

Athletic Code - Chemical Use Prohibition and School Representation

1. Students are not permitted to possess and/or use non-prescribed or illegal drugs, alcohol, marijuana or tobacco. Non-alcoholic beer, tobacco-less chewing products, electronic cigarettes, etc., will be treated the same as real alcohol or tobacco products.

In addition to the prohibition against possession or use, a participant shall not attend any party or gathering of students where alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, marijuana, drugs, controlled substances, or other mood-altering chemicals are present. Such functions include parties in homes or out of doors, or while riding in a vehicle. Failure to leave **such a situation** immediately, in a safe manner, shall constitute a violation of **the Athletic Code**.

If a student cannot safely leave a situation where prohibited substances are present, the student **must** report the incident to an administrator immediately upon returning to school. Verification of the circumstances by the administrator will result in no disciplinary penalty.

2. **A first violation of this policy, either in-season or out-of-season (school year), will result in suspension from participation in contests, awards, and recognition based on the following guidelines: Subject to WIAA Rule 18.24.0**

Percent of Contests Forfeited	Investigation Circumstance
20 %	Student self-reports & takes responsibility
40 %	Student admits guilt during investigation
100 %	Student is found guilty, but denies fault

- **The % penalty of contests forfeited will follow the athlete into subsequent seasons if the consequence has not been fully served in the current season.**
 - **In order for an athlete to receive recognition and/or awards at the end of the season, he/she must end the season as a member in good standing.**
3. A second violation of this policy, either an in-season or out-of-season (school year), will result in suspension from participation in contests, awards, and recognition for one calendar year from the date of determination of a violation.
 4. A third violation of this policy, either an in-season or out-of-season (school year) will result in permanent ineligibility for interscholastic competition.
 5. For either an in-season or out-of-season (school year) violation of this policy, the student will be required to participate in a District designated chemical/tobacco use education program prior to competing in another sport season. A parent/-guardian, or another District approved adult, must participate with the student in at least the initial session of the education program.
 6. Any willful or overt act that will embarrass or detract from the team **may** jeopardize athletic participation.
 7. Student athletes are subject to the provisions of this code continuously (during the school year) until they complete their eligibility as graduating seniors.
 8. The "school year" is defined as the beginning of the fall sports season to the last day of scheduled classes in the spring. A "sport season" is defined as the first day of practice to the awards ceremony at the end of the season.
 9. **As defined by the WIAA, Cheerleading and Dance & Drill are year-long activities. For the purposes of enforcement of an athletic code violation, their year will be divided into three seasons that run concurrently with the start of each of the three sports seasons and end at the latest culminating event (state tournament or contest), for the involved sport.**