
INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Coach's duties

In accordance with district policy and the coach's job description, the coach has the duty to:

Instruct Participants. The coach should employ the latest methods or proper instruction using sound progression in presenting motor skills. If an injury occurs while using an improper instructional method, negligence may be present.

Warn Participants. The coach should inform all athletes and their parents of the inherent risks involved in participation in the particular sport, including the very small risk of infection with a blood-borne pathogen. The coach must describe, using a variety of methods, the catastrophic and common non-catastrophic injuries unique to the sport.

Supervise Participants. The daily plan should show how the coach plans to conduct general supervision of the sport, and how he/she will supervise specific drills and other components of the daily practice. Adequacy of supervision should be reviewed in terms of quality and quantity. Factors to consider include, but are not limited to, the age of the students, the size of the students, the equipment involved, the maturity level of the students, the first aid equipment and training available, the appropriate certification of supervisors where required, and the safety training of the personnel involved.

Provide Safe Equipment and Facilities. Equipment should be properly fitted and maintained. Athletes should be instructed on how to conduct a daily inspection. Facilities should be free of hazards and inspected regularly.

Maintain Records of Injuries. A written report should be completed for each accident. Injury reports should be maintained for a period of five years after the student's 21st birthday.

Evaluate Fitness of Participants. The coach has a duty to evaluate the physical fitness, the medical condition, and the skill level of athletes. Failure to evaluate and maintain records of those evaluations may be cause for negligence should an injury occur involving fatigue or lack of skill.

Provide Equal Protection and Due Process. While participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, a participant who allegedly violates the conduct code must be afforded the opportunity of a fair hearing.

Transport Athletes Safely. A coach has a duty to see that athletes are safely transported to and from contests and to and from practices if practices are held at sites other than the immediate school grounds.

Group Participants. The coach has the duty to employ a recognized system of grouping for participants in a particular sport that will avoid unequal and unsafe participation, based upon skill level, age, maturity, sex, size, and experience.

Foresee Danger. A coach should be able to reasonably anticipate foreseeable dangers regarding facilities, or equipment, or other factors, and take precautions protecting the children in his/her custody from such dangers.

Protect from Loss. A participant is required to present evidence that he/she is covered by an accident

policy. A blanket catastrophic ("no fault") insurance provides coverage for serious injuries.

The duties listed above are not meant to be comprehensive. In carrying out the duties of the assignment, a staff member is expected to act as a reasonable professional would have acted under similar circumstances. A staff member who supervises a sports activity is expected to know the intricacies of the activity that he/she is leading.

Summer Sports Activities/Clinics

Rules governing out-of-school and/or out-of-season student sports participation are as follows:

- A. A practice is defined as a teaching phase of a sport to any present, past or future squad member while a student in grade 7-12 during the school year or during the summer. The school may not sponsor, promote or direct activities which resemble out-of-season practices or contests during the school year or summer.

A school staff member who sponsors, promotes or directs such activities during the summer vacation shall do so through the ASB or Community Education Program.

- B. Students shall be advised that participation in a commercial summer camp or clinic or other similar type of activity shall not begin until the conclusion of the final WIAA state tournament of the school year. Participants in a fall school sports program may not attend any summer camp/clinic in that sport after August 1 until the first fall sports turnout.
- C. A coach (contracted or volunteer) may not sponsor, promote, coach or direct activities which resemble out-of-season practices or contests in the sport they coach to any of their squad members or future squad members (grades 7-12) until after the school year's final WIAA state tournament.
- D. The use of the school bulletin board, public address system or school newspaper for promotional purposes to announce sports clinics/camps shall fall within the same guidelines as applied to other commercial endeavors.
- E. School facilities to be used for summer activity and/or sports camps may be rented consistent with the rates, rules and regulations applicable for other commercial uses.

A user shall hold the district free and without harm from any loss or damage, liability or expense that may arise during or be caused in any way by such use of school facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as an endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- A. The intent of this policy is to reinforce the importance of school attendance for all students.
- B. Athletes are expected to be in attendance the entire day in order to participate in athletic events. An unexcused absence from one or more periods will result in a one game suspension from the first contest after an attendance check; which will occur on a weekly basis (every Wednesday). It is recommended that whenever possible, absences are pre-arranged.

- C. In the event of a late night return on a school day from an athletic event, the coach and athletic director or designee will determine attendance arrangements for the following school day. However, every attempt will be made to schedule games with limited travel times or to arrange long distance trips on days prior to non-school days.
- D. Students who are ineligible for attendance or academic reasons may not travel with the team to away events.

MEDICAL CLEARANCE

When an athlete is seen by any medical services, for an injury or condition, the school will need a clearance from the medical personnel who treated the athlete. The clearance should indicate that the student is cleared for practice/competition and that the athlete is not taking any medication that would impact their participation. If limited participation is approved, the limitations need to be specifically indicated. Any athlete suspected of sustaining a head injury must be cleared by a licensed health care provider before returning to play (HB 1824). Those licensed to perform physical examinations include a Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), Physician's Assistant (PA), and Naturopathic Physician.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY-HIGH SCHOOL

Students must have passed a minimum of five (high school) full credit classes in the grading period previous to the sport in which they plan to participate (WIAA 18.7.6). Students are also expected to maintain this standard throughout the season. Any student who does not meet this standard during pre-season grade checks or subsequent grade checks will be placed on academic suspension.

For the purpose of athletic eligibility, the grade point average (GPA) will include all classes and be calculated as follows: (A) 4.00; (A-) 3.70; (B+) 3.30; (B) 3.00; (B-) 2.70; (C+) 2.30; (C) 2.00; (C-) 1.7; (D+) 1.30; (D) 1.0; (F) 0.00; (P) not computed. Incomplete courses (I) will not be computed into the GPA. Athletes with "incompletes" will have until the end of the next quarter to complete the course and receive a grade. In courses utilizing the no "D" grading system, a percentage grade will be used. Athletes are prohibited from falling below WIAA standards at any time.

Pre-season eligibility will be determined by the following:

- High School Fall Sports-previous semester grades. (Note: Woodland High School freshmen will average their 3rd and 4th quarter grades from the previous year when semester grades are not available).
- High School Winter Sports-first quarter grades.
- High School Spring Sports-first semester grades.

In addition to a mid-season official grade check, athletes will be checked weekly to make sure they are meeting the WIAA standard of passing five (5) out of six (6) classes.

Athletes on academic suspension may participate in practice, but not compete in games. The length of the suspension will vary based on the situation:

- If a student does not pass five out of six classes at the end of a semester, they will be placed on academic suspension through the last Saturday in September or the first five weeks of the

succeeding semester (WIAA 18.7.6).

- If a student does not pass five out of six classes in the grading period previous to the sport in which they wish to participate (winter and spring), they will be placed on academic suspension for four weeks following the beginning of the season.
- Athletes will remain on suspension for the duration of the suspension period and until they have met the standard.
- If a student is not passing five out of six classes during weekly grade checks throughout the season, they will be placed on suspension until they are passing at least five (5) out of six (6).

Athletes that have met standard but are below a 2.5 GPA or have one (1) F will be placed on Academic Probation.

Athletes on academic probation may participate in practices and compete in games, providing the following conditions are met:

- Athlete must attend two tutoring sessions per week.
- Athlete must have returned an academic probation letter to the athletic director (signed by parent and player).
- Athlete must turn in required tutoring form to their coach each Friday to be eligible on Monday.
- Athlete's coach will monitor progress. If a coach believes the student is not making a valid effort to improve, participation time may be lost.
- Athlete must continue to pass five out of six classes.

Once an athlete has achieved a 2.5 GPA and no F grades, they are removed from probation at the next scheduled check.

STUDENTS NEW TO THE WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, upon turning out for a sport, must meet the same academic requirements as listed above (pass five out of six classes), which will be verified by an official transcript from the transferring school. Fax verification will be acceptable academic verification.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY-MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students must have passed a minimum of five full credit classes in the grading period previous to the sport in which they plan to participate (WIAA 18.7.6). Students are also expected to maintain this standard throughout the season. Any student who does not meet this standard during pre-season grade checks or subsequent grade checks will be placed on academic suspension.

For the purpose of athletic eligibility, the grade point average (GPA) will include all classes and be calculated as follows: (A) 4.00; (A-) 3.70; (B+) 3.30; (B) 3.00; (B-) 2.70; (C+) 2.30; (C) 2.00; (C-) 1.7; (D+) 1.30; (D) 1.0; (F) 0.00; (P) not computed. Incomplete courses (I) will not be computed into the GPA. Athletes with "incompletes" will have two weeks to complete the course and receive a grade. Athletes are prohibited from falling below WIAA standards at any time.

Pre-season eligibility will be determined by the following:

- Middle School Fall Sports -previous semester grades
- Middle School Winter I Sports -previous progress report
- Middle School Winter II Sports-first quarter grades
- Middle School Spring Sports-previous progress report

In addition to a mid-season official grade check, athletes will be checked weekly to make sure they are meeting the WIAA standard of passing five (5) out of six (6) classes.

Athletes on academic suspension may participate in practice, but not compete in games. The length of the suspension will vary based on the situation:

- If a student does not pass five out of six classes at the end of a semester, they will be placed on academic suspension for the first three weeks of the succeeding semester (WIAA 18.7.6).
- If a student does not pass five out of six classes at the pre-season grade check for the sport in which they wish to participate (winter and spring), they will be placed on academic suspension for three weeks following the beginning of the season.
- Athletes will remain on suspension for the duration of the suspension period and until they have met the standard.
- If a student is not passing five out of six classes during weekly grade checks throughout the season, they will be placed on suspension until they are passing at least five (5) out of six (6).

Athletes that have met standard but are below a 2.5 GPA or have one (1) F will be placed on Academic Probation.

Athletes on academic probation may participate in practices and compete in games, providing the following conditions are met:

- Athlete must attend two tutoring sessions per week.
- Athlete must have returned an academic probation letter to the athletic director (signed by parent and player).
- Athlete must turn in required tutoring form to their coach each Friday to be eligible on Monday.
- Athlete's coach will monitor progress. If a coach believes the student is not making a valid effort to improve, participation time may be lost.
- Athlete must continue to pass five out of six classes.

Once an athlete has achieved a 2.5 GPA and no F grades, they are removed from probation at the next scheduled check.

STUDENTS NEW TO THE WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, upon turning out for a sport, must meet the same academic requirements as listed above (pass five out of six classes), which will be verified by an official transcript from the transferring school. Fax verification will be acceptable academic verification.

Athletic Code

The opportunity to participate in the interscholastic athletic program is a privilege granted to all students of the district. Participants in this voluntary program are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the principals and athletic coaches.

A student who is found to be in violation of any rules is subject to removal from the team. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated one or more of the conduct rules to appeal a disciplinary action as specified in this code.

ATHLETIC CODE HIGH SCHOOL

THIS CODE APPLIES TO STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC AND/OR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING OTHER SCHOOLS.

The opportunity to participate in the activity program is a privilege granted to all students of the district. Participants in voluntary activity programs are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by coaches, advisors and administrators and those identified in this athletic code. A student found to be in violation of any of the standards, and/or rules is subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or removal from the activity. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated on or more of the conduct rules to appeal any disciplinary action, suspension and/or expulsion as specified in this code.

All athletes shall purchase an ASB card. All activity participants must abide by the rules in the Student Handbook.

Athletes shall ride to and from athletic contests in school provided or school approved transportation. They may ride home with a parent only upon a written request/agreement with the coach. Other special circumstances must be approved by the building athletic director/designee.

Athletes must have a valid physical exam that meets WIAA standards prior to any athletic participation, practices, and contests. It is required that student athletes have medical insurance and recommended they have dental insurance. The school does not cover athletes in cases of athletic injury.

- I. **TOBACCO:** RCW 28.A.600.010 AND RCW 28.A.600.40 grant school districts the authority to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding school conduct for its students. Each WIAA member school is required to adopt rules and regulations for students who possess and/or use tobacco while participating in an interscholastic sports season or other activity governed by the WIAA. The Woodland School District utilizes the following policies and procedures for its athletes with respect to tobacco and tobacco look-alike substances.
 - A. **First Tobacco Violation:** An athlete/extra-curricular participant who is found to have used or possessed tobacco shall be suspended from interscholastic competition in the team or activity for a period of up to four (4) weeks during that season or the next season of participation. The athlete may practice with the team, but not participate in competition.
 - B. **Second Tobacco Violation:** An athlete/extra-curricular participant will be removed from the team/activity for the remainder of the season.
 - C. **Third Tobacco Violation:** An athlete/extra-curricular participant will be removed from the team/activity for a period of one calendar year from the date of the violation.

- II. **ALCOHOL and MARIJUANA:** RCW 28A.600.010 and RCW 28A.600.40 grants school districts the authority to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding school conduct for its students. Each WIAA member school is required to adopt rules and regulations for students who possess and/or use alcohol or marijuana while participating in an interscholastic sports season or other activity governed by the WIAA. Woodland School District utilizes the following policies and procedures for its athletes with respect to alcohol or marijuana use, sale, distribution and/or possession. An athlete/extra curricular participant found by criminal conviction or otherwise to have used, sold distributed or be in possession of alcoholic beverages or marijuana, shall be:

- A. **First Alcohol or Marijuana Violation:** Disqualified from participation in WIAA or school activities during that season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate. If the athlete/extra-curricular participant consent to participate in drug/alcohol assessment and follows the recommendations of the assessment (the expense of to be incurred by the parent or student), then the suspension will be reduced to four weeks maximum during that season or the next season of full participation. Proof of assessment and following of the assessment recommendation must be evident before eligibility can be reinstated. During the suspension/disqualification the student may practice, at the discretion of the coach, with the team/activity but not participate in competition or programs involving other schools.
- B. **Second Alcohol or Marijuana Violation:** –Suspension from participation in WIAA or school activity for one calendar year from the date of the second violation.
- C. **Third Alcohol or Marijuana Violation:** Permanent suspension from participation in a WIAA or school-sponsored extra-curricular activity.

III. LEGEND DRUGS, INCLUDING ANABOLIC STEROID USE, POSSESSION, AND/OR SALE, NON-PRESCRIBED MOOD OR PERFORMANCE ENHANCING/CHANGING DRUGS, NARCOTICS, HALLUCINATORY AGENTS.

RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050 A violation of these statutes or any state/federal statutes pertinent to use, possession and/or sale shall constitute a violation of the athletic code of the Woodland School district, rendering the athlete subject to disciplinary actions.

- A. **First Violation:** A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate. In order to be eligible to participate in the next interscholastic sports season, the student athlete shall meet with the school eligibility board consisting of coaches and administrators selected by the principal, to request approval of participant. The school eligibility board will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student athlete's case. The school principal shall have the final authority as to the student athlete's participation in the interscholastic sports program.

A participant who seeks and receives help for a problem with use of legend drugs (RCW 69.41.010, identified substances) or controlled substances and controlled substance analogs (RCW 69.50.101, identified substances) shall be given the opportunity for assistance through the school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall participation in a school and/or community approved assistance program excuse a student athlete from a subsequent compliance with this regulation. However, successful utilization of such an opportunity or compliance with athletic code by the student athlete may allow him/her to have eligibility reinstated in the athletic program, pending recommendation by the school eligibility authority.

- B. **Second Violation:** A participant who again violates any provisions of RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.
- C. **Third Violation:** A participant who violates for a third time RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

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- IV. **ATHLETES ATTENDING FUNCTIONS WHERE ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, TOBACCO, OR OTHER DRUGS ARE BEING ILLEGALLY CONSUMED:** Athletes who attend a gathering where tobacco, drugs, and/or alcohol are being used illegally, must, upon learning of the presence and/or use of such substances, leave. Failure to leave will result in discipline as an alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, or drug violation as described above.
- V. **PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:** An athlete shall maintain the dress and grooming standards of the team set by the coach. Refusal to meet this standard will be grounds for removal from the team.
- VI. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Athletes and coaches shall exhibit appropriate conduct in practices and/or contests. Inappropriate conduct including profanity shall be grounds for removal from the game or practice. If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they shall be suspended until after the next scheduled game. He/she will not be allowed to attend practice or games during the suspension. A second ejection shall result in the player or coach being suspended for the remainder of the season.

APPEAL PROCESS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any parent or student who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline shall have the right to an appeal as outlined in Board Policy No. 3241. The athlete will be ineligible during the appeal process.