School Policies
Independent School District 16

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit the use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances by students participating in school district activities.

2. General Statement of Policy

A. All students who participate in athletic activities sponsored by Independent School District 16 shall be required to comply with Minnesota State High School League and District 16 rules and procedure regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances.

B. District 16 considers the possession of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances by activity participants to be the same violation as the use of these substances. Penalties will be imposed accordingly.

C. Throughout the calendar year (including the summer break) and not limited to the session or period of the activity, a student whose name appears on a Minnesota State High School League eligibility list shall not use or possess a beverage containing alcohol; use or possess tobacco; use or consume, possess, buy, sell or give away anything defined by law as an illegal drug or a controlled substance; or use of a prescription drug except in conformance with the prescription.

D. A student in possession of a legally defined prescription drug specifically subscribed for the student's use by his/her doctor shall not be deemed in violation of District policy.

3. Definitions

A. "Alcohol" includes beer with any alcoholic content and any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage, fortified wine, or other intoxicating liquor.

B. "Tobacco" includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco or other tobacco.

C. "Controlled substances" include narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, anabolic steroids, or any other controlled substance as defined in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 812, including analogues and look-alike drugs.

D. "Use" includes selling, buying, manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing, using, or being under the influence of alcohol and /or controlled substances, whether or not for the purpose of receiving remuneration or consideration.

E. "Possess" means to have on one's person, in one's effects, or in an area subject to one's control; including any area of an automobile subject to one's control.

4. Exception

A. A person who brings into a school location, for such person's own use, a controlled substance which has a currently accepted medical use i.e., treatment in the United States and the person has a physician's prescription for the substances shall not be deemed in violation of this policy. The student shall comply with the relevant procedures of this policy.

5. Procedure

A. Students who have a prescription from a physician for medical treatment with a controlled substance must comply with the school district policy.

6. Penalties

A. <u>First Violation</u>: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic contests or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. **

B. Second Violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests or three (3) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. **

C. Third Violation: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests or four (4) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. If, after the third or subsequent violations, the student has been assessed to be chemically dependent and the student on his/her own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may then be certified for reinstatement in MSHSL activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. The director or counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certification. **

D. ** In addition to the loss of eligibility as prescribed in Sections A,B and C, the student will complete five (5) hours of community service for each week of the suspension plus attend two (2) one-hour classes instructed by a licensed chemical health counselor as determined by the School District. The community service hours will be verified by the supervisor in charge and submitted to the Activities Director by the student for final approval. All of the above must be completed during the period of time in which the penalty is being served. If not the student will lose eligibility for a nine-week period.

7. Exception

A. The student has the choice of completing the assigned penalty violation or the student may choose a nine (9) week loss of eligibility which does not include community service or chemical health classes.

8. Enforcement

A. Denial Disqualification: A student shall be disqualified from all interscholastic activities for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility if the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate and is subsequently found to have committed the violation.

B. A student can serve his/her penalty only during a sport in which the student has previously participated. The student may participate in any sport he/she desires; however, the penalty will not be considered served during any new sport. In order for the penalty to be considered served, the student must finish out the entire season.

9. Other

A. Students may be allowed to practice during the serving of their penalty.

B. An athlete forfeits all post-season awards including the Spring Lake Park letter and All-Conference and Honorable Mention awards with any violation during that season. Other awards may also be affected.

C. Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation on a varsity, junior varsity, sophomore or freshman team or activity, or at the time a student's name first appeared on an eligibility list of any of these activities.

We have read and understand the above policies. We understand that these policies supersede and are more stringent than MSHS League Rules.

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(signature of student/athlete) (date) (signature of parent/guardian) (date)