

## SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE

Interscholastic athletics and activities are governed by the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The various athletic teams and activity programs within the district are considered to be an extension of the school program. Students are not only representing their teams and/or activities, but also their school. Therefore, school rules pertaining to student conduct as well as additional rules established by the coach, captains, advisors, activity group, or team must be adhered to by all participants.

- 1) **SCHOOL RULES** These guidelines pertaining to student eligibility and conduct will be followed:
  - a) Participants changing from one sport or activity to another during the same season will be treated as if they are changing a class. Therefore, signed consent from coaches/advisors must be obtained. In athletics, no changes may be made after 15 days from the first turnout or after the first scheduled contest (whichever comes first). Practices accumulated in one sport may not be used toward the required number of practices in another sport.
  - b) Attend practice/meeting on a regular basis.
  - c) Attendance at school on days in which a student is to be involved in practice or a contest is required (at least 3 of 6 periods). Exceptions to this must be made with prior approval of the athletic director/advisor or principal.
- 2) **ACADEMICS**

Students participating in co-curricular and/or extra-curricular programs are expected to maintain satisfactory academic performance in all school courses. Students are required to be continuously enrolled in and pass a minimum of five classes to be eligible to participate. A remediation plan and contract will be developed and followed for each student who does not maintain a "C" grade in each class in order for that student to continue participation in school programs. Students will be monitored at the beginning of the program, as well as through the program in terms of academics and behavior.
- 3) **HEALTH AND TRAINING RULES**
  - a) Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or use of tobacco in any form will not be tolerated. See the "penalties" section below for discipline related to violations.
  - b) Possession, use of, or trafficking in drugs of any kind or substances purported to be drugs, not prescribed by a physician, will not be tolerated. When infractions occur, the WIAA specifies the following suspensions from activities:  
First: Season; Second: Calendar Year; Third: Life.
- 4) **INITIATIONS AND HAZING**
  - a) Any abusive act with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate another student shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the team. Such acts may include but are not limited to traditional and non-traditional practices, i.e. atomic sit ups, swirlies, wedgies, and any other humiliating act or behavior.
- 5) **PENALTIES**
  - a) Any violation of school rules may result in the removal from athletic/activity participation for the balance of the sport/activity season; such discipline may be in addition to any other discipline, suspension, expulsion or emergency expulsion under district Policy and Procedures No. 3300-3300P.
  - b) For first offense violations dealing with alcohol and tobacco the athlete will be permanently removed from the team for the season unless the athlete chooses the following option:
    - i) *No practice for one week and removed from competition for an additional two weeks.*
    - ii) *Obtain a Substance Abuse Diagnostic Assessment from an outside agency (see your school counselor for approved agencies).*
    - iii) *Develop a plan for completing the recommendation of the assessment.*
    - iv) *Communicate the results and recommendations of the assessment with the Athletic Director.*
    - v) *Meet with the coach or his designee to discuss progress and ramifications of this type of destructive behavior on a weekly basis for four weeks.*
    - vi) *Meet with the Athletic Eligibility Board to present progress in the steps listed above and to seek reinstatement on the team. The board will consist of the Principal, Athletic Administrator, and two Head Coaches. The coach of the team where the violation occurred will not be present in the meeting.*
  - c) The Athletic Department may continue to monitor the athlete's compliance to treatment expectations, even if those expectations extend beyond the three week disciplinary action. Non compliance with the treatment recommendations will be considered a second offense violation.
  - d) Second offense violations will result in the permanent removal from the team for the remainder of the season.
  - e) Third offense violations will result in the removal from the athletic program for a full calendar year.
  - f) Disciplinary actions regarding athletic code violations shall be progressive and cumulative over the four-year career of the athlete.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Date

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