

**SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE**

Participation in interscholastic athletics and activities is 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.

SCHOOL RULES: These rules pertaining to student eligibility and conduct will be followed:

- a) In athletics, no changes between sports 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.
- b) Attend practice/meeting on a regular basis.
- c) Attendance at school is required in at least 3 of 6 periods on days in which a student is to be involved in practice or a contest. Absences must be excused. Exceptions to this must be made with prior approval of the athletic director/advisor or principal.
- d) 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. 3241-3241P.
- e) Student-Athletes who commit unlawful acts or engage in delinquent behavior may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the team.

ATHLETIC FEES: All participants are required to purchase an ASB card. In addition, the Athletic Fee is due prior to the first competition. Refunds will not be given after the first competition.

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 passing 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.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS: Students participating in co-curricular and/or extra-curricular programs are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and ethical conduct at all times. This includes refraining from biased, harassing or discriminatory behavior related to another person's race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics. Any violation of the expectations may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from the team, as well as other school disciplinary action.

INITIATIONS AND HAZING: Any abusive act with the intent to "initiate", hurt, intimidate, or humiliate another student shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate removal from the team. Such acts may include but are not limited to traditional and non-traditional "initiation" practices, such as atomic sit ups, swirlies, wedgies, and any other humiliating act or behavior.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: Students will not be permitted to possess, traffic in, and/or use non prescribed or illegal drugs, alcohol, marijuana, or any form of tobacco or e-cigarette/vapor cigarette, and may not be in the presence of, or remain in the vicinity of, the use of such prohibited substances, or engage in behavior that enables others to illegally use such substances. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete or squad member to remove himself/herself immediately. Failure to immediately leave the premises will result in the same discipline as actual use.

- a) When a first offense involving a prohibited substance occurs, the athlete will be suspended from participation for the remainder of the season **or** the athlete may choose the assistance program outlined below. The athlete will **not** be allowed to practice for one week and removed from competition for an additional two weeks **and** must:
 - i. Obtain a Substance Abuse Diagnostic Assessment from an outside agency (see school counselor for approved agencies).
 - ii. Develop a plan for completing the recommendation of the assessment.
 - iii. Communicate the results and recommendations of the assessment with the Athletic Director.
 - iv. Obtain approval for reinstatement on the team from the Athletic Eligibility Board. The board will consist of the Principal (or designee), Athletic Administrator, and two Coaches. The coach of the team where the violation occurred will not be present in the meeting.
- b) A second offense will result in the individual being ineligible for interscholastic competition for the period of one calendar year.
- c) A third offense will result in the individual being permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.
- d) Penalties will be carried forward to next sport season or school year in which the student competes.
- e) The Athletic Department may continue to monitor the athlete's compliance with treatment expectations, even if those expectations extend beyond the applicable three week disciplinary time frame. Noncompliance with the treatment recommendations will be considered a second offense.
- f) Disciplinary actions regarding athletic code violations shall be progressive and cumulative over the career of the athlete.