

**Buckeye Trail
2021-2022
Student & Parent Athletic
Handbook**



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INTRODUCTION

Buckeye Trail High School and Buckeye Trail Middle School provide a comprehensive educational framework while striving for athletic and academic excellence. Athletics is an important part of the overall educational experience. The values learned through competition apply to many facets of life. Many Buckeye Trail athletes have gone on to compete at higher athletic levels. We are proud of the rich athletic tradition which has been established over the years.

Buckeye Trail High School and Buckeye Trail Middle School are members of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, and the Inter Valley Conference and conform to the rules and regulations set forth by these organizations.

Buckeye Trail High School sponsors interscholastic competition in cross country, football, golf, girls volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys track, girls track, and cheerleading.

BUCKEYE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Both Buckeye Trail High School and Buckeye Trail Middle School athletes are expected to adhere to the Student Handbook, the Athletic Conduct Code, and year round training rules. Violation of the training rules policy will affect the athlete's participation in every sport season for one calendar year. Coaches also have the right to make rules and regulations beyond these stated rules in areas such as attendance, tardiness and team management. These rules are to be distributed to each student at the beginning of each sport season, with the sport season defined as the first day of practice as permitted by the OHSAA through the sports banquet. Students who are suspected of rules violations are accorded due process.

I. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- A. Buckeye Trail believes that it is a privilege, and not a requirement, for students to participate in co-curricular activities. The school further believes that it is the responsibility of all students to uphold the dignity and honor of Buckeye Trail at all times when representing their school in any activity.
- B. Every student should attempt to exhibit the qualities of good citizenship at all times.
- C. Students represent their school as well as themselves and any reflection on their individual conduct is also a reflection on their fellow students and school.
- D. Under no circumstances shall a coach, either directly or indirectly, influence an athlete to "concentrate" only on his/her particular sport. Coaches should encourage their athletes to participate in a variety of athletic activities to benefit both the athlete and the total athletic program.

II. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Rules and regulations stated in the Student Handbook adopted by the East Guernsey Local Board of Education shall apply to all student participation in school activities while representing the team including, but not limited to, travel to and from the activity.
- B. Students suspended from school (in-school or out-of-school suspension) for violation of school regulations as stated in the Student Handbook will also be suspended from all co-curricular activities for a specified length of time. Students receiving in-school suspension will be suspended from co-curricular activities until 3:00 p.m. of the final day of their suspension. Students receiving out-of-school suspension will be suspended from co-curricular activities until midnight of the final day of their suspension.

- C. Students are to comply with directions of the director of the activity and officials of any contest or activity.
- D. Whenever limited participation is necessary due to size of facilities or nature of the activities, etc., the director of the activity shall make the final decision as to who will be able to participate.
- E. Additional responsibilities may be added to this list by the director of the activity/the coach with approval of the school administration.
- F. Athletes should have a completed physical and all appropriate paperwork on file in the Athletic Department (physical card, athletic policy, concussion form, insurance waiver, Sudden Cardiac Arrest form and attend the OHSAA Parent Meeting) before one can begin participating in any practice or contest. If a student misses the school-sponsored exam, he/she will be responsible for obtaining one from his/her family physician. Forms are available in the Athletic Department. Students must also have both a current Emergency Care Card on file in the office as well as proof of medical insurance or an insurance waiver. Students may obtain school insurance for a fee through the Athletic Department. All student athletes are covered by OHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Policy.
- G. Students must have written verification from a doctor in order to participate in any activities, practices, or contests when returning from an injury.
- H. Every student athlete at Buckeye Trail should attempt to exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship, proper behavior, and healthful living. Each student athlete should also:
 - 1. Recognize that one represents his/her school as well as oneself. Any reflection on one's conduct is a reflection on one's school. Any student engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or following an athletic contest is subject to disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to: loss of playing time, dismissal from team, "not in good standing" at the end of the season shall forfeit all post season awards or honors he/she is entitled to receive.
 - 2. Concentrate on the contest. Play fair, play your best, and play for the fun of the game. Play to win, but within the rules of the contest.
 - 3. Be loyal to and respectful of teammates, his/her school, the coach and oneself.
 - 4. Be respectful to officials and accept their judgments.
 - 5. Be modest in victory and courteous in defeat.
 - 6. Have a physical examination at the beginning of one's first sports season each year.
 - 7. Obtain athletic insurance as required by the school.
 - 8. Be responsible for returning one's equipment/uniform in good condition. All uniforms and equipment must be returned at the conclusion of the season. A student athlete will not be permitted to participate in another sport until all uniforms and equipment is returned. Any student athlete who participates in an All-Star game, post-season event or off-season activity, may borrow the necessary uniform or equipment but a deposit may be required.
 - 9. Do not use alcohol or tobacco in any form.

10. Do not use drugs unless prescribed by a physician.
11. Do not steal or willfully destroy school or personal property.
12. Do not violate individual sport training rules provided by each coach.

III. ELIGIBILITY

SCHOLARSHIP

Student eligibility in regard to enrollment and scholarship is governed by the guidelines of both the Ohio High School Athletic Association and East Guernsey Schools. High school students (grades 9-12) must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits that count toward graduation in the immediately preceding grading period. Absence from school or class may affect the grade, but the question of eligibility is determined by the cumulative grade from the beginning of the grading period. Seventh and eighth grade students must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in four subjects in which enrolled. This also applies to incoming ninth grade students. For those who are ineligible, the grading period is defined to end on the last school day of the week that report cards are officially distributed. Students who do not meet the academic requirements for the last grading period of the school year will become ineligible for the first grading period of the succeeding year.

- You may not use summer school grades for failing grades received or lack of courses taken in the final grading period.
- Your semester and yearly grades have no effect on eligibility.
- Those athletes taking on-line or post-secondary school courses must comply with OHSAA scholarship regulations.

RESIDENCE

You may attend any public or non-public high school in which you are accepted when you enter a high school from a 7th-8th grade school.

Eligibility at that school is then established by:

- Participating in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season game) prior to the first day of school, or
- Attending the first day of school at any member school.
- If there is a change of custody, you must live in the same school district as your legal guardian.
- If your parent or legal guardian lives outside of Ohio, you are ineligible unless one of the exceptions to the regulation is met. You and your parents should arrange a meeting with your principal or athletic administrator to review these exceptions.

- If additional questions remain on the regulations on residence, school principals or athletic administrators should contact the OHSAA.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Once your eligibility is established at a high school, a transfer to a different high school will mean you will lose eligibility for interscholastic athletics at your new school. For the specifics on the period of ineligibility, visit OHSAA.org.

- There are exceptions to this regulation. To see if you qualify for an exception, you and your parents should arrange a meeting with your principal or athletic administrator and review The OHSAA Transfer Bylaw brochure prior to transferring schools.
- If additional questions remain on the regulations on transfers, school principals or athletic administrators should contact the OHSAA.

SEMESTERS OF ENROLLMENT

After establishing ninth grade eligibility, you are permitted eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility.

- The semesters are taken in order of attendance once ninth grade eligibility has been established.
- Semesters are counted toward eligibility whether you participate in interscholastic athletics or not.
- Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with the principal or athletic administrator to review the exception.

AGE LIMITATIONS

High school students (grades 9-12) are eligible for interscholastic athletics until the day of their 20th birthday.

Seventh and eighth grade students, who turn 15 years of age prior to August 1, are ineligible for 7th-8th grade athletics but are eligible to participate in high school athletics.

- Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with the principal or athletic administrator to review the exception.

AWARDS

You may receive awards as a result of athletic participation in interscholastic athletics from any source. However, the value cannot be more than \$100 per award.

AMATEUR STATUS

You will lose your amateur status and forfeit your eligibility if you:

- Compete for money or other monetary compensation.
- Receive any award, equipment or prize of monetary value greater than \$100 per item.
- Capitalize on your athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.
- Sign a professional playing contract in the sport in which you had participated.
- Sign with a professional agent (Ohio law).
- Fail to return equipment or uniforms issued by a school or non-school team or organization when the season for that sport is over.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

You may attend camps, clinics and workshops that involve team play any time between June 1 and July 31.

- Team play means there is more than one player opposing one player.

There is no limit on the number of students from the same school team that may participate on the same non-school team from June 1 to July 31.

You may receive instruction from a coach from a school team only:

1. During the season of the sport, or
2. For 10 days only from June 1 to July 31, or
3. As directed by state guidelines

You may receive individual skill instruction from a non-school coach at any time during the year in individual or group lessons.

Members of a school football team may play in non-contact football contests and attend non-contact team football camps at any time between June 1 and July 31. Remember, however, that the 10-day regulation for instruction from school coaches is in effect.

PARTICIPATION ON NON-SCHOOL TEAMS

You may not try out, practice or participate in a contest with a non-school team while a member of a school team in the same sport.

- In individual sports, however, you may practice and try out for a non-school team but may not compete in a contest.

Those in team sports may try out, practice and compete on non-school teams before and after the school season provided:

- The number of students from the same school on the roster of the non-school team is limited to five (5) students in the sports of soccer and field hockey; four (4) students in the sports of baseball and softball; three (3) students in the sports of volleyball and ice hockey, and two (2) students in the sport of basketball. School football team members are prohibited to compete on non-school teams except from June 1 to July 31.
- You have no contact with school coaches while on a non-school team (other than the 10 days permitted between June 1 and July 31).
- Violating these rules during the school season may result in you being declared ineligible for the remainder of the school season.
- Violating these rules outside the school season may result in you being declared ineligible for the next season.
- Violating these rules by a senior may result in that student being declared ineligible for the remainder of the school year.

RECRUITING

You will be declared ineligible if you are recruited by a person or group of persons to change schools. This may also affect the eligibility of the school team.

STUDENT EJECTION POLICIES

The OHSAA has established a policy for students ejected for unsporting behavior. If you are ejected, you:

- Will be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day.
- Will be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football).

If you are ejected a second time in a season, you are subject to additional, stiffer penalties, including suspension from play for the remainder of the season in that sport.

IV. STUDENT RIGHTS

- A. Any student in grades 9-12 has the right to try out for any activity or sport according to the aforementioned criteria.
- B. The activity's director/coach shall fully explain a student's general responsibilities and any other added rules pertaining to the activity as approved according to Section II, Part E.
- C. The administrator of the school shall enforce the rules as stated in the Student Handbook.

D. All students are entitled to their rights of due process according to the law.

ATHLETIC PASSES AND TICKET PRICES

SEASON PASS PRICES:

ALL-SPORTS	ADULT	\$95
(Entitles pass holder to a reserved seat)	STUDENT	\$30
	SENIOR CITIZENS	\$50

Fall Sport Pass	\$50
Winter Sport Pass	\$75

INDIVIDUAL GAME TICKET PRICES:

VARSIITY

Adult ADMISSION	\$6
Student ADMISSION	\$4

JV & FRESHMAN

Adult GENERAL ADMISSION	\$4
Student	\$2

JR. HIGH

Adult	\$4
Student	\$2

BUCKEYE TRAIL AWARDS

VARSIITY PROGRESSION

1st Year Award	7" B.T. Chenille letter
2nd Year Award.....	2 nd year service star
3rd Year Award.....	3 rd year service star
4th Year Award.....	4 th year service star

RESERVE PROGRESSION

1st Year Award.....	JV patch
2nd Year Award.....	2 nd year service star
3 rd Year Award.....	3 rd year service star

FRESHMEN

Unless he or she earns a JV or Varsity letter, they shall receive a Freshman Certificate. If there is no freshman team, the player shall receive a JV or Varsity letter.

JR. HIGH

All athletes will receive certificates.

NON-PLAYING PERSONNEL (Managers, Statisticians, Scorekeepers)

1st Year Award	5 th B.T. Chenille Letter
2nd Year Award.....	2 nd year service star
3rd Year Award.....	3 rd year service star
4th Year Award.....	4 th year service star

BUCKEYE TRAIL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Since the Athletic Department of Buckeye Trail High School feels that our influence as coaches is an important aspect of an athlete's development, our training rules shall run year round, 365 days a year. This policy deals with penalties to be prescribed when a student-athlete violates training rules or violates possession, distribution, concealment, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, inhalants, and mind altering substances. Violators of this section will result in the following procedure:

STEPS IN THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. FIRST OFFENSE

If a Buckeye Trail athlete is observed violating any training rule or code of conduct policy, he or she will be denied the right to participate for 10% (Ten percent equates to two contests for all sports with exception of football which figures as a loss of one contest.) of the regular season schedule in the sports in which he or she participates. This penalty will be served at the next scheduled regular season or post-season contest. In addition, after a conference between the student and the Athletic Director, Contact will be made with the Athlete's parents.

2. SECOND OFFENSE

All language from First Offense, plus 20% of the regular season schedule. Athlete must enroll or enter a treatment program or it will be a 365 day suspension.

3. THIRD OFFENSE

The athlete shall be denied the right of participation for one calendar year upon proof of the third offense. In order to participate in any future athletic contests, the student must first successfully complete an athletic-approved self-help program as determined by the Athletic Director and Principal.

4. SELF-REFERRAL

Any athlete realizing he/she has a drug, alcohol, or tobacco related problem, who desires help and refers themselves to the coach or Athletic Director, (without provocation and/or investigation by the Athletic Department, Administration, or law enforcement agency) will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

All coaches have the right to make rules and regulations beyond these stated rules in areas such as attendance, tardiness, and team management. The head coach will submit a sport rules to the Athletic Director prior to the sport season. These rules must have Athletic Director approval before

they are distributed to students. The sport season shall be defined as the first day of practice as permitted by the OHSAA through the sports banquet.

PROOF

The observation of a person of authority, law enforcement, teachers, coaches, or administrators will serve as proof of these violations.

THOUGHTS

If an athlete goes through this procedure twice, they will be denied the right to participate at Buckeye Trail as long as they are a student. After the first denial to participate, the policy will be placed into effect when the student becomes an athlete again.

Any loss of playing time shall run concurrently with any school suspension.

Ten percent equates to two contests for all sports with exception of football which figures as a loss of one contest.

BUCKEYE TRAIL DUE PROCESS

1. A code of conduct is formulated for all sports.
2. The code is adopted by the Board of Education.
3. Parents and players shall have prior knowledge of behavior code.
4. If infraction occurs, the Athletic Director has a conference with the player and a letter is mailed to parents indicating infraction and what is being done. A copy also goes to the coach and the principal.
5. An appeal shall be available through the principal and superintendent's office.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

EARLY DISMISSAL

When it is necessary to excuse an athlete for away contests, the following procedure must be used by the head coach:

1. See the Principal to get permission for the students to be excused early (athletes, manager, stats, cheerleaders).
2. Submit a list to the office three days prior to the contest so that the information may be placed on the daily attendance list. The number of students excused should be kept to a minimum.
3. Have participants arrange in advance to make up missed assignments.
4. If the contest is postponed, cancel all previous arrangements.
5. School time lost due to athletics must be kept to an absolute minimum.

POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

1. All postponements shall be made through the Athletic Director.
2. If school is closed due to inclement weather all practices and games with the exception of the varsity/reserve level will be automatically cancelled. Varsity/reserve teams are permitted to practice on days of inclement weather, however, attendance is **NOT** mandatory. Notification should be made by the coach of the intent to practice to the Athletic Director or the Principal.
3. If Buckeye Trail is the hosting school and school is in session, but the visiting team does not have school due to inclement weather, it will be the prerogative of the visitors if they want to play the contest that evening. If they do not wish to play, then the contest will be rescheduled, if possible. If Buckeye Trail does not have school, it will be the decision of the administration whether or not to play the game.

SUNDAY PRACTICES

At the direction of the Superintendent, a practice may only take place on either Saturday or Sunday. Mandatory practice will not occur on a Sunday. At no time, shall an athlete feel required to participate in a Sunday practice. An exception may be rendered at tournament time with the advance approval of the Principal and the Superintendent. Athletic teams may use the gymnasium on Sunday only when the coach is to be present the entire practice.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students participating in extracurricular activities must be in attendance four (4) full consecutive periods on the day of the activity in order to be eligible to participate. Students that are unable to be in attendance four (4) consecutive periods must have previously arranged with either the athletic department or the Principal for an approved absence to be able to participate that evening. Students who are excused from school for illness will **NOT** be permitted to return for participation or attendance at extracurricular activities that evening.

The athlete must attend every practice and game. If ill or having a legitimate personal reason, the athlete shall inform the coach prior to the absence. All other absences are not excused and shall result in disciplinary action.

ATHLETE PARTICIPATION POLICIES

During the “in-season” of a particular sport, an athlete may not participate in any out-of-season activities in another sport. The “in-season” is defined as the first official day of practice as designated by OHSAA, and the date of the last official contest, including playoff and tournament games. The “in-season” for cheerleading is defined as the first official day of practice for the sport that they are cheering for and the last official contest. Out-of-season activities are any activities organized by the coaching staff and may include activities such as, but not limited to: weightlifting, conditioning, agilities, open gyms, and skill enhancement activities (i.e. batting practice, passing routes, putting practice). Additionally, an athlete may not participate in another sport’s “in-season” activities until the prior sport’s “in-season” is completed.

If an athlete quits during the competition season of a particular sport, that athlete may not participate in any in-season or out-of-season activities (as defined above) in another sport until the completion of the competition season of the sport that the athlete quit. The competition season is defined as the date of the first official, regular season contest, and the date of the last official contest, which includes playoff and tournament games. In the case of cheerleading, the competition season includes the first and last official football contest, including playoffs, in the fall, and the first and last official boys varsity basketball contest, including tournament games, in the winter.

ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION POLICY

All athletes are expected to ride the team bus to all away contests. According to the guidelines established in the athletic department handbook, which are approved by the East Guernsey School Districts Board of Education, students may be signed out by parents, legal guardians or designee that are approved ahead of time. Students may not leave with another student even with parent approval. It is understood that this procedure may be an inconvenience; however, exceptions cannot be made, unless there is a last minute family emergency. A family emergency would be defined as a situation where a student needs to report to a place other than the school or their home in an immediate time frame, for example, a hospital. In the case of an emergency, it is the coach's discretion to excuse a student to leave with someone else.

Finally, upon arrival at the high school or middle school following an away contest, students are permitted to be picked up by whomever the parents designate.

Athletes who do not follow the correct sign-out procedure will face the consequence of having playing time suspended. Again, this policy is not meant to inconvenience anyone, only to protect the interests of all parties involved: the athlete, the parents, the coach, and the school. If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to the Athletic Director or Superintendent.

STEROIDS, SUPPLEMENTS, OR OTHER PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS

If you use anabolic steroids or other illegal, performance-enhancing drugs, you are ineligible for interscholastic competition until medical evidence indicates that your system is free of these items. It is a violation of the code of conduct to possess, use, buy, sell, offer, transmit, or conceal over-the-counter drugs, including any type of sport supplement. The Buckeye Trail Athletic Department does not encourage the use of sports supplements outside of school.

HAZING

Hazing includes any type of harassing behavior used as an initiation to a group and is a violation of the code of conduct. Any student, parent, or school employee who becomes aware of any type of hazing incident should report it immediately to school authorities. Hazing means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of intimidation to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk by an individual subjected to hazing.

Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and are prohibited at all times. No administrator or other employee of the District shall encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, may plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing.

Administrators and all other District employees are particularly alert to possible conditions, circumstances, or events, which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, involved students are informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and are required to end all hazing activities immediately. All hazing incidents are reported immediately to the Superintendent.

Administrators, other employees and students who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in compliance with State law.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Due to privacy concerns, in light of the photographic capabilities of electronic devices: cell phones, cameras, etc. are strictly prohibited from being out in the restrooms or locker room (home or away).

The following disciplinary actions will apply:

First offense ½ game suspension at next contest

Second offense He or she will be denied the right to participate for 10% (Ten percent equates to two contests for all sports with exception of football which figures as a loss of one contest.) of the regular season schedule of all sports in which he or she participates. Violation will affect the athlete's participation in every sport season for one calendar year. This penalty will be served at the next scheduled regular season or post-season contest. In addition, after a conference between the student and the Athletic Director, a certified letter shall be sent to the athlete's parents.

Third offense All language from second offense, plus 20% of the regular season schedule

Fourth offense The athlete shall be denied the right of participation for one calendar year

The discipline consequences are a general guide. The severity of the offense may/will determine the severity of the consequence, based on the Principal or designee's judgment.

Administrators, other employees and students who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. They also may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in compliance with State law.

FAN BEHAVIOR AT EAST GUERNSEY EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

The East Guernsey Local Schools are proud of their extra-curricular program and the role these programs play in developing well rounded students. The District is also proud of its students who make sacrifices in representing the District in a sportsmanlike way. Sportsmanship is the key to participation and the enjoyment of extra-curricular programs. Sportsmanship should be a journey and not a destination. We want to win without boasting, lose without excuses, and be recognized for the pride and good sportsmanship of our players and fans.

The East Guernsey Schools are responsible for the administration of all home extra-curricular events, and is responsible for the safety and welfare of all students and adults in attendance, and to maintain an enjoyable environment for all players and spectators.

The following policy addresses fan behavior at all extra-curricular events:

STUDENT FAN BEHAVIOR

Student behavior is currently covered by Board of Education policies for East Guernsey students. Students from other schools are covered by similar policies in their own districts.

ADULT FAN BEHAVIOR

Adults attending extra-curricular events in the East Guernsey School District or in attendance at away events can be removed or denied admittance to future events for the following reasons:

- A. When the fan's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or poses an on-going threat of disrupting the event by:
 1. Causing or attempting to cause intimidation, physical injury, or harm to any person attending the event.
 2. Interfering with the orderly play of the contest or activity by using, threatening to use, or inciting other persons to use violence, force or other means of intimidation.

3. Possessing, using, or transmitting any object that can reasonably be considered to constitute a weapon, look like a weapon or dangerous instrument.
 4. Using profanity, racial slurs, or displaying obscene behavior toward other spectators, players, officials, or coaches.
- B. When the fan is involved in any conduct on school premises during a school function which violates any local, state, or federal law, where such conduct or the likelihood of engaging in such conduct poses a clear and present danger to the health, welfare, or safety of others attending or participating in the event or activity.
- C. When a fan violates the school district's smoke-free policy. **Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school campus!**

PROCEDURES

Any persons violating the above codes may be subject to the following actions by either school administration or security personnel:

1. Immediate removal from the contest.
2. A mandatory conference with school officials.
3. Suspension from future events.
4. Prosecution pursuant to the criminal laws of the State of Ohio and/or local ordinances.

In all cases, fans have the right to reasonable treatment from the School District and its employees. The school, in turn, has a right to expect reasonable behavior from all fans, both student and adult. Freedom carries with it responsibilities for all concerned.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ALL SPECTATORS?

- Students and adults in attendance at after school events are expected to enjoy the event by demonstrating positive enthusiasm without causing harm, danger or embarrassment to others or to the school.
- Students and adults are to follow all rules of the school, including those which pertain to use of controlled substances, smoking, swearing, fighting, etc.
- Students and adults are to demonstrate common sense and respect toward all students and all adults, including opponents, players, coaches and officials.
- Students and adults are to police their own ranks and demand proper behavior from fellow students and adults. One's individual behavior can affect the total group.
- Students and adults are expected to demonstrate respect and pride for the school.
- Proper language is to be used. No swearing or language which is offensive to others will be tolerated. School events are a family activity. Individual and group vulgarity is unacceptable, as is verbal harassment of players, coaches and officials.
- Obscene gestures are unacceptable.
- Dangerous and boisterous behavior, such as pushing, shoving or fighting is not acceptable.
- The throwing of objects at fellow spectators, band members, cheerleaders, officials, players, or onto the

playing surface, is unacceptable, and could result in an injury or the team being penalized by a game official.

- Respect is the key to good sportsmanship. Opponents must be respected. They are not enemies, but persons who happen to represent other schools.
- Be modest and humble in victory or defeat. It is easy to be a good winner and difficult to show class when you lose.
- Be concerned with anyone who is injured. Give concerned applause when an injured athlete is aided from the action.
- Work together with cheerleaders for positive cheers. Obscene, degrading or elitist cheers are not acceptable.
- At half-time, watch any performance or presentation. Acknowledge the hard work, preparation and performance of those involved, and do not in any way, detract from the performance.
- After the game, do not tease or belittle the opponent in any way.

**BUCKEYE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HANDBOOK RECEIPT**

I have received a copy of the 2021-2022 Buckeye Trail Athletic Department Handbook. I have read this information, and understand my responsibility to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the handbook.

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

* To be returned to the Athletic Director Secretary