

- 3) Athletic Emergency Form
- 4) Current physical fitness to participate in sports.

Section 2 – Physical Examination

- A. A preparticipation physical fitness form attesting to current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician, Physician's Assistant (PA) or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply.
- B. Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

Section 3 – Code of Conduct

- A. A school shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, and it is strongly recommended that the code 1) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year and 2) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches, and administration and adopted by the Board of Education or recognized governing body.
- B. The WIAA is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES). Member schools shall devote time each year to positive programs which highlight prevention and education of the risks, benefits and adverse effects of PES. Coaches, teachers, sports medicine staff and school administrators who ignore or encourage the use of PES, provide and/or sell PES to athletes (including indirect distribution through a third party) shall be subject to their own school's provisions regarding discipline.
- C. A student is required to follow the school's code of conduct on a year-round (12 month) basis.

*This rule is subject to and superseded by the requirements and limitations imposed on the school by Department of Education regulations promulgated under Title IX relating to how schools must respond to allegations of sexual harassment consistent with Part 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- 1) In-season violations of the school code will result in immediate suspension of the student from interscholastic competition for no less than one day of competition (but not less than one complete game or meet) for acts involving 1) possession and/or use of alcohol, 2) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco, and/or 3) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances, street drugs, and performance enhancing substances (PES).

Note 1: When the suspension results in a fraction of a game, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number of games (i.e. 2.1 or 2.8 games equals 3 games).

Note 2: This is a minimum penalty and may not be reduced by any other provision of the school code.

Note 3: Any portion of the suspension not completed during the current season will carry over to the next sport or sport season.

Note 4: Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault, request emergency assistance, cooperate with and assist law enforcement, and stay on the scene or who encounter law enforcement at a medical facility at which the victim is being treated cannot be issued a code of conduct violation. The victim or bystanders must meet the State Amnesty Law Requirements. The victim may not falsely claim amnesty knowing that the situation that he or she reports does not exist.

- 2) The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including all out-of-season offenses.
- 3) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and this Association, including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- 4) Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

Note: Except for conduct violations under paragraph 4) felony charges, the school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

- D. The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in Section 3-C (1-3) which results in a student being suspended for any portion of WIAA tournament competitions, is immediate disqualification of the student for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.
- E. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, may not participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament.

Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

- F. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons and/or as a result of another State Association regulation or sanction retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

Section 4 – Flagrant or Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Assault on an Official

- A. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.

Note: The penalty shall be served in the sport in which the offense occurred. If that sport season is completed, then it shall be served in the next sport or sport season.

- B. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes, or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.