



## CURTIS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE (9-12)

Participation in Curtis High School's athletic program is completely voluntary. Involvement does, however, require a commitment from both the athlete and parent or legal guardian with respect to academic standing, citizenship, physical conditioning and obligations to the goals and philosophies of the school and the athletic department. In addition to Curtis High School's rules, the following athletic code has been adopted for those students who accept the role of athlete.

### **I. Eligibility**

To meet all of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and Curtis High School requirements, all student athletes must meet all eligibility standards of 18.0.0 by WIAA <http://www.wiaa.com/conDocs/Con1782/Eligibility%208-24.pdf> which include, but are not limited to the following.

- Be under twenty (20) years of age on September 1 for the fall sports season, on December 1 for the winter sports season and on March 1 for the spring sports season.
- At each grading period, athletes must pass a minimum of five (5) classes out of six (6) and maintain at least a 2.0 gpa. An athlete who is declared ineligible at the beginning of the season may regain his/her eligibility at the next five (5) week grading period. At interim grading periods, an athlete must be passing five (5) of six (6) classes to maintain his/her eligibility.
- Be in attendance a minimum of three (3) full class periods in order to participate in practice or athletic contests that same day. Classes missed must be from an excused absence. Exceptions to this rule include, but are not limited to field trips, college presentations, family emergencies, doctor appointment, etc and must be approved by the Athletic Director.
- Must have a valid physical examination.

### **II. Sportsmanship and Citizenship**

Curtis High School student athletes are expected to demonstrate exemplary conduct in practice and competition, in the classroom, at school related functions and in our community. Both players and parents will promote and practice the ideals of good sportsmanship and show respect to all players, coaches, staff and officials. Disciplinary infractions at school could result in suspension or dismissal from an athletic team by the athletic director or principal. In addition, student athletes that receive school discipline that includes suspension will serve a concurrent suspension from athletics.

### III. Alcohol and Drug Use

The alcohol and drug use policy is in effect from the first day the athletic code is signed until the last day of competition during the athlete's senior year. This includes in-season, out of season and summer months. Offenses are cumulative, regardless of the offense. Curtis High School athletes will be in violation of the athletic code if they use or possess any of the following including, but not limited to: all vaping and tobacco products, THC products, marijuana, alcohol, dangerous or legend drugs and controlled substances. Athletes must consent to an assessment by a district approved agency and will comply with the recommendation of the assessment prior to returning to participation. Any athlete found in violation of the athletic code will meet with the athletic director and parent prior to returning to play. Students suspended for athletic code violations will be given the right to try-out for a sport that make cuts. Suspension will resume after final cuts are made. (Athletic Day Definition - Any day a coach has practice or competition with the entire team.)

- **Tobacco / Vaping Products**

1st Offense - Suspension will be a total of ten (10) athletic days. Athlete will be immediately suspended from interscholastic competition. The athlete will be allowed to continue practicing with the team during the suspension. This suspension will carry over to the next sport season if the imposed suspension is not completed.

2nd Offense - Suspension will be a total of twenty (20) athletic days. Athlete will be immediately suspended from practice, all interscholastic competition and will lose all league and athletic awards earned. This suspension will carry over to the next sport season if the imposed suspension is not completed.

3rd Offense - Athlete will be immediately suspended from all interscholastic competition for 365 days.

4th Offense - Athlete will be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

- **Alcohol**

1st Offense - Suspension will be a total of fifteen (15) athletic days. Athlete will be immediately suspended from interscholastic competition. The athlete will be allowed to continue practicing with the team during the suspension. This suspension will carry over to the next sport season if the imposed suspension is not completed.

2nd Offense - Athlete will be immediately suspended from interscholastic competition for 365 days.

3rd Offense - Athlete shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

- **Legend Drugs/Controlled Substances (including marijuana and THC products)**

1st Offense - A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season and will lose all league and athletic awards earned. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate unless the student accesses the assistance program outlined in B (below). An athlete who is found to be in violation of the legend drugs and controlled substances rule shall have two options.

A. The athlete will be ineligible for participation in contests for the remainder of that interscholastic sports season and must meet the school's requirements listed on page 2, section III in order to be eligible to compete in the next interscholastic sports season. The school principal will have the final authority regarding the student's participation in further interscholastic sports programs.

B. The athlete may choose to seek and receive help for a problem with use of legend drugs or controlled substances. Successful utilization of school and or community assistance programs may allow him/her to have eligibility reinstated in that athletic season, pending recommendation by the school principal.

2nd Offense - A participant who again violates any provision of RCW 69.41.020 through 69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.

3rd Offense - A participant who violates for a third time RCW 69.41.020 - 69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

- **Participants attending functions where drugs and alcohol are being illegally consumed.**

Students, upon learning of the presence and/or use of such substance must leave within ten (10) minutes. The athlete is responsible for notifying their coach or the athletic director immediately. In all cases the student is charged with the burden of proving that efforts were made to leave the gathering. Failure to comply will result in the following consequences.

1st Offense - Athlete will be immediately suspended from interscholastic competition for fifteen (15) days. The athlete will be allowed to continue practicing with the team during the suspension. This suspension will be imposed during the next sport season if it is not completed.

2nd Offense - Athlete will be immediately suspended from all interscholastic competition for 365 days.

3rd Offense - Athlete will be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

#### **IV. Athletic Discipline and Probation**

Coaches may send student athletes home for the remainder of the contest or practice if their conduct is disruptive. In the event the behavior occurs more than once, a suspension period may be imposed by the coach. Parent will be notified by the coach. Parents and athletes will be informed of the number of days and behaviors that need correcting. After a suspension, the student athlete, along with their parents and or guardians, coach and athletic director will meet to create a plan of success for the athlete.

#### **V. Due Process**

Participants who are disciplined under the athletic code have the right to request an informal hearing with the Athletic Director within three (3) school days of the imposition of the penalty. The request shall be written and submitted to the athletic director.