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Regardless of the length of the exclusion, the athlete will lose any athletic leadership positions for one (1) calendar year.

2) Second Offense – If an athlete is found to be in violation by a member of the school staff or law enforcement agent, s/he will be excluded from participation in athletics for one (1) calendar year.

The one (1) calendar year expulsion will be reduced to fifty percent (50%) of the current regular season, including tournaments, if the athlete participates in a tobacco education program and follows its recommendations based on the program. If the exclusion is not completed in the current season or if the athlete is out of season, any remaining percentage of the exclusion shall be recalculated and applied to the next sport in which the athlete participates.

Regardless of the length of the exclusion, the athlete will lose any athletic leadership positions for one (1) calendar year.

3) Third Offense – When an athlete is found to be in violation by a member of the school staff and/or a law enforcement agent for the third time, s/he will be permanently excluded from athletic participation for the duration of the athlete's middle or high school experience.

However, after one (1) calendar year, the athlete and parent may petition the principal/assistant principal, Athletic Director, coach(es) and guidance counselor for possible reinstatement.

4) Subsequent Offenses – Any subsequent offenses will be treated as a third offense.

CITIZENSHIP

A) Definition – Citizenship – Student athletes shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects good citizenship. Any behavior that results in dishonor to the participant, her/his team or her/his school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, both on and off school premises, include but are not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect, involvement in violence, hazing, violation of the law or violations of the South-Western City Schools Student Code of Conduct.

Students violating the citizenship portion of the South-Western City Schools Athletic Code and Policies will be subject to expulsion from athletic competition.

The principal/assistant principal, after consulting with the coach and Athletic Director, reserves the right to review the severity of the citizenship offense and determine the appropriate level of disciplinary action to be taken. The principal/assistant principal, after consulting with the coach and Athletic Director, reserves the right to modify or waive steps depending on the severity of the citizenship violation.

B) Procedure

1) First Offense – The athlete could be excluded from participation in athletics for up to twenty percent (20%) of the current regular season, including tournaments. If the exclusion is not completed in the current season or if the athlete is out of season, any remaining percentage of the exclusion shall be recalculated and applied to the next sport in which the athlete participates. A student under exclusion must practice with the team, travel with the team, and sit on the bench (but not dress). A first offense could result in the loss of athletic leadership positions for up to one (1) calendar year.

2) Second Offense – The athlete could be excluded from participation in athletics for up to fifty percent (50%) of the current regular season, including tournaments. If the exclusion is not completed in the current season or if the athlete is out of season, any remaining percentage of the exclusion shall be recalculated and applied to the next sport in which the athlete participates. A student under suspension must practice with the team, travel with the team, and sit on the bench. (but not dress). A second offense could result in the loss of athletic leadership positions permanently.

3) Third Offense – The athlete could be excluded from athletic participation for the duration of the athlete's career.

BANQUET ATTENDANCE—All Offenses

A) If an athlete at the conclusion of the season is not a team member in good standing as a result of refusing assessment and/or treatment for alcohol and/or drugs, the athlete forfeits all letters/awards and the right to attend the banquet.

B) If an athlete is still on exclusion at the conclusion of the season as a result of violating the South-Western City Schools Athletic Code and Policy, the athlete may attend the banquet and be recognized but will not receive his/her letters/awards until the exclusion is completed. If the principal/assistant principal after consulting with the coach and Athletic Director determines that an athlete cannot complete the exclusion, the award will be given by the Athletic Director at a time other than the banquet, as determined by the principal/assistant principal after consulting with the coach and Athletic Director.

South-Western City Schools Athletic Policy

Alcohol

Drug

Tobacco

Citizenship



ATHLETIC ALCOHOL/DRUG/TOBACCO/CITIZENSHIP POLICY

(2431.02) Adopted 6/11/01

Participation in athletics with the South-Western City School District is a privilege not a right. Therefore any student using, possessing, selling, or buying alcohol, or using, possessing, selling, or buying controlled substances, including tobacco, or using, possessing, selling, or buying drug paraphernalia, shall be excluded from participation in interscholastic athletics by the principal/assistant principal after consulting with the coach and Athletic Director. Student athletes shall also conduct themselves in a manner that reflects good citizenship. This rule is to be in effect and enforced for twelve (12) months of the year.

Violations of this policy are to be viewed as cumulative in nature, covering two (2) years of the middle school experience, or covering all four (4) years of the high school athletic experience. Athletic violations and/or resulting exclusions will not overlap from the middle school athletic experience to the high school athletic experience.

Parents/Guardians and student athletes are required to sign an acknowledgement form prior to practice and competition each school year to determine that they understand and will abide by this policy.

DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES – ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

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VIOLATION—ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

A) Definition – Violation refers to being caught breaking the alcohol and drug policy, on or off school grounds, twelve (12) months of the year, by a member of the coaching staff, administrator, teacher, staff members or law enforcement agent. School violations will also be dealt with by the school administration.

B) Procedure

1) First Violation – When an athlete is found to be in violation by a member of the school staff and/or a law enforcement agent, s/he will be excluded from participation in athletics for one (1) calendar year.

The one (1) calendar year exclusion will be reduced to twenty percent (20%) of the current regular season, including tournaments, if the athlete participates in an alcohol/drug assessment program and follows its recommendations based on the assessment. If the exclusion is not completed in the current season, or if the athlete is out of season, any remaining percentage of the exclusion shall be recalculated and applied to the next sport in which the athlete participates.

If the athlete refuses assessment and/or fails to complete the alcohol/drug assessment program s/he will be excluded from athletics for one (1) calendar year.

A student disciplined for the first violation with a twenty percent (20%) exclusion must practice with the team, travel with the team, and sit on the bench (but not dress), unless the assessment and treatment recommendations warrant otherwise.

Regardless of the length of the exclusion, the athlete will lose any athletic leadership positions for one (1) calendar year.

2) Second Violation – When an athlete is found to be in violation by a member of the school staff and/or a law enforcement agent a second time, s/he will be excluded from participation in athletics for one (1) calendar year.

The one (1) calendar year exclusion will be reduced to fifty percent (50%) of the current regular season, including tournaments, if the athlete participates in an alcohol/drug assessment program and follows its recommendations based on the assessment. If the exclusion is not completed in the current season, or if the athlete is out of season any remaining percentage of the exclusion shall be recalculated and applied to the next sport in which the athlete participates.

If the athlete refuses assessment and/or fails to complete the alcohol/drug assessment program s/he will be excluded from athletics for one (1) calendar year.

A student disciplined for the second violation with a fifty percent (50%) exclusion must practice with the team, travel with the team, and sit on the bench (but not dress), unless the assessment and treatment recommendations warrant otherwise.

Regardless of the length of the exclusion, the athlete will lose any athletic leadership positions for the remainder of his/her school career.

3. Third Violation – When an athlete is found to be in violation by a member of the school staff and/or a law enforcement agent for the third time, s/he will be permanently excluded from athletic participation for the duration of the athlete's middle school or high school experience.

However, after one (1) calendar year, the athlete and parent may petition the building athletic council, which consists of principal/assistant principal, Athletic Director, coach(es) and guidance counselor, for possible reinstatement.

REFERRAL—ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

A) Definition – A referral is information from any source that leads the athletic department to believe that the athlete is not in compliance with the athletic alcohol and drug policy

B) Procedure

1) First Referral – After intervention the athlete must admit to the breaking of the code for the intervention to be successful. Upon successful intervention, the athlete is excluded from participation in athletics for the next seven (7) calendar days and until the assessment occurs. If after an unsuccessful intervention the athlete does not get the assessment or follow the recommendations, it will be treated as a first violation (up to one (1) calendar year exclusion).

If the athlete denies breaking the alcohol/drug parts of this policy, and the investigation does not support evidence of the referral, there will be no exclusion; however, the Athletic Director will notify the parent/guardian about the referral.

Referrals based on law enforcement or school officials' investigations into school violations will be treated as violations of the athletic alcohol and drug policy.

Referrals of greater than thirty (30) calendar days will not be considered.

2) Second Referral – If a student is referred, and the referral results in a second successful intervention, the athlete will be excluded from participation in athletics for the next seven (7) calendar days and until the assess-

ment occurs. Refusal to be assessed and follow-through with recommendations will result in the second successful intervention being treated as a second violation.

3) Third Referral – If a student is referred and the referral results in a third successful intervention, the athlete will be excluded from participation in athletics for the next seven (7) calendar days and until the assessment occurs.

Refusal to be assessed and follow-through with recommendation will result in the third successful intervention being treated as a third violation.

VOLUNTARY REFERRAL—ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

A) Definition – Voluntary Referral is when a student recognizes that s/he has a drug/alcohol problem and reports the situation to a school official who then reports the self-referral to the athletic department.

B) Procedure

1) With a first voluntary referral, the athlete will be excluded from participation in athletics for the next seven (7) calendar days and until an assessment has occurred.

Refusal to be assessed and follow through with recommendations will result in the voluntary referral being treated as a first violation (up to one (1) calendar year exclusion).

Investigation and involvement by law enforcement officials and/or school personnel into a violation of the drug or alcohol policy negates the option of voluntary referral.

2) If a student refers him/herself a second time the athlete will be excluded from participation in athletics for the next seven (7) calendar days and until the assessment has occurred. Refusal to be assessed and follow through with recommendations will result in the second voluntary referral being treated as a second violation.

If a student voluntarily refers him/herself or there's a successful intervention based on a referral, and there's already a violation on record, then the voluntary or successful intervention is treated as a first violation.

3) If a student refers him/herself a third time the athlete will be excluded for the next seven (7) calendar days and until the assessment has occurred. Refusal to be assessed and follow through with recommendations will result in the third voluntary referral being treated as a third violation.

DEALING, DISTRIBUTING, AND SELLING ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS

Dealing, distributing, or selling alcohol and/or drugs will be considered a third violation.

TOBACCO

A) Definition – Tobacco -- use, sale, or possession of tobacco products including lighters, matches, and other flame producing materials

B) Procedure

1) First Violation – If an athlete is found to be in violation by a member of the school staff or law enforcement agent, s/he will be excluded from participation in athletics for one (1) calendar year.