

## Northern Tioga School District Athletes' Code

As a member of an athletic team in the Northern Tioga School District the athlete will follow the rules as listed below, realizing that violation of these rules will result in suspension from participating on a team. The Building Athletic Eligibility Committee has the right to expel an athlete for the season or school year for a first offense.

- 1) Students smoking and/or possessing/using tobacco products will be subject to disciplinary actions described in the Student Code of Conduct.
- 2) Students found possessing or using alcohol will be removed from an in-season team. They will lose their letter for that sport for that season. The violator must also attend the District's Athletic Rehabilitation Program before competing in any future athletic programs.

An athlete that is not in season who violates the provisions of this code must also attend DARP. Failure to attend the rehabilitation program will result in that person being barred from future sports programs in NTSD.

- 3) Students found possessing or using controlled dangerous substances may not participate in any extra curricular activity for six school months following the date of offense.

In any case, for in season or out of season violations, the second violation of these provisions (1, 2 or 3) will result in removal from all athletic teams in NTSD for the duration of the student's enrollment.

- 4) As representatives of their school, athletes will conduct themselves as good citizens at all times. They will not show disrespect to any athletic official or personnel of their school or any other school. The first offense will result in at least one game suspension; the second offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
- 5) Academic Eligibility for athletic activities based on the premise that academic performance is the keystone of the future and the standard against which participation is measured. Athletes will be passing in all subjects, (60%). Grades will be checked on a weekly basis.
  - Eligibility lists will be collected on Friday of each week during the season and athletes and the Athletic Director will inform coaches on Monday. (If a student athlete is absent on Monday, it is the coach's responsibility to inform the athletes.)
  - Week One – The student will be placed on probation. The student may play and practice.
  - Week Two – If the student is still failing the same subject at the end of one week's probation, he/she will be placed on suspension. During the suspension period, the student may practice, may not play, dress or attend games.
  - Week Three – If the student is still failing, the same subject at the end of the one week's suspension, the suspension will continue for one week. If the student is still failing the same subject after two weeks suspension, he/she will be dropped from the team.
  - Ineligibility Time Period: Students are identified on Monday. They are ineligible from Monday through the following Saturday.
  - Tutorial guidance will be made available to student athletes who request it from the Athletic Director.
  - Students must fulfill all the regulations and requirements set forth by PIAA.

- Students will be full time (carry minimum of 3 block credits per semester).
- 6) Athletic equipment or uniforms issued to students are their responsibility. Athletes will be held financially responsible for their loss or damage.
  - 7) When making trips to other schools athletes will be expected to dress well and present a neat appearance.
  - 8) Remember the coach makes decisions concerning who plays, when and how much. If athletes have questions concerning their status as players, they should discuss it with the coach privately.
  - 9) Neatness of the locker area and locker room will be expected.
  - 10) All athletes will ride the team bus to and from games. Athletes may ride home with their parents if circumstances warrant this and arrangements are made in advance with the coach.
  - 11) Any evidence of poor citizenship, inadequate academic standing or infractions of school and community rules not specially named above will be dealt with on an individual basis by Building Athletic Eligibility Committee.
  - 12) Parents permitting their sons and daughters to participate in extra-curricular activities should be aware of the possibility of injury and are accepting the risk of student injury.
  - 13) Parents and athletes will be required to sign the athletic code prior to participation.
  - 14) Chain of Command – Whenever a problem or a grievance develops in an extra-curricular activity or sport, the following chain of command is to be followed by the person who has a problem or grievance.

Level One – As soon as practical the person who has a problem or grievance will first attempt to solve the problem with the coach or sponsor involved. These communications are to be held at an appropriate time and in an appropriate location. During or after practice or immediately after a contest is not an appropriate time for such communications.

Coaches/directors have other responsibilities at such times and there is not an opportunity for private and open communications. This Level I process shall be completed in a prompt and timely manner.

Level Two – If the situation is not resolved at Level I, the grievant may appeal to the Athletic Director or Principal as appropriate.

Level Three – Superintendent

Level Four – Board of Education

If a problem or grievance cannot be resolved at lower levels of the chain of command, the final decision regarding any party of this policy shall be with the Board of Education.

It is the responsibility of the party in grievance (student, parents, or other person) to contact or meet with the coach first and then to follow the chain of command if the problem remains.

I hereby state that I have read and understood the above rules and regulations. I understand that smoking and/or possessing/using tobacco products and using alcohol carry in-season and/or out of season penalties for the duration of enrollment at NTSD. I further agree to abide by them and that in case of violations the decision of the Athletic Eligibility Committee is final.

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Student Athlete

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Parent or Guardian