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Philosophy and Code for interscholastic Activities

Vision:

Involvement in Lakeland School District activities supports the academic mission and contributes to a student's preparation for life.

Philosophy:

The interscholastic activities program of Lakeland School District is designed to

- involve students in wholesome, healthy competition,
- teach respect for rules and authority,
- teach respect for the property and person of others,
- develop self discipline through rigorous training,
- develop sportsmanship through competition,
- teach the fundamentals of each activity,
- develop the individual participant to his/her potential,
- teach the value of working with others as a team,
- build physical and mental capacities, and
- develop the attributes of cooperation and social adjustment, stressing high moral character.

Participation in interscholastic activities programs is a privilege granted to those students willing to agree to and abide by the rules and guidelines established by the coaches or advisors, the administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Idaho High School interscholastic Activities Association.

To implement and teach the philosophy, the following rules are established for participants to observe and follow. The student shall:

1. Attend classes regularly; strive for academic achievement, and set positive examples in the school and community with his/her personal conduct.
2. Attend school the entire day before practicing or competing interscholastically unless special permission for an absence has been granted in advance by the principal.
3. Conform with the instructions, guidelines and training rules established by the coach or advisor with reference to but not limited to the practice schedule, equipment use, physical conditioning and practice activities.
4. Not use profanity or obscene language.
5. Maintain standards of dress set by the school and the coach or advisor.
6. Not be involved in the willful destruction and/or theft of school or personal property.
7. Maintain standards of scholastic eligibility established by IHSAA and/or the school.
8. Not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during the school year as outlined in 'B' under definitions.

Discipline:

Violations of rules 1 through 7 or conduct that brings discredit to the participant, the school, or the community, could result in temporary or permanent suspension from the activity with a subsequent loss of award. Such determination shall be made by the coach and/or administration. A violation of rule 8 shall result in one of the following actions and other discipline as designated by the principal which may include the loss of letter or other award.

- a. The use or possession of tobacco shall result in an immediate 20 school day suspension from all interscholastic activity participation and practice. Five days of practice must follow any suspension before participating in a contest.
- b. The use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs (as defined in Board Policy) shall result in an immediate suspension for 40 school days (plus five). A student may choose to reduce suspension under (B) to 20 school days (plus five) by completing an approved substance abuse assessment and treatment program. A contract plus a minimum of 8 hours in the program must be successfully completed prior to reinstatement in any interscholastic activity.

- c. A student who voluntarily discusses his/her substance abuse problem with a coach, counselor, or administrator, and agrees to participate in an approved substance abuse assessment and treatment program shall not be subject to suspension if a violation has not been otherwise reported.
- d. A student who knowingly sells, delivers, or otherwise provides drugs, alcohol, or tobacco to another student or a student who has any second violation of rule 8 during the same school year shall be suspended from all interscholastic activities for one calendar year.

Definitions:

Illegal Drugs - as defined in Board Policy, Article VI, Section F.

School Day - Shall be any day within the adopted school year calendar plus any days prior to the opening of the school year which are allowed for interscholastic activities under IHSAA rules

Suspension - The student shall not be allowed to participate in practices or contests during suspension time. A minimum of five school days of practice (assuming the IHSAA required practice time has previously been met) will be required prior to any involvement in any interscholastic contest after a suspension

Approved Substance Abuse Program - The program must involve an intake or assessment procedure followed by appropriately prescribed treatment. This may vary from “awareness education” to “addiction treatment”. The family and school personnel should be involved in the assessment and treatment if prescribed. The program should involve at least fifteen (15) hours of counseling beyond assessment over a minimum of five weeks. The student and his parent or guardian shall be responsible for all costs and arrangements for the program. Students choosing this option shall, with a parent or guardian, sign a contract. Failure to fulfill the contract and complete the program shall result in suspension from all interscholastic activities for one calendar year from the date of the violation.

Commitment to the Code

Prior to participation in an activity each student shall have a copy of the above “Code” signed and dated by himself/herself and a parent or guardian on file in the school office failure to comply with this provision shall preclude any participation in an activity until such time as the student and parent/guardian have complied with this section.

Activities Council

From time to time a committee composed of nine people representing all interscholastic activities in the school district may be convened to recommend activities policy and on occasion review rules for recommendations to the administration and/or Board. This committee will be designated as the Lakeland Activities Council and can function with a quorum.

Association with IHSAA

Upon payment of annual dues, Lakeland School District assumes membership in the Idaho High School Interscholastic Activities Association and thereby recognizes and accepts the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association as currently adopted, or thereafter amended, for the governing of all high school (grades 9~12) interscholastic activities for Lakeland Schools. Said rules shall by this policy also govern interscholastic activities and student participants in grades seven and eight.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date