

Johnston High School - Ferri Middle School

Athletic Department Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Policy

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JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL - FERRI MIDDLE SCHOOL:

**ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG POSSESSION, USE, ABUSE and PENALTIES POLICY**

Participation in athletics is a privilege and responsibility which requires all participants to adhere to alcohol, drug and tobacco policies as imposed by the school district and the individual school the student attends and represents. Medical research substantiates that the use of alcohol and mood modifying substances produces harmful effects on the human body and will affect athletic performance. Students who experiment with such substances jeopardize program morale, reputation and success, and they do physical harm to themselves and risk personal injury and harm to others. Therefore; the possession, consumption (including being under the influence of), or distribution of any controlled substance, designer or synthetic drug or naturally occurring drug, alcohol or any tobacco products, e-cigarettes or other product that delivers nicotine or mimics the reaction of nicotine (without a prescription from a physician) by a student athlete, whether it occurs on or off of school property, is prohibited and shall result in the penalties set forth herein.

This policy shall come into effect on a student's first day of school, or upon the first day of participation as a student-athlete in middle/high school athletics, whichever comes first. This policy remains in effect for every calendar school year during the course of a student's middle and high school career. The policy remains in effect regardless of whether the student is currently participating on a school sponsored athletic team.

**Definitions:** The following terms or phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them for purposes of interpreting this Policy.

- 1. Competitive Week:** A seven (7) day period of time, beginning with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs in which a student athlete is participating as a member of an athletic team, and in which that team is officially competing in a RIPCOA or RIIL sanctioned competition.
- 2. Controlled Substance:** Includes any mind altering substance or beverage set forth in Schedule I-V of the list of Controlled Substances as identified by the office of the Drug Enforcement Administration or as set forth in 21 U.S.C. §812.
- 3. Period of Suspension:** The predetermined time in which a student athlete is prohibited from appearing in any RIPCOA or RIIL sanctioned sport or event as a member of an athletic team or in individual competition. A suspension from athletic competition begins with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs. A student athlete who is suspended under this policy, and who does not serve the entire period of suspension during the sport

season in which suspension occurs, shall serve any remaining period of suspension during the next sport season in which the student athlete appears on a RIPCOA or RIIL roster. Attendance in a summer school class shall not apply toward satisfying any period of suspension.

4. **Possession:** A student who is in actual physical control of alcohol, tobacco or a controlled substance, designer or synthetic drug or naturally occurring drug, alcohol or any tobacco products, e-cigarettes or other product that delivers nicotine or mimics the reaction of nicotine without a prescription from a physician.

**Policy: Possession , Consumption or Distribution of Alcohol/Controlled Substance/Narcotics.**

Any student determined to be in possession of, to have used or to have distributed an alcoholic beverage (as defined by NRS 202.020 and any relevant local ordinances), controlled substance and/or narcotic designer or synthetic drug or naturally occurring drug or alcohol (unless prescribed by the student athlete's physician for medical purposes), is in violation of this policy.

If after an investigation by the school it is determined that the student is in violation of this regulation the student shall immediately be declared ineligible to compete in any RIPCOA or RIIL competition beginning with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs. Additionally, the student shall be subject to the following discipline:

1. **First Violation:** A four (4) competitive week suspension from participation in interscholastic competition beginning with the first scheduled competition after the suspension occurs. Two (2) competitive weeks of the suspension of eligibility may be waived if the student successfully completes all components set forth in (A.) below. The student may practice with the team beginning on day seven (7) of suspension with unanimous support from their Parent/Guardian, Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principle.

\*Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and student must meet with the Athletic Director and Coach prior to reinstatement to practice and/or play.

\*Student is required to forfeit captaincy if they hold the position.

2. **Second Violation:** If a second violation occurs at any point within the student's enrollment in the Johnston School System the student shall be suspended from interscholastic competition for one (1) calendar year beginning on the report date of the infraction. The student must complete the requirements set forth in (A.)below, in order to be considered for the reinstatement of athletic eligibility.

A student's eligibility for reinstatement for future athletic participation shall be determined by a majority vote from a committee composed of the superintendent of schools, the school principal, athletic director, each of the head coaches from teams that the student is a roster

member and a substance abuse professional. The committee's decision may be appealed to the School Committee. Both the student and a parent/guardian must be present at committee meetings in order for the reinstatement (and appeal) to be heard.

**3. Third Violation:** If a third violation occurs at any point within the student's enrollment within the Johnston School System the student's eligibility to participate in interscholastic competition will be terminated.

Appeal: A student that serves a minimum of (2) years of suspension for their third violation , and still has eligibility remaining, may appeal to the Johnston School Committee for eligibility reinstatement. Both the student and their parents/guardians must attend this meeting in order to present their appeal.

A. A substance abuse evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor at the expense of the parent/legal guardian of the student and all assessment recommendations must be satisfactorily met before athletic eligibility may be reinstated.

**Note:** Cumulative Effect of Suspensions: Multiple suspensions of a student athlete's athletic eligibility, based on violations of this policy, shall be considered as cumulative over the length of each student athlete's middle and high school career (6th through 12th grade).

**All investigations and penalty enforcements will be conducted by the school and / or district.**

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**Policy: Possession , Consumption or Distribution of Tobacco, including smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff, e-cigarettes or other product that delivers nicotine or mimics the reaction of nicotine.**

Any student determined to be in possession of, to have used or to have distributed any tobacco products, e-cigarettes or other product that delivers nicotine or mimics the reaction of nicotine (unless prescribed by the student athlete's physician for medical purposes), is in violation of this policy.

If after an investigation by the school it is determined that the student is in violation of this regulation the student shall immediately be declared ineligible to compete in any RIPCOPA or RIIL competition beginning with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs. Additionally, the student shall be subject to the following discipline:

1. First Violation: A two (2) competitive weeks suspension from participation in interscholastic competition beginning with the first scheduled competition after the suspension occurs. The

student may practice with the team beginning on day seven (7) of the suspension with unanimous support from their Parent/Guardian, Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principle

\*Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and student must meet with the Athletic Director and Coach prior to reinstatement to practice and/or play.

2. Second Violation: If a second violation occurs at any point within the student's enrollment in the Johnston School System the student shall be suspended from interscholastic competition for four (4) competitive weeks beginning with the first scheduled competition after the suspension occurs. The student may practice with the team during the period of suspension beginning on day fourteen (14) of the suspension with unanimous support from their Parent/Guardian, Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principle.

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3. Third Violation: If a third violation occurs at any point within the student's enrollment within the Johnston School System the student's eligibility to participate in interscholastic competition will be suspended for the minimum period of one (1) calendar year beginning on the report date of the infraction.

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