

Extra-curricular Activity Training Rules

Purpose

The purpose of the establishment of this policy is to provide pertinent information, guidelines and recommendations to all Roundup Schools' students that choose to participate in extra-curricular activities. The following is a set of training rules that we as parents, coaches, activity sponsors, students, and faculty wish to set forth.

Philosophy

All students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities offered by Roundup Public Schools.

Participation in extra-curricular activities is considered a privilege. This privilege carries with it responsibilities to the Roundup Schools, the student body, the activity itself, the community, the students' families and to the participants themselves.

Young people learn a great deal from their participation in activities. Lessons in SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, COOPERATION, and how to WIN, and LOSE GRACEFULLY and all integral parts of activities. Activities can also pay an important part in helping the individual student to develop a POSITIVE SELF-CONCEPT, an ALERT MIND, and a CHEMICALLY FREE HEALTHY BODY. Competition enhances school and community pride in both themselves and their school.

Coaches, co-coaches, sponsors, and parents should provide guidance in the development of SELF-ESTEEM, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, COOPERATION, LEADERSHIP, APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, and an APPRECIATION for the IMPORTANCE of HARD WORK and DEDICATION.

Remembering that participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege, those students involved in these activities will abide by the following training rules, relative to conduct and substance abuse, keeping in mind, these are a basic set of rules and that coaches, co-coaches, and sponsors may impose further guidelines for their individual programs.

While there will undoubtedly be gray areas and methods to circumvent the "letter of the law", it is the goal of this philosophy that the intent of the rules be observed. This Philosophy statement and the following Activity Rules may be reviewed at any time but will be reviewed in May of every year.

POLICY ACTIVITIES: This policy will apply to the following activities:

1. MHSA sanctioned Athletics
2. MHSA sanctioned Speech and Drama
3. MHSA sanctioned Cheerleading
4. Pep Band

Policy Coverage: This policy states that a student shall not 1) use, have in possession, sell, or distribute alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, and 2) abuse prescription or non-prescription drugs. This policy is not intended to apply to the use of prescribed drugs, under a doctor's supervision, when those drugs are used in the prescribed manner. Possession is defined as the use of a prohibited substance, having a prohibited substance in personal possession, or knowingly (as defined as a reasonable prudent person would know) being present at a function or gathering at which alcohol and/or drugs are being used unless they are with a parent. A student cannot enter any establishment where alcohol is the chief item of sale unless they are with a parent. If a student is without a parent, they cannot be in an establishment that serves alcohol unless it is to sit and eat in the dining area. The student who unexpectedly finds him/herself in a compromising situation must take immediate steps to disassociate him/herself from the situation.

PENALTIES:

1st Violation: The first violation of this policy shall result in the student's suspension for **twenty-eight (28) calendar days unless the student agrees to enroll in a district-approved drug/alcohol/tobacco education program consisting of a four (4) week course. If the student does enroll in a district-approved drug/alcohol/tobacco education program and submits documentation to the Athletic Director, the activity suspension will be fourteen (14) calendar days.** During the suspension the student will be required to attend all practices and competitions/games but will not participate in any competition. If a competition/game does not occur during the suspension, the student will not participate in the next scheduled competition/game. If the coach/sponsor feels that attendance at an out of town competition/game is not in the best interest of the team; the coach may choose to leave the student home. The parents/guardians will be notified of this decision in a timely manner. A student in violation of the policy will not be permitted to change activities during the season. A violation may impact awards.

2nd Violation: A participant committing a second violation, during the school year is immediately suspended from the current activity for the duration of the activity. The participant will forfeit all awards from the current activity. A student may not change activities during the season. The student may participate in the next season's activity.

3rd Violation: If a 3rd violation occurs at any time during the same school year, the student will be suspended from all current and future activities for the remainder of the school year.

Referrals: A coach, sponsor, or school authority can be made aware of the violation of this policy by any source such as police, school personnel, counselors, coaches, advisors, community members, parents, and other students, but not limited to these.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY RULES: It is recognized that the policy regarding training rules for alcohol, tobacco, and drugs has been established in another section of this policy. The purpose of this section is to recognize that coaches, sponsors, and/or participants may develop additional rules which may or may not be unique to the activity. Examples of these may include: dress code, practice attendance vs. participation eligibility, academic eligibility, curfews, school attendance verse practice or participation; etc. The preceding list contains only examples and should not be taken as being either all exclusive or inclusive. These rules will be written and made available and know to all participants and their parents/guardians, the appropriate administrative personnel and the Board of Trustees. These rules will remain in effect from their inception to the end of the activity for which they were written. It is also recognized that different activities may have different rules under this section.

Student and Parent Due Process: If determination is made that a student has violated this policy, the student, parents, and/or guardians shall be notified of the violation by telephone where possible and also by mail. Also at this time, the student, parents, and/or guardians shall be notified of the type of discipline that will be administered. The discipline will become effective immediately upon this notification.

Appeal Process: Appeals to enforcement of this policy's rules may be found in policy 1700 Uniform Grievance Procedure of Roundup Public Schools Board Policy. During the appeal process, the appropriate disciplinary action as described under the penalty section will be suspended until the conclusion of the appeal.

Parental Permission: Before any student may participate in any covered activity the Participant's Agreement and Parent's/Guardians' Agreement must be signed and forwarded to the coach/sponsor. The agreements will state that the participant and parent/guardians have read, agreed upon and understood the rules and that the participant will abide by the rules during the covered activity period. The participants and parents/guardians will be given a copy of the rules.

Special Education: Participants who are in special education will be dealt with in accordance with their IEP, however when they participate in the covered activities, they are to abide by the same rules as other participants.

DEFINITIONS: The following are given to help clarify the policy.

School Year – As determined by the Board of Trustees including those days outside the normal school year; i.e. fall activities practices and spring activities' competitions.

Length of activity/season:

- Fall Sports – MHSA defined season
- Fall Pep Band – same as Fall Sports
- Fall Cheerleading – same as Fall Sports
- Speech and Drama – MHSA defined season
- Winter Sports – MHSA defined season
- Winter Pep Band – same as Winter Sports
- Winter Cheerleading – same as Winter Sports
- Spring Sports – MHSA defined season

EXAMPLES: The following is given to help clarify the intent of the drafters of the policy.

Situation 1: A participant is found to be in violation of the policy.

Action: The participant is suspended for twenty-eight (28) calendar days unless the student agrees to enroll in a district-approved drug/alcohol/tobacco education program consisting of a four (4) week course. If the student does enroll in a district-approved drug/alcohol/tobacco education program and submits documentation to the Athletic Director, the activity suspension will be fourteen (14) calendar days. The student will be eligible to participate in competition as soon as the suspension has ended.

Situation 2: A winter participant who has one violation, during the current school year, and commits a second violation.

Action: The participant is suspended from all activities for the remainder of the current season. The participant is eligible for spring activities.

Situation 3: A participant commits a third violation in the same school year.

Action: The participant is suspended from all activities for the remainder of the school year.

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Participant's Agreement

I _____ who wishes to participate in _____
(Name of participant) (Name of activity)

have received a copy of Roundup Public Schools Activities Training Rules Policy 3339. I have read and understand the Roundup Public Schools Activities Training Rules Policy 3339 and I have had explained to me those sections of the policy that were unclear or that I did not understand. I also understand that by my signing this agreement that I am agreeing to follow and to abide by the rules stated in the policy.

(Participant)

(Date)

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ who wishes to participate in _____
(Name of Participant)

_____ have received a copy of the Roundup Public Schools Activities Training Rules Policy 3339. I/We have read and understand the Roundup Public Schools Activities Training Rules Policy 3339 and I/we have had explained those sections of the policy that were unclear or that I/we did not understand. I/We also understand that by signing this agreement that I/we have agreed to the fulfillment of certain obligations as parent(s)/guardian(s) of the participant.

(Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS SIGNED PAGE TO THE COACH/SPONSOR BEFORE BEGINNING THE ACTIVITY.