

## ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT

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 and his/her parent must sign 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. Activities and Athletics are defined in Board Policy IGDJ.

### **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 may be tested as soon as possible for those substances.
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. No student may join a sports team two weeks after the official start date.
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 Principal.
8. 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. All **absences** due to a medical/dental appointment must have a note from the physician prior to practicing or playing in a game that same day. **After a 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused tardy to a class you will not be allowed to practice or participate in the next contest.**
9. 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.
10. A student is allowed to practice with the team when suspended for a drug/alcohol/tobacco suspension. **A athlete may NOT practice when academically ineligible unless they have attended tutoring** or suspended from school for disciplinary procedures.

### **Academic Eligibility**

Participating students, grades 7-12, at Reedsport Community Charter School will be passing all classes and be earning a 2.0 G.P.A. for the previous grading period. A grading period will consist of end of quarter/semester and every 2 weeks in the quarter/semester. If an athlete is failing no more than 2 classes at a check point they are in a two-week probationary period. They are still eligible during this period but must attend after school and Friday tutoring. An athlete will be allowed ONLY ONE probationary 2-week period per sports season. If an athlete is failing more than 2 classes or they fail to improve their grades to passing while on the probationary period they will then be ineligible until the next grading period. If an athlete is

academically ineligible over two grading periods they will be dropped from the team. **In addition, an athlete will not be eligible to participate in practice or games if they are on the ICU list missing more than two assignments. This will be determined @4:00 each day, if you are missing more than two assignments you are ineligible the following day**

**1. In other word's if an athlete is ineligible at one grade check the minimum time of ineligibility would be 2 weeks.**

2. Participants must meet minimum OSAA eligibility requirements when applicable.
3. Eligibility requirements will be checked at the end of each semester.
4. Objections may be appealed.

### **Penalty for Alcohol and Drug Violations**

#### **Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Definitions /Terms**

• **Actual Possession:** The act of having a substance in one's custody or control. Actual possession occurs when the item is in physical custody of the person charged with possession.

• **Constructive possession:** In the absence of physical possession if there is dominion and control over the substance- when student has knowledge that alcohol, legend drugs or illegal substances are available and are being used by others- student athletes have a responsibility to remove themselves beyond all reasonable doubt and proximity from that situation. At off campus events, where drugs, alcohol, or other illegal substances are evident, student athletes who have made a willful choice to remain at the event are in violation of the rule.

• **Use:** Physical consumption of any illegal substance by any means.

• **Sale:** The act of distributing an illegal substance by means of exchanging substances for an agreed sum of money or other valuable consideration.

• **Proximity:** Close in distance, time or relationship (commingling or interacting) whether inside location or outside location (yard, street, and neighborhood).

• **Discovery- investigative:** The process by which an administrator/coach/adviser, arrives at a conclusion regarding a student's involvement in an athletics code infraction. The decision will be based on evidence either verbal or written.

• **Discovery- self admittance:** Participants who admit to their involvement in an activity code infraction and who are cooperative and honest in the investigative process regarding alleged code infractions.

• **Discovery – self referral:** Participants who admit to their involvement in an activity code infraction prior to the investigative process.

#### **Athletics Suspension/Expulsion**

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student participant, a conference will be conducted with the student as follows:

• The Athletic Director and/or Principal will present to the student participant an oral and/or written notice of alleged misconduct and violation (s) of school district rules, the evidence in support of the allegations, and the corrective action or sanction to be recommended.

• The student participant will be provided the opportunity to present an explanation.

• Following the conference with the student, the Athletic Director may recommend activity suspension or expulsion to the Principal.

• If the Principal imposes athletic suspension or expulsion, the student participant will be orally notified of the action taken. Promptly thereafter, written notice will be sent by mail to the student's parent/guardian containing the following information:

• The action taken (suspension, expulsion, etc.), the reason for such disciplinary action, and the right to an informal conference (first step of the appeal process). A copy of the suspension or expulsion notice will be sent to the Superintendent.

- Suspension expectations: participation will be determined by the Principal following consultation with the coach.

**Middle School:**

**1st Violation In-Season/Out of Season (Substance Issues, including but not limited to: tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, any nicotine delivery product, electronic smoking/vapor devices, vapor products, and nonprescribed inhalers)**

MEANS OF DISCOVERY	ACTUAL POSSESSION/USE/SALE	CONSTRUCTIVE/PROXIMITY POSSESSION
<b>Investigative</b>	Suspension for 50% of current season's contests, including postseason (and into the next season if less than 50% of current remains).	Suspension for 40% of current season's contests, including post-season (and into the next season if less than 40% of current remains).
<b>Self-Admittance</b>	Suspension for 30% of current season's contests, including postseason (and into the next season if less than 30% of current remains). If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.	Suspension for 20% of current season's contest's including post-season (and into the next season if less than 20% of current remains). *If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.
<b>Self-Referral</b>	Suspension for 20% of the current season (and into the next season if less than 20% of current remains). If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.	Suspension for 10% (or a minimum of one game). *If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.

\*Athletes seeking early reinstatement will be required to complete a drug screening.

**Whether in season or out of season, a violation of the athletic code for alcohol and/or substance abuse/tobacco will result in a suspension from athletics in the Reedsport School District**

**2nd Violation In-Season/Out of Season (Substance Issues, including tobacco)**

Whether in season or out of season, a second violation of the athletic code for alcohol and/or substance abuse/tobacco will result in expulsion from all athletics in the Reedsport School District.

**High School:**

**1st Violation In-Season/Out of Season (Substance Issues, including but not limited to: tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, any nicotine delivery product, electronic smoking/vapor devices, vapor products, and nonprescribed inhalers)**

MEANS OF DISCOVERY	ACTUAL POSSESSION/USE/SALE	CONSTRUCTIVE/PROXIMITY POSSESSION
Investigative	Suspension for 50% of current season's contests, including postseason (and into the next season if less than 50% of current remains).	Suspension for 40% of current season's contests, including post-season (and into the next season if less than 40% of current remains).
Self-admittance	Suspension for 30% of current season's contests, including postseason (and into the next season if less than 30% of current remains). If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.	Suspension for 20% of current season's contest's including post-season (and into the next season if less than 20% of current remains). *If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.
Self-referral	Suspension for 20% of the current season (and into the next season if less than 20% of current remains). If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced	Suspension for 10% (or a minimum of one game). *If student follows all recommendations 10% of the suspension may be reduced.

\*Athletes seeking early reinstatement will be required complete a drug screening.

**Whether in season or out of season, a violation of the athletic code for alcohol and/or substance abuse/tobacco will result in a suspension from athletics in the Reedsport School District.**

**2nd Violation In-Season/Out of Season (Substance Issues, including but not limited to: tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, any nicotine delivery product, electronic smoking/vapor devices, vapor products, and nonprescribed inhalers)**

MEANS OF DISCOVERY	ACTUAL POSSESSION/USE/SALE	CONSTRUCTIVE/PROXIMITY POSSESSION
Investigative	Suspension for 100% of all sports for one full year (365 days).	Suspension for 100% of current season's contest, including post-season (and into the next season if less than 100% of current remains).
Self-admittance	Suspension for 100% of current season's contests, including postseason (and into the next season if less than 100% of current remains).	*Suspension for 60% of current season's contest, including post-season (and into the next season if less than 60% of current remains).

**Athletes will be required to:**

1. Meet with a drug and alcohol counselor before reinstatement.
2. Fulfills his/her practice obligation to his/her team/activity.

**Whether in season or out of season, a violation of the athletic code for alcohol and/or substance abuse/tobacco will result in a suspension from athletics in the Reedsport School District.**

**3rd Violation In-Season/Out-of-Season (substance Issues, including but not limited to : tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, any nicotine delivery product, electronic smoking/vapor products and non-prescribed inhalers**

Whether in season or out of season, a third violation of the athletic code for alcohol and /or substance abuse will result in expulsion from all athletics in the Reedsport School District for the remainder of their High School Eligibility.

**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 the 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 procedures.
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 Hearings 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.

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This is to acknowledge that I have read the Standards of Conduct for Activities and Athletics in Reedsport School District 105 Policy and those standards set by the coach or advisor, if any. I agree that they are reasonable and that I can and will abide by these standards.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.  
Student

I agree that they are reasonable and that my son/daughter will abide by these standards.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.  
Parent or Legal Guardian