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I.D.F.A. Eligibility to Represent the School

Participation in the extra-curricular programs for the Elko County School District is to be considered a privilege and not a right. It should not be considered by all that the program is larger than each individual. Participants represent every student, team member, parent and staff member, and always must be aware of community and school pride. Any participant that wants simply to represent himself or herself cannot make the contribution necessary to meet common goals of the program.

Participants in the extra-curricular program choose burdens and make sacrifices that are normally above and beyond those of other student body members. You have chosen to represent the school and community. We require you to do this in such a manner that will provide you with a rewarding experience and establish a reputation for the activity that will bring pride to you, the community and the school.

The following are to be considered eligibility requirements for students who participate in interscholastic activities, co-curricular activities, and clubs at any Elko County School District school.

Students participating in NIAA sanctioned sports and/or activities that have state or national affiliations are subject to the regulations and discipline prescribed by those organizations in addition to this policy.

I. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. A student must:

- a. Maintain a grade point average of not less than 2.0 for the immediately preceding semester. Students failing to maintain a grade point average of less than 2.0 for the immediately preceding semester will be ineligible until grades are checked at the next nine-week period; and
- b. Receive a passing grade in each class in which he or she enrolls during the season for the sanctioned sport.

2. Grades for students eligible under (1.)(a.) are checked every 3 weeks. A student who receives a failing grade in any course at any three week grade check shall be placed on probationary status for one week.
 - a. A student on probationary status remains eligible to participate in the sport during the probationary week, but is subject to a mandatory grade check on Friday of the probationary week.
 - b. If a student on probationary status continues to have a failing grade at the grade check made on Friday of the probationary week, then the student shall be declared ineligible the following Monday through Saturday.
 - c. A student who has been declared ineligible following the probationary week shall have grades checked weekly until the student becomes eligible even if this period of time goes beyond the next three-week grade check. Once declared eligible, the student shall be checked again at the regular three-week grade check and would be entitled to another probationary week.

II ATTENDANCE

Absence from school the day of or immediately prior to a practice or athletic contest without an exempt absence or a pre-arranged excuse shall eliminate the student from practice and/or game(s). Exempt absences are:

1. Doctor verified medical release,
2. School nurse verification,
3. Pre-arranged educational experiences, or
4. Verifiable family emergencies.

III GENERAL CONDUCT

Students are to act responsibly while at school, and at school sponsored activities. Obviously, all possible situations cannot be covered in writing. Suspension from activities may be made by the school administration in the best interest of the school.

IV. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG POSSESSION, USE, ABUSE AND PENALTIES.

This regulation shall begin once a student begins participation in extra-curricular activities. This policy remains in effect for every calendar school year during the course of a student's high school career and when he/she is directly involved in a school activity occurring at any time (summer leagues/camps, national vocational trips, etc.). This policy remains in effect regardless of whether a student is currently participating in an extra-curricular activity.

1. Definitions: The following terms or phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them for purposes of interpreting this policy.
 - a. Competitive Week - means a seven (7) day period of time beginning with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs in which a student athlete is participating as a member of an athletic team for a member or affiliate school, and in which that team is officially competing in NIAA sanctioned competition.
 - b. School Week - means a seven (7) day period of time beginning with the first day of school after a violation occurs.
 - c. Controlled Substance - includes any mind altering substance or beverage set forth in Schedule I-V of the list of Controlled Substances as identified by the office of the Drug Enforcement Administration or set forth in 21 U.S.C. §812 and/or a "controlled substance" as defined in chapters 453 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Nevada Administrative Code.
 - d. Period of Suspension - means a student is prohibited from participating in any extra-curricular activity. A suspension from athletic competition begins with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs. A suspension from other extra-curricular activities begins with the first school day after a violation occurs. A student athlete who is suspended under this regulation who does not serve the entire period of suspension during

the sport season in which suspension occurs shall serve any remaining period of suspension during the next sport season in which the student athlete appears on a NIAA roster. A violation of this regulation that occurs during a time when a student athlete does not appear on a NIAA roster shall be implemented at the commencement of the next sport season in which the student athlete participates. Attendance in a summer school class shall not apply toward satisfying any period of suspension.

- e. Cumulative Effect of Suspensions - Multiple suspensions of a student's extra-curricular eligibility based on violations of this regulation shall be considered as cumulative over the length of each student's high school career, 9th through 12th grade.
- f. School Property, School Vehicle, School Sponsored Trip or Event Violations: Pursuant to District policies JDB and JDC:
 - 1. Students will be immediately disciplined according to the school's established progressive discipline plan.
 - 2. If the violation requires suspension from school, the student will be considered to be suspended at the time of the violation and the District will not transport the student using District transportation and the parent/guardian will be contacted and required to transport the student.*
 - 3. These conditions will be outlined in the preseason school sponsored activity packet and school student handbook.

* Every effort will be made to comply with [2)] above, although certain circumstances may exist making this condition impractical or impossible to administer.

- 2. Possession or Use of Tobacco, Alcohol/Controlled Substance/Narcotics Any student determined to be in possession of, or to have used tobacco, including smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff, an alcoholic beverage (as defined by NRS 202.020 and any relevant local ordinances), controlled substance and/or narcotic (unless prescribed by the student's physician for medical purposes), is in violation of this policy. If after an investigation by the school it is determined that the student is in violation of this regulation, the student shall immediately be declared ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity beginning with the first scheduled competition or the first school day after a violation occurs. Additionally, the student shall be subject to the following discipline:
 - a. First Violation: For participants in interscholastic athletics, a six (6) competitive week suspension from participation in all extra-curricular activities beginning with the first scheduled competition after the suspension occurs. The student may practice with the team during the period of suspension if approved by the coach and principal. For participants in other extra-curricular activities a six (6) school week suspension from participation in all extra-curricular activities beginning with the first school day after the suspension occurs. Four (4) school weeks of the suspension of eligibility may be waived if the student successfully completes all components of the appropriate substance abuse intervention program set forth in subparagraphs below.
 - b. Second Violation: For participants in interscholastic athletics, the student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a minimum of ninety (90) school days which shall include a minimum of six (6) competitive weeks of competition. The student shall not be allowed to practice with the team, or participate in any out of season activities and must complete the requirements set forth in subparagraphs A and B below in order to be considered for reinstatement of future athletic eligibility, which shall be determined following the ninety (90) day suspension of athletic eligibility by a group composed of one of the student's parents/legal guardians, the school principal, athletic director, coach and a substance abuse program coordinator. For participants in other extra-curricular activities, the student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a minimum of ninety (90) school days. The student must complete all the requirements set forth in subparagraphs A and B below, in order to be considered for reinstatement of future eligibility, which shall be determined following the ninety (90) day suspension of athletic eligibility by a group composed of one of the student's parents/legal guardians, the school principal, athletic director, advisor and a substance abuse program coordinator.
 - 1. A substance abuse evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor at the expense of the parent/legal guardian of the student must be completed within ten (10) school days following the suspension and all assessment recommendations must be satisfactorily met before athletic eligibility may be reinstated.

2. The student must successfully participate in all sessions of the appropriate substance abuse intervention program set forth in subparagraphs below and successfully complete a minimum of ten (10) tobacco or alcohol/drug related support sessions.
- c. Third Violation: The student shall be ineligible to participate in all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school career.
3. Substance Abuse Intervention Program:
 - a. Any student who has been suspended from extra-curricular eligibility for violation of the provisions of this regulation and whose future extra-curricular eligibility is contingent on successful completion of a substance abuse intervention program, or whose suspension of extra-curricular eligibility may be reduced through successful participation in a substance abuse intervention program, shall complete the substance abuse intervention program developed by the NIAA in conjunction with the state of Nevada, Department of Human Resources Division of Child and Family Services Program available through the Juvenile Justice Programs Office: (775) 685-7294.
 - b. Successful completion of the substance abuse intervention program shall require, at a minimum:
 1. The completion of a video program specific to the nature of the student's offense, by the student, and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), as demonstrated by the successful completion of a test on the content of the video by the student and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
 2. The completion of a minimum of eight (8) hour assignment selected from a list of ten (10) possible assignments by school personnel. Successful completion shall be determined through a meeting between the student, his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), the head coach or advisor of the sport or activity in which the student athlete was participating at the time of offense, and the school counselor or dean of students.

V. RIGHT OF APPEAL

Students who have been suspended from activities will have the right to appeal the suspension to the following in the proper process as indicated:

Step 1 - Athletic Administrator

Step 2 - Principal

Step 3 - Superintendent or Designee

Step 4 - NIAA (Interscholastic Athletics), Board of Trustees (Other Extra-Curricular Activities).