

## **UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT Student Athletic Code**

University Place School District's Student Athletic Code exists in order to provide specific guidelines to be followed by students who represent their school in athletics. In addition to this Student Athletic Code, athletic program participants are also governed by their school's student handbook, school district policy, and W.I.A.A. requirements.

All students who participate in the athletic program of the University Place School District will comply with the rules and regulations and will submit to the reasonable discipline of school authorities. Any student having registered and/or participated in the athletic program is subject to the athletic conduct and control for student athletes from the first participation until graduation from senior high school.

Any student athlete who willfully performs and act which materially interferes with or is detrimental to the orderly operation of a school's educational and athletic program will be subject to athletic discipline, probation, suspension or dismissal. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to those enumerated below.

The following acts by a student athlete on school premises (or in reasonable proximity thereto), or off school premises at any school-sponsored activity will constitute sufficient cause for athletic discipline, probation, suspension or dismissal: disruptive conduct, disobedience of reasonable instructions of school authorities: refusal to identify oneself: unauthorized absence from turnout or game; cheating; immoral conduct; vulgarity or profanity, destruction or defacing property: extortion, intimidation or harassment (including racial/gender) of another student or employee: assault of another student or employee; stealing; possession or use of any dangerous weapons or objects; and, the commission of any criminal act as defined by law.

The following acts by a student athlete on or off school premises will constitute sufficient cause for athletic probation, suspension or dismissal: Use, sale, or possession of tobacco; use, sale or possession of alcoholic beverages; use, sale or possession of drugs and/or related paraphernalia. Possession includes both physical and constructive

### **I. CITIZENSHIP**

Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at school or student-sponsored activities. Examples of appropriate citizenship are respectful conduct at school assemblies, athletic events, study hall, lunchroom, etc. Student athletes may be placed on athletic probation or suspension for an incident which is considered poor citizenship.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

WIAA rules govern athletic attendance and scholarship, (see WIAA Handbook Article 18.6.0 to 18.8.3)

In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current semester/trimester, the student shall maintain passing grades in a minimum of:

- 3 classes in a 4 period class schedule
- 3 classes in a 5 period class schedule
- 4 classes in a 6 period class schedule
- 5 classes in a 7 period class schedule
- 5 classes in a 8 period class schedule

### **RUNNING START COURSES EQUIVALENT:**

- 2 - 5 credit quarter courses = 2 high school credits
- 2-3 credit semester courses = 2 high school credits

Any class taken as part of the regular schedule of the student during the semester/tri-mester shall be considered to be a full time subject.

In addition, student athletes also must meet the following Curtis Junior High standards:

- 1 A student athlete must earn a grade point average of no less than 2.0 at the completion of the immediately preceding semester/quarter.
- 2 A student athlete who fails to earn the required 2.0 grade point average in the previous semester/quarter will be placed on probation the first Monday following report card distribution. After twenty school days of the next quarter, the student athlete may be reinstated for interscholastic competition, if she/he has a grade point average of no less than 2.0.

Fall sport athletes will be placed on probation until the tenth school day. After ten school days of the first quarter, the student may be reinstated for interscholastic competition, if she/he has a grade point average of no less than 2.0. On the twentieth school day these athletes grades must also be no less

Student athletes may attend summer school to regain athletic eligibility. Class or classes taken during summer school will be averaged with the student athlete's second semester grades. If a class is retaken, the summer school grade if higher will replace the previous grade.

- 3 Junior high students competing on high school teams will be required to comply with the Curtis Junior & Senior High School student athletic code.
- 4 Exceptions to this minimum grade point average requirement can only be made by the principal. The principal will review all petitions for any relaxation of this requirement on an individual basis and will base his decision on the degree to which the petitioner can make a case that the grade point average was uniquely affected by exceptional circumstances representing an undue

The Curtis Junior & Senior High School Minimum grade point average requirement in no way supplants or abridges WIAA eligibility rules.

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Any student athlete participating in an activity shall be expected to attend all classes on the day of the scheduled activity. In cases of week day scheduled activities, attendance in all classes the following day shall also be expected. Failure to comply with these attendance regulations may result in a student athlete's being declared ineligible and not allowed to participate in the next scheduled activity. An exception may be made when a coach makes a specific arrangement for an individual case with the administration.

## **IV. SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**

A student athlete suspended from school for disciplinary reasons for any length of time during a sport's season will be ineligible to participate in athletics for the period of that suspension. If a student is suspended from school and back in school pending appeal, he/she is still subject to athletic discipline.

## **V. DRUG/ALCOHOL**

Physical or constructive possession, use, or sale of alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, controlled substances or substances purported to be a controlled substance and possession of related paraphernalia by a student athlete on or off campus will result in a long-term suspension from athletic participation for one calendar year. The suspension may span into the next sport season and/or next school year. Building athletic directors of the secondary schools have the authority to reduce long-term suspensions to a shorter duration provided the building athletic director is convinced that a plan is in progress which will result in elimination of future involvement with drugs and alcohol. In no case will the long-term suspension be reduced to less than 10 school days.

## **VI. ANABOLIC STEROIDS AND OTHER LEGEND DRUGS**

Illegal possession and use or sale of anabolic steroids or any other legend drugs by a student athlete on or off campus during the school/sports year will have the following

1st Violation - The student athlete shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the student athlete wishes to turn out. In order to be eligible to participate in the next interscholastic sports season, the student athlete shall meet with the school eligibility board, consisting of coaches and administrators selected by the principal, to request approval to participate. The school eligibility board will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student athlete's case. The principal shall have the final authority as to the student athlete's participation in the interscholastic sports program.

A student athlete who seeks and receives help for a problem with use of legend drugs shall be given the opportunity for assistance through the school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall participation in a school and or community approved assistance program excuse a student athlete from subsequent compliance with this regulation. Successful use of this opportunity by the student athlete may allow him/her to participate in the athletic program, pending recommendation by the school eligibility

2nd Violation - The student athlete shall be ineligible and prohibited from participating in any WIAA-member school interscholastic sports program for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

3rd Violation - The student athlete who violates shall be permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA-member school athletic program.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- A. Washington Interscholastic Activities Association rules must be followed in all cases of eligibility, transfer, physical examination, insurance coverage, starting dates, use of school equipment, etc. Each coach has the responsibility to know, to inform team members and parents, and to enforce school and WIAA regulations in these matters.
- B. Any civil law infraction of any conduct by a student/athlete that is determined by the head coach and school administration to be detrimental to the athletic program, school, or school district will result in counseling by the head coach and/or a school administrator and may result in probation, suspension or dismissal from athletic
- C. The risk of physical injury or harm exists with participation in athletics. Student athletes must follow the rules and techniques outlined by coaches for safe competition in their sports.
- D. Student athletes must travel to and from contests away from Curtis in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions are:
  - 1 Injury to a participant which would require alternate transportation.
  - 2 Prior arrangement between the participant's parent/guardian and the coach for the student athlete to ride with the parent/guardian.
- E. A display of unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate behavior during a practice or contest will result in counseling by the head coach and possible probation or suspension from athletic participation.
- F. The use of tobacco or possession of tobacco products on or off school premises will constitute sufficient cause for athletic probation, suspension, or dismissal.
- G. Completion of the sports season is required in order for the student athlete to be eligible for a letter or other team/individual awards. (Exception: injury which limits participation.) No awards shall be given to any student/athlete suspended for the remainder of the season.
- H. To resume participation following an illness and/or injury serious enough to require medical care, a participating student athlete must present to school officials a physician's written release.
- I. Student athletes will be personally responsible for all school equipment checked out and will return same in good condition and on time. School uniforms and equipment shall not be used as personal items of clothing. Equipment lost, misplaced, or damaged will be paid for by the student.
- J. Student Athletes must have paid the ASB Activity Fee and be cleared of all fines prior to their first practice in each sport.

## **VIII. COACHES RULES**

An athlete will abide by specific rules formulated by the coach who has responsibility for that athlete for that program.

## DEFINITIONS

- A. Probation - This is a trial period during which a student athlete remains a part of the squad while attempting to correct deficiencies in a time prescribed by the head coach. During the probation period, interscholastic competition is not permitted; however, participating at practice sessions is expected. Upon completion of the probation period, the coach shall inform the student athlete, parents/guardian, the principal, and the athletic director whether the deficiencies have been satisfactorily met. If not, the probation may be extended, possibly into the next sport season.
- B. Suspension - This is an action taken to suspend a student athlete from all athletic participation, including practices, for a definite period of time.
- C. Dismissal - Dismissal action results in the termination of athletic participation.
- D. Two Completed Emergency Forms
- E. Constructive Possession - In the absence of physical possession, if there is dominion and control over the substance - such as knowledge that alcohol, legend drugs or illegal substances are available and/or being used by others - student athletes have a responsibility to remove themselves, beyond all reasonable doubt and proximity, from the 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.

## II. PROCEDURE

- A. The coach shall inform the student athlete of deficiencies and how to correct them.
- B. The coach or Athletic Director shall send a letter home to the student athlete's parents/guardians.
- C. A reinstatement letter shall be sent home to parents/guardians at the end of the disciplinary period.
- D. Appeal for sports season suspension
  - 1 Upon the imposition of penalty for infraction(s) of said rules or regulations, any aggrieved student athlete and parents/guardians of said student shall have the right to a conference with the building principal and/or his designee to appeal the imposed sanction. If the student athletes and parents/guardians do not make a written request for the conference within three (3) school days of the action, they will have waived their right to the conference and appeal procedure. This conference is to be held within three (3) school days of the request.
  - 2 If the parties are unable to agree at this conference, the aggrieved party may appeal to the superintendent or designee within three (3) school days of the appeals decision. The superintendent of schools, after hearing the case in detail, shall render a decision within ten (10) school days of the hearing.
  - 3 The aggrieved party may appeal the superintendent's or the designee's decision to the board of directors within three (3) school days. The board of directors, after hearing the case in detail, shall render a decision on the case within ten (10) days of the hearing. This decision shall be final.