

**(INCLUDING TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL USE)**

Student athletes may not use any tobacco substance, alcohol or drugs except medically documented prescriptions during the period which extends from the official beginning of fall athletics to the end of spring athletics as determined by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA).

For the purpose of this policy, the definition of drugs (controlled substances) shall include, but not be limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids, any other controlled substances as defined in law, or any prescription or non prescription drug, medicine, vitamin, or other chemical substances not taken in accordance with the Board policy and regulations on administering medicines to students.

In the event an athlete fails to comply with these standards, it will be interpreted by the athletic department and administration as an indication that the athlete does not have sufficient desire to participate in the interscholastic program. Therefore, the athlete will be denied the privilege of participating until such time as set forth in the following conditions are met:

1. First violation

The student athlete will be suspended from 20 percent of the season in which he is participating at the time of the violation.

If the violation occurs after 90 percent of a given sport's season has been completed, the suspension will be extended into the next sport's season in which the athlete plans to participate.

If the violation occurs immediately before the last game of a season, the suspension will apply to the student's next sports season.

Examples:

A violation occurs prior to the third game of the football season. The football season has 9 varsity games. The athlete will be ineligible for two (2) games (20 percent of the season). He will miss games three and four. He may return to eligibility for the remaining games if he attends practices or remains a member in good standing from the time of the violation until he again becomes eligible.

A violation occurs prior to the ninth game of the football season. The student will be suspended for the final game. If the team is in the playoffs, the suspension shall continue, up to one additional game. If the season ends, the suspension will continue into the next season the player requests to participate, including the next football season. If the season is basketball, the student would lose participation 10% of that season or up to two (2) games.

2. Second violation

The student athlete will be suspended from 50 percent of the season in which the athlete is participating at the time of the violation. If the student participates in the drug/alcohol rehabilitation program, recommended by the district (at student expense), the length of suspension will be reduced to 20% of the season in which the athlete is participating. Participation in the rehabilitation program will be the sole financial responsibility

of the student and his parent/guardian. Rehabilitation must begin before the 20% rule will go into effect. School administrators will determine when the student again becomes eligible to participate.

If the violation occurs after 50% of a given sport's season has been completed, the suspension will be extended into the next sport's season in which the athlete plans to participate. If the violation occurs immediately before the last game of a season, the suspension will apply to the student's next sports season.

Examples:

A violation occurs prior to the third game of the football season. The football season has nine varsity games. The athlete will be ineligible for five games (50 percent of the season). That student will miss games three, four, five, six and seven. The athlete may return to eligibility for both the eighth and ninth games, if he attends practices or remains a member in good standing from the time of the violation until he again becomes eligible. If the student participates in the rehabilitation program he will be suspended for only two games (20% of the season).

A violation occurs during the eighth game of the football season. The student will be suspended for the final game. If the team is in the playoffs, the suspension shall continue, up to five games. If the season ends, the suspension will continue into the next season the player requests to participate, including the next football season. If the season is basketball, the student would lose participation 40% of that season or up to 8 games.

### 3. Third violation

The student athlete will be suspended from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the athlete's high school eligibility period.

**Any student whose season ends while that player is on suspension shall forfeit all post-season honors and awards, including letters, All-Conference, All-State, or All-Star selections.**

A student may appeal his suspension in accordance with the regulations which apply to all eligibility standards and training rules.

CROSS REFS: JJIC, Eligibility/Minimum Standards for Participation  
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

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