super Essex Conference (SEC)

I have/will disperse the Sportsmanship Statement to our teams prior to the start of this tournament.

I certify that our teams will comply with the guidelines for sportsmanship outlined in the Essex County Tournament Sportsmanship Statement.

School: _____

Principal

Date

Director of Athletics

Date

Please have copies of the Sportsmanship Statement given to each head coach.

Mail, fax or scan and email, by April 30, 2021, pages 1 and 4, with required signatures, to;

Bruce Essing



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General Rules and Regulations of Essex County Tournaments

Specific sports' rules shall be sent with entry information for each tournament

1. **Eligibility:** All schools must be members of the ECADA **Commission** in good standing to be eligible to enter **2020-21** Essex County Tournaments and Championships.

2. **Entry Fee:** (Except for Cross Country, Swimming, Wrestling and Track & Field.)
The entry fee for each tournament is \$105.00. Please make your check(s) payable to the “**Super Essex Conference**” and mail to:

Bruce Essing,
You may pay for each tournament individually or collectively using tournament invoice form.

3. **Awards**
Championship and runner-up teams will receive trophies while the winning team members, up to twenty (20), will also receive individual awards. Exception is Cross Country, Swimming, Track and Field, which shall award individual medals to place winners.

4. **Tournaments Requiring Seeding**
The Tournament Director(s) shall schedule the Seeding Meeting. Only the members of the seeding committee and the tournament directors are permitted to attend the seeding meeting. Athletic directors will be contacted regarding their seeds and their opening round opponents. The seeding committee will be organized in accordance with ECADA policies. Each SEC division, including independents, will have a representative. The ECT committee will have a rotating representation each year. The committee, procedures and guidelines are listed in this entry. We request the Athletic Directors and coaches read and thoroughly comprehend the guidelines, especially for first year coaches. If you are selected for the committee and are a first year coach or you wish not to serve, you must contact the Tournament Directors immediately so they may make arrangements for alternates. Seeding criteria will be based on, but not limited to; records, strengths of schedules, head-to-head competition, common opponents, pitching strength, and judgment.

5. **Officials**
All officials will be assigned by the SEC assignor or, in some cases, the Tournament Director. The higher seeded team, host team, is responsible for paying the officials unless the tournament round is played at a predetermined neutral site. The ECT shall pay officials at predetermined neutral site semifinals and all championship finals.

- 6. Automated External Defibrillator.**

Pursuant to NJ state law, Janet's Law, schools hosting any ECT game, match or contest must provide an AED on site. For events held at predetermined neutral sites all contestants must bring and have available for immediate need an AED for their team.
- 7. Publicity and Results**

The winning team shall contact the appropriate media and the Tournament Director immediately following the game.
- 8. Forfeiture**

Forfeiture procedures include starting and completing of contests. The ECT shall rule on all forfeiture conflicts. A team or individual can forfeit when the opposing team/individual fails to start the contest within thirty (30) minutes after a scheduled starting time; when a team/individual fails to complete a contest when directed to do so by officials and/or when a team/individual is disqualified by the officials. The site manager and/or Tournament Director shall rule on all conflicts in the aforementioned guidelines. Teams are reminded of the importance to alert the site if there is a transportation problem.
- 9. Security**

Security, which includes the securing and payment of security if needed, is the responsibility of the host team with the exception of those contests conducted at a predetermined neutral site. The ECT assumes responsibility for those contests at a predetermined neutral site.
- 10. Notification of Change of Original Intent-to-Enter Decision**

If a school has signed the Intent-to-Enter Form and decides to change their mind in regard to entering or not entering, the Director of Athletics is requested to contact the Tournament Director immediately of the change from the original intent.
- 11. Changing Predetermined Dates or Times.**

As the ECT sets predetermined dates and sites for its contests prior to the start of each Tournament, and on some occasions on annual corresponding dates, it is not obligated to move any contest from its predetermined date or time for school or community extra-curricular events or activities such as Proms. However, the ECT reserves the right to re-schedule any game or contest for such reasons if the tournament administration deems it would have no negative impact upon the participants or the tournament itself such as to avoid time conflicts for a school in simultaneously scheduled tournaments.
- 12. Supervisors for Predetermined Neutral Sites**

We require a minimum of two (2) per school that will be required to be in the spectator area to aid in crowd control. If you have more than two (2), place one (1) in the bench area. Please forward the names of your security personnel to the site director at the hosting school so they may have the information at the gate when your personnel arrive at the gate. Please inform your security personnel to introduce themselves to the Tournament Directors and site director of the hosting school.
- 13. Failure to Show for Event**

If a team enters and is seeded in the tournament and fails to show for their game/match, they will forfeit the entry fee and game/match, pay for officials and have the conflict reviewed by the Grievance Committee.

14. **Procedure Before a Game is Terminated**

The host school or site manager has full responsibility for determining whether or not conditions are such as to postpone or start a game/event. Schools must know that once a game/event has started, the officials have jurisdiction for terminating same prematurely. Termination, once the game/event has started, is not the prerogative of a coach or school management, and the action of removing a team from the event prior to the conclusion of the game/event, regardless of the circumstances, will result in severe punitive action by the ECT and NJSIAA.

The following procedure should be implemented prior to termination of the event by the officials:

1. Coaches and/or players should be penalized for misconduct as provided for in the playing rules.
2. Continued misconduct should result in the coaches of the teams being advised to correct the situation or be faced with possible termination of the event.
3. Officials should confer and, if they consider the circumstances warrant, teams should be directed to their respective bench areas while the coaches, Athletic Directors, site managers and Tournament Directors discuss, in the center of the playing area or in a private area, an attempt to restore control of their teams and/or spectators.
4. When it is apparent to the game officials and the game administration that to continue the event would present a clear and present danger to the safety and welfare of any party, the event should be terminated and the head coaches advised accordingly. This should not be a unilateral decision; however, if the responsible parties are unable or unwilling to control their teams and/or spectators, the officials must inform the head coaches of the teams that the game is terminated.
5. Officials must not rule on forfeiture of any prematurely terminated events; only the ECT and/or NJSIAA have the jurisdiction to determine forfeits. The ECT will rule on forfeiture.

15. **Procedure in Event of Lightning**

Termination or temporary suspension must always take place when an electrical storm is imminent. The decision to terminate or suspend a game/event when an electrical storm is imminent may be made by the host school, site manager and/or officials. If a site has the early warning detection system, the event shall immediately be suspended upon the first warning.

16. **Availability of Tournament Rules and Regulations**

All coaches, officials and site directors must have the tournament rules and regulations available on game day.

17. **Trainer's Services**

At ECT tournament predetermined neutral sites a trainer will be provided to assist in immediate care and first aid. He/she will also be available for taping. For those in need of taping we ask that you bring your own tape for your use. You provide the supplies, we provide the service. For earlier rounds competing schools must provide their own trainer's services, this service will not be provided by the ECT.

18. **Emergency Medical Procedures**

It is mandatory that school officials and coaches have in place procedures to obtain medical care and treatment for emergencies at their home site. When at predetermined neutral sites the host site plan must be known to the event administrators. Some sources of assistance that may be utilized when a physician is not available are certified athletic trainers, emergency medical technicians or ambulance vehicle with trained personnel.

Recommended procedures that may be followed in successful emergency care are:

1. Immediate, on the spot first aid by an individual with adequate training.
2. A communication system with available non-pay telephone with an outside line to contact necessary personnel and/or ambulance service. Arrangements should be made in advance to ensure availability and that the communication system is in place.
3. Notification of the facility to which the injured player is being transported should be immediately informed of the injured player's status.
4. Ambulance, emergency vehicle, first-aid vehicle or rescue vehicle, with appropriate equipment and personnel may be parked at the game site. If this arrangement is not feasible, prior arrangements should be made to have equipment on call when an emergency develops.

The plan of action specified above should be carefully covered in advance with the responsibilities of all concerned defined. When an emergency does occur, everyone involved can function as an informed, effective team.

Local plans of action to meet emergency situations will vary depending on availability of medical personnel and facilities, location of the playing site and communications. Understanding is the key to an effective emergency care plan. Everyone involved must know exactly what is going to be done in an emergency and who will be responsible for carrying out the various tasks involved.

When this procedure has been completed, the players, coaches, administrators, parents and medical personnel will know that everything possible has been done to protect the health, safety and welfare of a player who may be injured.

19. **Statement of Agreement Signatures**

The "Tournament Information & Statement of **Agreements**" form **must be signed, and submitted by the Athletic Director and the School Principal.** The signatures indicate the school's agreement, awareness and compliance with all agreements and rules and regulations governing all of the **2020-2021 ECT Tournaments.**

20. **Deadlines**

Please adhere to all the tournament deadlines. They will be strictly enforced.

21. **Proper completion of Entry Forms**

Properly complete all required entry forms and adhere to the instructions on each form or the instructions within the aforementioned rules and regulations.