TRAINING RULES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

In addition to the sanctions which apply to all students of the Kennewick School District regarding the possession, consumption, or delivery of alcohol or controlled substances, non-prescribed drugs or narcotics, tobacco in any form, inhalants, or paraphernalia, the following conditions also apply to those students who accept the privilege of representing the Kennewick School District through participation in interscholastic activities.

* Students participating in interscholastic activities are prohibited from possessing, consuming, exhibiting the effects, or delivering alcohol or controlled substances, non-prescribed drugs or narcotics, tobacco in any form, inhalants, or paraphernalia.
* Students participating in interscholastic activities are prohibited from remaining on the premises or in the proximity of where alcohol or controlled substances, non-prescribed drugs or narcotics, tobacco products, or inhalants are being used unlawfully.
* As stipulated by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, a violation of RCW 69.41 (Legend drugs including anabolic steroids) or RCW 49.50 (controlled substances) shall be considered a violation of the Training Rules and shall subject the student to the appropriate disciplinary actions.
* The Training Rules apply to all participants in interscholastic activities during the season of their participation. Season is defined as beginning on the first allowable turnout date for the activity and continuing through the state finals or seasonal awards ceremony, whichever occurs later.
* Violations of the Training Rules are cumulative during grades 6-8 and grades 9-12, and the appropriate progressive disciplinary actions will be taken.
* Any reasonable suspicion of a violation of the Training Rules is to be reported to the principal or designee, who is responsible for further action. The principal shall have the authority to determine the student’s prospective participation in the interscholastic activities program.
* Any student or parent/guardian of a student who seeks voluntary assistance for a training violation prior to being identified as a violator shall be given the opportunity for assistance through school and/or community agencies. A student who successfully utilizes such an opportunity may have eligibility reinstated after the development and implementation of a plan with the student, parent, and principal. The reinstatement could occur after receiving verification of plan implementation, loss of no more than 20% of the season, and review by a District administrative committee. Note: Reporting under this section does not include acts that occur after a public incident.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE TRAINING RULES

FIRST VIOLATION

* A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. The length of the ineligibility shall not be less than 20% of a sports season (excluding playoffs). If less than 20% of the sports season remains, the remainder of the 20% shall be carried over to the next sports season in which the student participates.
* A participant who seeks and receives help for problems with the use of legend drugs (RCW 69.41.010 identified substances), controlled substance, controlled substance analogs (RCW 69.50.101 identified substances), alcohol or tobacco shall be given the opportunity for assistance through school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall the participation in a school and/or community approved assistance program excuse a student athlete from subsequent compliance with this regulation. However, successful utilization of such an opportunity to comply with a school and/or community approved assistance program may provide the opportunity to have the student’s ineligibility reduced to 20% of the activity’s contests based upon the number of regular-season contests for the higher level of the activity. The student’s ineligibility may continue into the student’s next season of participation.
* The student shall forfeit eligibility for any school awards and/or letters for that season of participation.
* A letter of suspension shall be permanently placed in the student’s cumulative file.

SECOND VIOLATION

* The student who again violates the Training Rules shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic participation for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.
* In order to have eligibility reinstated following the ineligibility period, the student shall meet with the principal or designee to request approval for reinstatement. The principal shall have the authority to determine the student’s prospective participation in the interscholastic activities program.
* The student forfeits eligibility for any school awards and/or letters for that season of participation.
* A letter of suspension shall be permanently placed in the student’s cumulative file.

THIRD VIOLATION

* The student who violates the Training Rules for a third time shall be dismissed from interscholastic participation for the remainder of his/her middle school or high school tenure.
* A letter of suspension shall be permanently placed in the student’s cumulative file.

I RECOGNIZE THAT MY CONDUCT AND TRAINING HABITS MUST BE APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO ENSURE MY CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES. I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TRAINING RULES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION SET FORTH ABOVE.

Amended August 2003