

## **JJIC-R ATHLETICS**

## **ELIGIBILITY/MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN**

### **Out-of-school suspension**

1. A student who has been suspended from school will be ineligible to participate in athletics immediately following the suspension.
2. A student who has been suspended from school is ineligible to participate in practices.
3. Undesirable behavior by students at student activities may result in suspension from school.

### **Coaches training rules**

1. Each head coach will develop ~~his~~ **their** own disciplinary requirements or code. This may be in addition to the district's code of conduct.
2. A coach may immediately suspend a player from a contest or practice for training rule violations.
3. Any suspension by a coach for a period of more than one week (seven days) will be determined at a meeting of the athlete's coach, athletic director, and the building principal. The coach must provide a written statement of the violation(s) and must confer with the student athlete and with his parent/guardian.

### **Locker room talk or rumors**

1. Coaches will pursue locker room talk or rumors which indicate that a student athlete has violated coaching rules, school rules, or is danger.
2. A confession by a student athlete will constitute evidence of violation of the rules.

### **Witnesses**

If a coach receives a statement from a faculty member or member of the community who has witnessed a rule violation, he will ask the witness to meet with the student's parent/guardian, the coach, the student athlete, the athletic director and the principal or superintendent. A witness may be used to determine rule violations. Statements from a witness may lead to an athlete's suspension from athletics.

### **Appeals**

A student athlete may appeal to the athletic committee any disciplinary actions taken for violation of training rules including those regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. This committee will consist of a school administrator appointed by the superintendent, a non-coaching teacher, a coach not participating in that specific sport, the MYHS guidance counselor and the athletic director.

The appeals process is as follows:

- ❖ A written appeal must be presented to the athletic director or the MY MS/HS Principal within (5) days of the initial ruling of the violation.
- ❖ All parties (students and the athletic committee) shall have the privilege of representation. The student's desire for legal representation shall be made in the written appeal statement and **at the athlete's and parent/guardian's own expense, not at the expense of the MY School District.**
- ❖ Upon hearing from all parties involved, the MY Athletic Review Board will report to the athlete's parent/guardian and the MY Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days, excluding weekends, from the date of the hearing. A written decision from the MY Athletic Review Board, post marked five (5) days from the hearing date excluding weekends, shall also be sent to parent/guardian via first class and registered return receipt US Mail. The decision will be binding to all parties. (Ref: Board Policy, KE)

CROSS REFS: JJIE-R, Drug and Steroid Use in School Athletics  
JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

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