

NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITY/ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Activity/athletic participants are defined as students in school-sponsored activities/athletics that represent the school publicly or competitively with other schools.

Additionally, the Newberg School District shall implement the following standards for activities and athletic eligibility for grades 6-12.

- **Academic Achievement**

Students in grade 6-8 shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 and pass all classes in the current grading period to be eligible to participate in activities and/or athletics.

Students in grades 9-12 shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 and have passed all classes the previous grading period to be eligible to participate in activities and/or athletics.

A student shall have one opportunity during each of the four years in high school to be in a probationary status and participate in activities and/or athletics if the grade point average for the previous semester fell between 1.5 and 2.0, or if the student earned a grade point average of 2.0 and had a maximum of one failed class in the previous semester. Students wishing to participate in any OSAA sanctioned activity or Newberg High School athletic program that were previously enrolled in only five classes must have passed all classes to be considered for probation.

To maintain eligibility, a student-athlete must have passed all courses the preceding semester AND must meet OSAA minimum credit requirements. See last page for these requirements.

Any student who has an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) who has not met the OSAA or Newberg School District academic standards due to his/her disability may still be eligible to participate in activities and/or athletics if the student's IEP team determines that the student is making adequate educational progress toward meeting his/her goals and objectives.

- **Citizenship**

A student participating in activities and athletics shall conduct him/herself in a positive and appropriate manner. All rules and procedures in the Code of Conduct shall be followed. A student who violates the Code of Conduct risks loss of eligibility for participation in activities and athletics.

The admission of facts which constitute a criminal offense, or conviction of criminal offense, either felony or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic violations), may result in suspension or exclusion from all activities/athletics participation. This is not intended to supersede the Newberg School District student discipline policy and administrative regulations.

- **Attendance At School**

On the day of practice or competition, a student must be in attendance at school for the full school day unless the student has a **pre-arranged absence**. Any absence that is not pre-arranged will result in the participant not being eligible to participate or compete that day. Any participant suspended from school will not be eligible for activities or athletics practice, competition, and/or performance during the length of the suspension.

**ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG OFFENSES
BY ACTIVITY/ATHLETIC PARTICIPANTS**

The procedures outlined in this document apply to Newberg School District middle and high school activity/athletic participants. The procedures will be administered by the coach/advisor in conjunction with the building administration.

These procedures are in effect upon a student's initial enrollment in any district-sponsored activity or athletic program. They remain in effect until the student graduates or transfers from Newberg School District. (365 days a year)

Consequences outlined in items number one and number two below will be cumulative for middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12). Consequences will not carry over from middle school to high school.

A student who transfers into the Newberg School District from another school district will maintain the cumulative offense status described in these procedures. Similar violations from prior school will apply in the Newberg Public Schools. Likewise, a student transferring from one middle school in the Newberg School District to another middle school in the Newberg School District will maintain the cumulative offense status.

1. Illegal Possession, Use, Distribution, Sale, or Abuse of Alcohol, or Other Drugs

1.1. No activity/athletic participant shall illegally possess, use, distribute, sell or be under the influence of alcohol, performance enhancing drugs, inhalants, or controlled substances of any kind except as prescribed by a medical professional. (Note: The sale and/or distribution of drugs will result in an automatic expulsion from the Newberg School District.)

1.2. The illegal possession, use, distribution, or sale of alcohol, performance enhancing drug, or controlled substances, or a determination by a school official that a participant illegally used either alcohol, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substances will subject the participant to the following consequences in addition to school disciplinary procedures:

1.2.1. **First Offense-**Suspension from 33% or the total number of performances/contests in that participant's current "season." This takes place from the date that knowledge of the violation became known to a school official. In the event of a first offense, if there is not 33% of the performances/contest remaining, the count will resume with the first performance/contest of the next activity/athletic season in which the participant is involved.

- In addition, the participant may not attend practices or meetings in any extracurricular programs for one calendar week, and must complete a chemical dependency assessment at the parent/guardian expense. Following the chemical dependency assessment, a meeting will be held with the participant, the parent/guardian, the chemical dependency counselor and other appropriate professionals to discuss the assessment results and develop recommendations. Agreement to follow the recommendations and the activity/athletic director or principal approval are required for reinstatement in the program. Failure to comply with the recommendations following a first offense will result in the imposition of a sanction under 1.2.2.

1.2.2 **Second Offense-** Suspension from 67% of the total number of performances/contests in that participant's current "season." This takes place from the date that knowledge of the violation became known to a school official. In the event of a second offense, if there is not 67% of the performances/contests remaining, the count will resume with the first performance/contest of the next activity/athletic season in which the participant is involved.

1.2.3 **Third Offense**-One calendar year suspension from all activity/athletic participation from the date that knowledge of the violation became known to a school official. The participant will follow the recommendations from the assessment report including participation in an approved community alcohol or other drug education program. Agreement to follow the recommendations by a substance abuse counselor, or other appropriate professional, and the activity/athletic director or principal approval are required for reinstatement in the program. Failure to comply with the recommendations following a third offense will result in the imposition of a sanction under 1.2.4.

1.2.4 **Fourth Offense**--Full exclusion from all activity/athletic programs while enrolled in any middle school in the Newberg School District or full exclusion from all activity/athletic programs while enrolled in any high school in the Newberg School District, whichever applies to the participant.

2. Possession, Use, Distribution or Sale of Tobacco

Students who participate in Newberg School District activities and or athletics, regardless of age, are expected to refrain from possessing, using, distributing, or selling tobacco. Failure to do so will result in application of the consequences as outlined in 1.2 above.

3. In the company of persons who are illegally in Possession, Use, Distribution, Sale, or Abuse of Alcohol, or Other Drugs.

3.1. Any participant who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who are illegally possessing, using, distributing, selling or are illegally under the influence of alcohol, performance enhancing drugs, inhalants, or controlled substances of any kind except as prescribed by a medical professional, is expected to take all reasonable actions necessary to leave the situation. "In the company of persons who are illegally possessing, distributing, selling, or abusing alcohol or other drugs" includes willingly remaining at a function while aware that illegal activity as noted above is occurring. Failure to do so will subject the participant to the following consequences in addition to school disciplinary procedures:

3.1.1. **First Offense**-A conference with the parent and student and a written notification, in the form of a certified letter, of a participant's failure to leave the situation will be sent to the participant's parents.

3.1.2. **Second Offense**-Suspension from 33% or the total number of performances/contests in that participant's current "season." This takes place from the date that knowledge of the violation became known to a school official. In the event of a second offense, if there is not 33% of the performances/contests remaining, the count will resume with the first performance/contest of the next activity/athletic season in which the participant is involved.

In addition, the participant may not attend practices or meetings in any extra-curricular programs for one calendar year.

3.1.3. **Third Offense**-Suspension from 67% of the total number of performances/contests in that participant's current "season." This takes place from the date that knowledge of the violation became known to a school official. In the event of a third offense, if there are not 67% of the performances/contest of the next activity/athletic season in which the participant is involved.

3.1.4. **Fourth Offense**-One calendar-year suspension from all activity/athletic participation from the date that knowledge of the violation became known to a school official.

3.1.5. **Fifth Offense**-Full exclusion from all activity/athletic programs while enrolled in any middle school in the Newberg School District or full exclusion from all activity/athletic programs while enrolled in any high school in the Newberg School District.

DUE PROCESS FOR ACTIVITY/ATHLETIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If a participant faces disciplinary action, which could result in suspension or dismissal from a club/team, the following due process will be used. This process is not intended to supersede the Newberg School District student disciplinary policy and administrative regulations.

- 1.1 The coach or activity advisor shall meet with the student and inform him/her of the reason for the disciplinary actions. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and the student shall have the right to present his/her version of the situation.
- 1.2 The student's parent/guardian shall be notified if the disciplinary action will lead to possible removal from the team/club and the reasoning for the action.
- 1.3 If the student or parent/guardian wishes to appeal the action, he/she will meet with the advisor/coach and school activity/athletic director to attempt to resolve the situation.
- 1.4 If the student or parent/guardian is not satisfied with the resolution of the situation, he/she may appeal to the principal within five school days of notification of the disciplinary action.
- 1.5 Pending the decision of the principal, the student may continue to practice with the team/club and participate in team activities but shall not participate in a team contest/performance.
- 1.6 Upon receipt of the appeal, the principal or designee will investigate the disciplinary action, including conducting an informal hearing. The student will have the opportunity to present his/her version of the facts. The principal shall respond to the student within three school days of the hearing.
- 1.7 If a student or parent is not satisfied with the response, within two school days, he/she may appeal the decision to the Superintendent who shall designate a hearing officer to hear the case.

The hearing officer's decision shall be final and binding.

**OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (OSAA)
NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS**

1. Participants must be 18 years of age or younger. Exceptions are governed by OSAA.
2. Participants must live with their parents or legal guardian within the Newberg School District boundary. Exceptions are governed by OSAA.
3. Participants shall maintain “full” student status including normal academic progress, good attendance and acceptable citizenship. Full student status is defined as currently enrolled in a minimum of five classes.
4. OSAA minimum credit requirements (number of credits required *prior* to each school year).

Sophomore credits 4.5	Junior credits 11	Senior credits 18.5
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5. Transfer students must meet OSAA resident requirements and have their grades registered in the athletic office before competition. Exchange students must be cleared through OSAA.
6. An athletic physical is required every two years and must be on file in the athletic office **before** an athlete can practice.
7. A baseline concussion test is required **every** school year prior to participation in athletics. Testing is done at Newberg High School.
8. The athletic participation fee is to be paid prior to the first athletic contest.
9. Medical insurance is required of all students participating in athletics. A record of the family insurance plan is required **before** a student will be allowed to participate in a sport.
10. When a bus is provided, participants must ride to and from contests/activities on the bus.
11. Care must be taken of athletic equipment and uniforms. If there is any damage to the equipment or uniforms for any reason other than accidental, the individual will be billed the cost to replace the identical item. The student will be billed for equipment/uniforms not turned in at the end of the season.
12. A home school student may participate in activities/athletics representing the public high school in the district in which his/her parents reside. Students must meet Home School requirements, established by State of Oregon and OSAA.
13. A private school student may participate in activities/athletics representing the public school in the district in which his/her parents reside, providing the private school does not offer the program **and** the private school is either a member or an associate member of OSAA.