

Edina Athletic Booster Club

General Information and Guidelines

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Section 1.0

EABC Mission Statement

The mission of the Edina Athletic Booster Club (“EABC”) is to enhance the athletic environment for all student athletes so that they may have a positive, rewarding, and fulfilling experience, and to provide resources and support to the Edina Athletic Department.

Section 2.0

EABC Board

The EABC Board consists of five Board Officers and appointed directors. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of every month or as may otherwise be scheduled by Board officers. Meeting place is at Edina High School. Meetings are open and all club members are encouraged to come. Do not hesitate to call a Board officer or Board member with questions or concerns. The only way we can continue to have our booster club grow and improve is with your help and input.

Section 3.0 Role of the EABC

The EABC provides support and financial donations to Edina High School Athletics and the students it serves. The EABC raises funds through annual membership drives, advertising, concessions, spirit store, and other activities. The EABC cooperates with and is supported by the Edina High School Administration, Athletic Department, and coaches. The EABC consists of parents of students and other individuals within Edina dedicated to supporting the athletic programs of EHS, cultivating school spirit, and promoting good sportsmanship. More specifically, the EABC:

1. Shall promote projects to improve facilities and equipment necessary to provide an exceptional athletic program for EHS student athletes.
2. Shall provide respectful suggestions regarding the policies of the EHS Athletic Department and its programs.
3. Shall do nothing that violates the rules of the Minnesota State High School League (“MSHSL”) or any way jeopardizes the membership of the Edina school district in the MSHSL.
4. Shall not seek to influence or direct the responsibilities, policies, or decisions of any EHS coach or assistant coach.

Section 4.0 EABC Financial Considerations

Each year the EABC contributes funding to the EHS athletics for items including, but not limited to:

1. Capital improvements of athletic facilities.
2. Major athletic department expenditures.
3. Minor equipment purchases for EABC recognized sports set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.
4. Equipment reconditioning.
5. Championship awards and forms of recognition.

6. Coaches association memberships.
7. Expenditures incurred by members in performance of their official duties.
8. EABC operating expenses including, but not limited to, funding for Concessions, Homecoming Events, Bean feeds, Hall of Fame Banquet, Scholar-Athlete Breakfast, and Spirit Store.

Expenditures shall not be authorized for team travel and uniform replacement.

Section 5.0 EABC Relationship with Coaches

Coaches are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to work with the EABC, especially during the annual membership drive. This involvement will strengthen the relationship between the EABC and the EHS athletic department. Coaches may discuss athletic needs with EABC members; however, all coaches' requests must be officially made by the EHS athletic department.

Section 6.0 EABC Relationship with EHS Athletic Director

The EHS Athletic Director will attend all EABC meetings and act as the official liaison between EHS and the EABC. In the event the Athletic Director is unable to attend, he/she may send someone else to represent the EHS athletic department.

Section 7.0 EABC Relationship with Non-EABC Support Clubs

Individual sports may create an organization of parents and interested persons to specifically promote the particular sport.

Section 8.0 EABC Release of Funds

8.1 Coaches' Requests for Expenditures

The EABC will consider only those coaches' requests favorably endorsed by EHS Athletic Department. The following guidelines apply to coaches' requests:

1. Request for expenditures in excess of \$2000 will be presented for discussion at one Board meeting and voted on by the EABC board at the next meeting. Request for expenditures of less than \$2000 will be presented for discussion and vote at the same meeting.
2. A request for expenditures brought for a vote may be approved, deferred for consideration, or denied.
3. Payment for expenditures will be means of checks drawn on the official depository of the EABC and signed by an authorized Board officer.
4. Unauthorized purchases made by EABC Officers, directors, club members or others, are not eligible for reimbursement.
5. The Executive committee may release EABC funds on an emergency basis, for such purposes as replacing defective and unsafe equipment when time is of the essence.

8.2 Major Athletic Department Expenditures

Each year, after completion of expenditures for coaches' requests, remaining funds held in the accounts of the EABC shall be considered for major EHS athletic department expenditures. By March 15 of each year the Major Expenditure Committee, chaired by the Past President, will provide the Executive Committee with a report of potential major expenditures for its consideration and recommendations to the entire Board. By March 30 of each year, the EABC Executive Committee will review the committee's report and prepare a preliminary expenditure recommendation and information relating to uncommitted EABC funds for presentation to the membership for discussion and comment during the regular April Board meeting. Final recommendations for major expenditures shall be presented for a vote of the Board at the regular May Board meeting. Consideration of major expenditures shall include the following:

1. Specific needs identified by the EHS athletics.
2. Number of students and teams benefitting from the expenditure.
3. The visibility of the expenditure as an EABC project for the purpose of generating new EABC members/revenue.
4. Benefit to other EHS non-sports related programs.

Section 9.0 EABC Contracts

The President or Treasurer may enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name and behalf of the EABC in the normal course of EABC business. Contracts outside the normal course of EABC business shall require the vote of the board and unless so authorized by the EABC Board, no officer or Board member shall have the power or authority to bind the EABC by such a contract or engagement thereby rendering it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 11.0 EABC Special Assistance Program

The intent of the EABC program is to provide an opportunity for each student athlete to participate in the sport of their choice.

When student athlete and family economic situations necessitate outside assistance in the acquisition of necessary equipment to participate in recognized EHS sports, the EABC may accommodate the need with a special assistance grant, not to exceed \$500 as determined by the coach, EHS athletic director, EABC President and one other member of the EABC Executive Committee in complete confidence.

Section 12.0 EABC Patron Program

The EABC shall have a patron program to help fund the EABC projects and activities for the EHS Athletic Department.

Section 13.0 EABC Standing Committees

The EABC shall have the following standing committees:

Membership, Advertising, Bean Feed, Hall of Fame/Homecoming, Concessions, Spirit Store, Scholar/Athlete Breakfast, and Major Athletic Department Expenditures, as may be more completely described in an addendum hereto.

Section 14.0 EABC Non-discrimination Policy

The corporation encourages the full and complete participation of all eligible individuals without regard to sex, race, age disability, sexual preference, marital status, status with respect to public assistance or any other characteristic protected by law. Directors shall strive to maintain environment free from discrimination and/or harassment of any kind.

Section 15.0 EABC Grievance Procedures

Grievances, protest, and other problems must be reported within 60 days after such occurrence took place. All verbal grievances, after being reported, must be documented by involved individual(s) and sent to the EAB Secretary. All submitted grievances will be reviewed and addressed within a time frame that is appropriate for the nature of said grievance. If the Grievance Committee is unable to resolve a matter, the Committee will make a recommendation to the full EAB Board.

EXHIBIT A- EABC Recognized Sports

Adapted Soccer
Cheerleading
Cross Country Girls
Cross Country Boys
Football
Performance Dance (Hornettes)
Soccer Girls
Soccer Boys
Swimming and Diving Girls
Tennis Girls
Volleyball
Adapted Floor Hockey
Alpine Ski
Basketball Girls
Basketball Boys
Cheerleading - Competitive
Competitive Dance
Gymnastics
Hockey Girls
Hockey Boys
Nordic Ski
Swimming and Diving Boys
Wrestling
Adapted Softball
Badminton
Baseball
Golf Girls
Golf Boys
Lacrosse Girls
Lacrosse Boys
Softball
Synchronized Swimming
Tennis Boys
Track and Field Girls
Track and Field Boys