

Prescott High School Athletic Code & Policy

The interscholastic athletic program is an extension of the regular offerings of the high school and, as such, the student-athlete must be considered an individual who has freely chosen to participate in a program extending beyond the regular classroom routine. The student-athlete must recognize that participation in athletics requires a code of conduct which is beyond that of the non-athlete. The most obvious and, therefore, essential parts of the student-athlete's code of conduct are public appearances in which the

athlete is representing his school and the training rules which must be adhered to so that the athlete may be physically fit to perform in athletics.

The training rules for the student-athlete include complete abstinence from alcoholic beverages, tobacco products in all forms, and any use of non-prescribed drugs in any form.

Should the student-athlete be found in violation of the above policy, he or she shall be subject to the following penalty:

FIRST OFFENSE

1. For use or possession of any tobacco products the penalty shall be a 14-day suspension from athletics from the date the school is notified of the infraction.
2. For use or possession of alcohol the penalty shall be a 30-day suspension from athletics from the date that the school is notified of the infraction.
3. For possession or use of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia the penalty shall be a 60-day suspension from athletics from the date that the school is notified of the infraction.
4. In the event that a coach feels that a training violation warrants more severe punishment, he shall request a meeting of the Review Board and present his case. Should the Board be in agreement, the punishment must be mutually agreeable to the Coach and a majority of the review members. Parents would be informed in writing of the offense. The letter would come from the Athletic Director's office.

SECOND OFFENSE

1. The second offense, or any subsequent offenses, will be considered a serious breach of trust and the student-athlete's case shall be individually considered by a board of review.

Article 1

This athletic code and policy becomes effective when a student files a signed copy with the athletic department and remains in effect until the last day of the academic year, regardless of whether a student is in a season of competition at the time of notification of the infraction or not.

Should there be fewer than 14, 30 or 60 consecutive calendar days following the date of notification of the infraction remaining in the season of sport for the offending athlete, he shall forfeit all awards which may have been earned in that season. The 14, 30 or 60 days may extend into an ensuing season of sport.

Article 2

The Review Board shall consist of three (3) members: one (1) permanent member in the person of the Athletic Director; two (2) members, each of whom is a coach in one interscholastic sport. The coaching members' terms shall rotate among the members of the

coaching staff in such a manner that one member is replaced each year.

Article 3

The student-athlete may request a review of any punishment assigned by the Review Board (if it is more than the prescribed period). Such a request must be made within two (2) school days following the board's decision. At such a meeting the board members will be present along with the student-athlete, the coach of the athlete's sport, and the athlete's parents. Each party shall present its case and upon a hearing of all arguments, the board shall make its final decision in the matter.

Article 4

In the event that a coach of an athlete is serving on the board at the time of a hearing, an alternate member shall be appointed by the two remaining members to hear the individual's case.

Article 5

A parent/guardian acting on behalf of a student, or an emancipated student, may file a written request for appeal with the principal regarding a short-term suspension. The appeal must be filed within 24 hours of the original notification by the school to the parent/guardian.

A site-based mediation/appeals committee has been established by Prescott High School to review decisions relating to the short term suspension of a student. The committee will set the time, date and place for a hearing as soon as possible after the receipt of

an appeal request. The committee will hold a hearing to determine the facts and to review the consequence imposed by the school. The committee may uphold, overturn, or modify the decision of the administrator who suspended the student. The committee chair will notify all parties of the decision in writing as soon as possible after the hearing. The decision of the mediation/appeals committee is final in establishing the facts of the case and an appropriate consequence.

A procedural appeal may be made to the principal. The decision of the principal is final.

This form is a required part of athletic clearance for all sports and must be filed YEARLY with the athletic office.

Athlete's Name _____

(Please print)

We understand the above rules and agree to abide by them.

Parent Guardian Signature

Athlete's Signature

Date _____