

598 CHEMICAL USE VIOLATIONS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Chemical Use Violations policy to provide information and guidance to students, parents and staff regarding the associated consequences and penalties of student chemical use.

II. CATEGORY ONE ACTIVITIES

These activities are Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) sponsored scheduled interscholastic contests, exclusive of MSHSL sponsored tournaments.

A. First Violation:

After the first confirmed violation student shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive interscholastic contests or two weeks, (14 calendar days), whichever is greater, of a season in which the student is a participant.

Student will also complete an educational component related to the violation as part of their penalty to be eligible to return to competitions. Confirmation of completion must be submitted to the Activities Director prior to reinstatement.

B. Second Violation:

After the second confirmed violation student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests or four weeks, (28 calendar days), whichever is greater, of a season in which the student is a participant.

Student will also complete an educational component related to the violation as part of their penalty to be eligible to return to competitions. When appropriate, the student shall seek a community agency or a professional individual outside the school for assessment of potential chemical abuse or misuse before being eligible to return to competition. Confirmation of completion must be submitted to the Activities Director prior to reinstatement.

C. Third Violation:

After the third confirmed violation student shall lose eligibility for the next twenty consecutive interscholastic contests or eight weeks, (56 calendar days), whichever is greater, of a season in which the student is a participant.

If after the third or subsequent violations, the student will complete a chemical dependency program or treatment program, and is assessed as chemically dependent and completes treatment, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MSHSL activities after a minimum period of six weeks after entering the program. Such certification must be issued by the director or a chemical dependency treatment center. Confirmation of completion must be submitted to the Activities Director prior to reinstatement.

D. Fourth Violation:

After the fourth confirmed violation the student will lose eligibility for one calendar year. The student must continue to participate in the activities they have in the past and must remain in good standing throughout the one-year violation period.

The student will become a participant in a treatment program and successfully complete the program and be issued a certificate of completion. Confirmation of completion must be submitted to the Activities Director prior to reinstatement.

III. Category Two Activities:

These activities are not MSHSL sponsored scheduled interscholastic contests and defined as local school sponsored events and activities. All local school events will fall under category two. These events and activities include homecoming and snow days' privileges (dance and coronation/royalty as a participant), prom, and all other school sponsored activities sponsored by school groups. Participation in graduation activities for graduating seniors will not fall under this policy.

A. First Violation:

After the first confirmed violation student shall lose eligibility for the next public performance or competition.

B. Second Violation:

After the second confirmed violation student shall lose eligibility for the next two public performances or competition.

C. Third Violation:

After the third confirmed violation student shall lose eligibility for the next four public performances or competition.

D. Clarifications:

- a. Pep Band performances will not be considered a scheduled event.
- b. Violations will result in loss of privileges for Homecoming and Sno Days Royalty for one year.

IV. VIOLATIONS: CAPTAINS AND LEADERS

A. Any student serving as a Leader or Captain of a Park Rapids High School team or activity will lose his/her Leader or Captain status immediately after the first violation of the school's code of eligibility. For seniors, this will also mean total ineligibility for a Captaincy or Leader role in all other sports and activities during the remainder of that senior's school year. Students cannot be reinstated as a Leader or Captain.

B. Students other than seniors, may be eligible to be a Captain, or Leader while a senior, even if there was a single violation in any year prior to their senior year. The desire here is not to forever punish a student for a single time mistake that they may have made while a freshman for instance.

- C. Any second violation, regardless of when it occurs, makes the individual forever ineligible for any Leadership, or Captaincy role of any High School team or activity. This would also apply to student "Royalty".