

ATHLETICS POLICIES DURING SPORTS SEASON

1. **Drugs and Alcohol:** During the season or practice or play, or at any time during the school year, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy/sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol, any marijuana or any other controlled substance. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

Minimum Penalties: as established by the MIAA and voted by the Franklin School Committee

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for a student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic events, 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. It is recommended that the students be allowed to remain at practice for the purposes of rehabilitation.

Second and subsequent violations:

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a second or subsequent violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive weeks, whichever is greater, in which the student is a participant.

If, after the second or subsequent violation, the student on his/her own volition becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center. Penalties shall be cumulative each academic year, but a penalty period will extend into the next academic year.

2. **Tobacco:** Smoking and use of chewing tobacco will not be tolerated.
Consequence: 1st offense; suspended from squad for one week.
2nd offense; dropped from squad.
3. **Attendance:** No athlete may compete in an athletic event if that athlete has not been made in attendance at school on the day of the event. This requirement includes being present on Friday for weekend athletic events. It should be noted by parents and athletes that arriving at school after 11:00 a.m. or being dismissed before 11:00 a.m. is considered a day of absence on the school register. Exceptions shall only be in extreme cases and will be done through the Assistant Principal.
4. **Outside teams:** No member of any school team will be allowed to participate in two contact sports for the same season; for example; hockey and football. Any violation of this rule will result in the student's being dropped from the squad,

5. **Discipline:** If any athlete receives a technical suspension or an out-of-school suspension, he/she will be suspended from all games and practices until the suspension has been completed and a parent) athlete, administrator conference has been completed. The earliest possible athletic participation is on the next school day after the suspension has taken place.

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6. **Practice Sessions:** Attendance will be taken at all sessions. Anyone who is late for practice must bring a note stating the time he/she left the person who detained him/her. If possible, notify your coach in advance if you are going to be late, If it will be necessary for you to be absent from a practice for reasons other than absence from school. bring a note in advance from the person requesting your absence. Daily attendance will be checked by each coach. The athlete is advised to make all non-school appointments (such as dentist or doctor) on Saturday if possible. Unexcused absences and tardiness will not be tolerated and will result the athlete being dropped from the squad.
7. **Insurance:** The school insurance does not cover the cost for prescriptions. Please note that this includes any athletic injuries.
8. **Training rules** for team members will be posted in the locker room, and explained to those participating by their respective coach.
9. **Curfews** may be imposed by coaches.
10. If it is necessary for the athlete to from to drop from the squad for any reason, he/she should show proper respect by telling the coach immediately.
11. **Equipment:** Students will be responsible for all equipment issued to them and lost equipment will be paid for at the Main Office.
12. **Stealing:** Stealing will not be tolerated. Unauthorized use and possession of athletic equipment will be subject to disciplinary action and possible suspension from the team.
13. The professional staff win be responsible for reporting violations of athletic policies.
14. Coaches are always ready to assist athletes with any problems.

SPECIAL NOTE:

1. **AN ATHLETE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN ATHLETIC EVENT ANY DAY HE/SHE IS TARDY AFTER 11:00 A.M. ABSENTEE LISTS WILL BE CHECKED BY COACHES EACH DAY.**
2. **AN ATHLETE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENT IF HE/SHE OWES A BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCE, I.E., MAJOR DETENTION, A.D.P., ETC.**

If there are any questions about these or any other policies or procedures related to the athletic program, please contact the athletic director at 541-2100 ext. 3040.