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CO-CURRICULAR/INTERSCHOLASTIC PARTICIPANTS

Purpose

The Crawford Central School District hereby declares that the purpose of this policy is to protect the health and well-being of our students and the integrity of school activities. The Board establishes this policy to prevent substance abuse by our students who participate in co-curricular and/or interscholastic competition and student activities.

The Crawford Central School District recognizes and affirms the individual value and potential of each member of its school community. The following guidelines have been developed to uniformly guide our students during their participation in co-curricular interscholastic activities. Each coach/advisor is responsible for reviewing the policy with every student involved in the activity. A parent/guardian is requested to sign and return the policy verifying his/her knowledge and acceptance of the guidelines.

Authority

Crawford Central School District has the right to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing participation in co-curricular/extracurricular activities. Further, the District deems that participation in co-curricular interscholastic activities is a privilege. By virtue of this authority and in keeping with the above-stated purpose, the District hereby declares as its policy that any student who is found to possess, use, or distribute any drugs or alcohol, as defined in Policy #227, shall be suspended in accordance with the disciplinary provisions set forth below.

In an effort to be uniform in the treatment of all students who may be affected by this policy, the District declares that this policy and these disciplinary suspensions shall apply to any student who possesses, uses or distributes any drugs or alcohol on or off school property, at any time whatsoever during the school year. School year, for purposes of this policy, shall be defined as commencing on the first day of fall sports season and ending on the last day of spring sports season. Specifically, it applies to any violations that occur each and every day of the school hours, during any weekend or holiday break.

However, this policy shall be in full force and effect for any school-sponsored or Board approved activity that occurs anytime during the calendar year.

Consequently, any student who encounters or comes in contact with unlawful drug or alcohol use should leave that location immediately to avoid temptation and eliminate suspicion.

Guidelines

If the student is guilty of violating this policy, the following (sanctions) will be followed based upon whether the student is cooperative or uncooperative with the investigation:

First Violation – Suspension from all co-curricular and interscholastic activities for ten (10) participation days if cooperative and twenty (20) participation days if uncooperative. For interscholastic athletic participants, the first half of each sanction is total suspension (no practice or competition). The second half of the suspension shall be from competition; however, the student may practice. If necessary, the Hearing Committee will determine if person(s) has been cooperative or uncooperative.

All reinstatements require the successful continued compliance with any and all licensed recommendations of drug and alcohol programs. Noncompliance results in second violation sanctions.

Second Violation – Suspension from all co-curricular and interscholastic activities for one year (365 days) Reinstatement requires successful completion of a licensed drug/alcohol treatment program. Noncompliance results in third violation sanctions.

Third Violation – Permanent suspension from co-curricular and interscholastic activities for the remainder of attendance in the Crawford Central School District.

All transfer students are required to disclose prior disciplinary sanctions. If disciplinary sanctions have occurred, the student will be referred to the Hearing Committee (defined in Sections 5, Step III below) for possible placement under the second violation of the policy.

Each Coach/Advisor may have individual rules to be followed by participants.

Other Regulated Activity

1. **Academic Eligibility** – Refer to standards established by Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and/or individual school building.
2. **Attendance** – Refer to standards established by Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and/or individual school building.
3. **Language** – Profane language will not be tolerated. Coaches/Advisors are expected to establish high standards for all students and are authorized to impose acceptable disciplines for continued use of profane language.
4. **School Equipment and Property** – Students are responsible for taking care of equipment and honoring all property. Any student damaging equipment or school property will be required to reimburse the district for such damage and/or have criminal charges filed against him/her.
5. **Tobacco** – Students will not be allowed to participate in any or all activities while under suspension for violation of tobacco use on school property. Violations are determined by Policy 222 and individual coach/advisory policy on use of tobacco.
6. **Criminal Behavior** – Students found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony offense will be referred to the Hearing Committee for sanctions. The committee has explicit discretion to vary the sanctions according to the type of offense.

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Delegation of Responsibility

Any student, grades 7-12, who participates in a co-curricular or interscholastic activity, who allegedly violates any provision of this policy will be questioned by the coach/advisor within seventy-two (72) hours after the coach/advisor receives a report of an alleged violation. It is the parent's responsibility to have the student present for such questioning.

Procedure

Step I – Responsibility of Coach/Advisor

1. Coach/Advisor has the responsibility to confront the student and notify the athletic director and principal when credible report of a drug or alcohol violation has been received.
2. **Admission of Violation:** Sanctions will be enforced with notifications to parents and committee.
3. **Denial of Violation:** Notification will be made to Hearing Committee with appropriate documentation. Parents notified.
4. **Refusal to answer questions or cooperate with the investigation:** Based upon evidence received, sanctions will be enforced with notifications to parents and committee.

Step II – Responsibility of Principal

1. To follow and enforce the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association guidelines.
2. To follow and enforce the Crawford Central School District’s policies regarding co-curricular and interscholastic activities.

Step III - Responsibility of Hearing Committee

1. Document all violation of students in grade 7-12.
2. Conduct an informal hearing and consider all facts presented by all interested parties.
3. After an informal hearing, render a decision to impose sanctions or to dismiss accusations. A majority vote of those committee members present decides the outcome of the informal hearing. The building principal or his/her designee will notify the parents and students of actions taken by the committee.

Make-up of Hearing Committee (District Wide)

1. Three Administrators (Meadville Middle School, Meadville Senior High School, and Cochranon Junior-Senior High School)
2. Two Athletic Directors (Meadville Senior High School, and Cochranon Junior-Senior High Schools)
3. Two Coaches/Advisors
4. Coach/Advisor of Activity (nonvoting)
5. Superintendent (nonvoting)

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Dear Coach/Advisor:

I have reviewed and discussed the Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Participants Policy with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Sport/Activity _____

Date _____