

**Maynard Public Schools
Extra-Curricular Agreement
Athletics**

Preamble

This agreement between students, their parents or guardians, and Maynard Public Schools is designed to serve several purposes. It is intended to influence students to make wise and legally sound decisions. It is also designed:

- To help ensure the physical and mental health of students;
- To enable student athletes and leaders to set an example of responsible behavior;
- To promote zero-tolerance of under age (21 years) drinking as defined by federal and state laws, as well as of the use of illegal and harmful chemical substances among our youth;
- To bind the community together in support of its students;

This agreement was first developed by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), and was created in pursuant to the rules of the MIAA. Our high school membership in this association allows our athletic teams to compete in the Mid-Wach League. To maintain membership, we must adhere to and enforce the MIAA policy.

RULE

During the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product; marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. As defined under, Mass General Laws, Ch 90D. This policy includes products such as “NA or near beer”. Or intake the vapors of any intoxicating substance, such as glue, nitrous oxide and the like, sometimes referred to as “huffing”.

It should be noted that:

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again.

PENALTIES

First Violation: When the coach and/or athletic director and/or school administration find that a student violated the above rule, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that a student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e., All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 25% of the season. **Second and Subsequent Violations:** When the coach and/or athletic director and/or school administration find that a student violated the above rule, following an

opportunity for the student to be heard, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e., All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 25% of the season.

If after the second or subsequent violation 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 of 40% of events.

Penalties shall be cumulative each academic year. If the penalty period is not completed during the season of violation, the penalty shall carry over to the student's next season of actual participation, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year.

Taken from the MIAA Blue Handbook

Captain's Role

If a captain of a team has been found to have violated the above rule, his or her captaincy will be revoked as well. The revocation of captaincy shall be for the particular sport. If a student (captain) is to have violated this rule a second time, he/she will loose their captaincy for the remainder of the school calendar year.

We _____ the Parents/Guardians

of :

Have read and agree to follow the MIAA/Maynard Public schools drug and alcohol Policy stated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Athlete Signature

Date