

# REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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POLICY: ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE: IGDJ

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Athletic endeavors and student activities in Reedsport School District are an important contributing factor in the development of young men and women. Therefore, participants in these programs should conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times. The following rules of conduct are formulated to be strictly adhered to by all athletic and school activity participants.

All students who participate in extracurricular athletics and activities must abide by the Activities and Athletics Code of Conduct. To be eligible for participation in extracurricular athletics and/or activities, a student must sign a receipt of receiving the Activities and Athletics Code of Conduct. The Standards of Conduct for Activities and Athletics must be obeyed from the point of the first meeting.

## **Standards of Conduct for Activities and Athletics:**

1. All participants in athletics and activities are expected to practice the concept that the primary and most important reason for attending school is to get an education.
2. Students shall meet all Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and Reedsport School District requirements for participation.
3. Any student participating in an activity or as a member of an athletic team within Reedsport School District who in any way conducts himself/herself in such a manner as to bring discredit upon the student, the team/group, or the school will be suspended immediately from the sport or activity by an administrator or advisor for at least one contest/activity but the suspension may be extended to include any or all of the remainder of the season. Suspension under this policy must be approved by the principal.
4. Employees, volunteers or students in violation of OSAA rules and/or regulations will be required to remunerate the district in the event fines are assessed by OSAA as a result of their actions.
5. Where there is probable cause that a student is guilty of the possession or use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, controlled substances or imitation controlled substances at any time or place while a member of an athletic team or activity, the student will be immediately suspended from that sport or activity. The suspended student may request a hearing be established and the student's case be reviewed by a hearings committee. If the student is found guilty or fails to request a hearing, the student will continue to be suspended from the sport or activity for the penalty period as stipulated.

6. When a student decides to quit a sport or activity, the student should consult with the coach or advisor and by mutual agreement, the student will be dropped from the sport/activity. If the student wishes to join another team/activity, the student can do so only when the coaches or activity advisors involved confer and have reached a mutually acceptable decision.
7. A student who misuses the facilities and/or equipment at the student's disposal will be subject to suspension. This includes, but is not limited to, taking school materials for personal use (jersey, balls, etc.) If the student is caught with school materials, the student will be suspended from the sport or activity for a length of time determined by the athletic director or activity advisor.
8. Students will maintain neat appearance, promote good hygienic standards and for safety purposes, abide by regulations regarding hair length and facial hair, where applicable. Individual coaches may enforce more stringent regulations if they are written and approved by the athletic director and building principal before the season begins.
9. Students must be in attendance at school all day, each day, when practices, activities or contests are held, unless the absence is pre-arranged or excused through the athletic director. A student must be in all afternoon classes on Friday to be eligible to participate in Saturday activities unless pre-arranged approval is granted through the athletic director.
10. The coach of a sport or the advisor of an activity has the prerogative of recommending suspension of participation of any student who the coach/advisor believes is not abiding by the above stated rules and/or any additional school rules which apply to the general student body.
11. Transportation for participants to and from out-of-town contests/activities is provided by the school district. Team members are to travel with the team to the out-of-town contests/activities and also return with the team. The only exception will be with prior parental arrangement or with personal arrangement by the parent with the coach/advisor allowing the parent to provide return transportation. The coach/advisor will make the final decision.
12. A student is expected to practice with the team when suspended for a drug/alcohol/tobacco suspension. A student may not practice when academically ineligible or suspended from school for disciplinary procedures.
13. Participating students at Reedsport High School will be passing all classes or be earning a 2.0 G.P.A. for the previous grading semester.
  - a. Participants must meet minimum OSAA eligibility requirements when applicable.
  - b. Eligibility requirements will be checked at the end of each semester.
  - c. Students ineligible after one semester will be ineligible until the next grading period, unless incompletes are made up.
  - d. Objections may be appealed.

14. Participating students in the junior high will be required to conform to academic and behavioral guidelines. The superintendent will ensure that a procedure for administering academic and behavioral guidelines is distributed to the parents and students prior to a students participating in activities and athletics (refer to IGDJ-AR).

### **Penalty for Alcohol/Drug Violations**

Where there is probable cause that a student is guilty of the possession or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, controlled substances, and imitation controlled substances, the student will be suspended from the sport or activity and the penalty applied as documented below.

For the first violation the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and the next season. The student may be reinstated after a full six weeks if he/she:

1. Completes an alcohol/drug assessment;
2. Complies with the treatment program as delineated by the assessment professional;
3. Meets the treatment schedule as developed; and
4. Signs a release of information allowing the assessment professional and school official to exchange information regarding student behavior.
5. Fulfills his/her practice obligation to his/her team/activity.

The cost of the assessment, counseling sessions, and any follow-up is the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian.

The penalty period does not end with the sport or activity season, but continues regardless of seasons ending or beginning. If the prescribed treatment program extends beyond the suspension period, the student must continue in the program to be eligible to participate in sports and activities.

A second infraction of the alcohol/drug standard during the remainder of the school year will result in the student losing all extracurricular participation privileges for the remainder of the next three sport/activity seasons. A third positive result will result in the loss of participation privileges for the next two years from the time of the third offense.

### **Penalty for Tobacco Violations**

Where there is probable cause that a student is guilty of the possession or use of tobacco products the following suspensions from the sport or activity shall apply:

For a first offense the student will be suspended for two weeks. For a second offense the student will be ineligible to play for the remainder of the season and the next nine weeks. For a third offense the student will be ineligible to play for two years.

## Appeal Process

Any participant in athletics or an activity who believes their position in a situation resulting in disciplinary action has not been fully understood or administered, may ask for a hearing before a three (3) member Hearings Committee composed of head coaches and/or staff members as appointed by the athletic director. The athletic director will serve as the Hearings Officer. All hearings dealing with disciplinary matters related to athletic and school activities will follow due process procedures. Requests for hearings must be submitted in writing to the school principal.

1. Charges must be presented to the student in writing.
2. Hearings will be conducted within seven (7) calendar days after suspension occurs. The student will be informed in writing of the date of the hearing.
3. Students have the right to have counsel present during hearings proceedings.
4. The student has the right to present evidence/witnesses on his or her own behalf.
5. The district has the right to present evidence/witnesses
6. The student will receive, in writing, the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Committee within five (5) days of the completion of the hearing.
7. The student has the right of appeal to the next level, which is the principal.
8. The principal will review the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Committee and render a judgment.
9. If the student is not satisfied with this judgment, the student may appeal to the superintendent.
10. If the student is dissatisfied with the results, the student may appeal to the Board of Directors.

END OF POLICY

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Legal References:      ORS 326.058      OAR 581-21-034 to 049  
                                  ORS 332.075 (6)      OAR 581-022-1680

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C.A., Sections 1681, 1682, and 1683 (West 1985)

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