

NORTH WILKES HIGH SCHOOL

A. T. O. D. POLICY

**THIS POLICY PERTAINS TO IN-SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETES.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- NCHSAA Representative
- Athletic Director
- Football/ Wrestling Coach
- Football Asst./ Track Coach
- Baseball Coach
- Volleyball Coach/ J.V. Basketball Coach
- Basketball Coach
- Student/Athlete Representative
- Former Athlete Representative
- Parent Representative
- Booster Club Representative
- Board of Education Representative
- Faculty Representative
- Journal-Patriot Representative

LAWS PERTAINING TO ALCOHOL

Purchase or Possession:

If under the age of twenty-one it is illegal to purchase or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage. It is also illegal to possess alcoholic beverages.

It is illegal to aid someone in the purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages.

LAWS PERTAINING TO TOBACCO

Purchase or Possession:

It is illegal to purchase or accept receipt of tobacco or tobacco papers in any form if a person is under the age of eighteen.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES REGARDING SUBSTANCE

ABUSE

1. No use of illegal substances (tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs)
2. Athletes are expected to be as physically healthy as possible.
3. Athletes are expected to be role models to others by abstaining from substance use and abuse.
4. To be aware of the legal consequences of using drugs.
5. To not participate in the promotion, selling, and/or consumption of A.T.O.D.

CONSEQUENCES OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER ILLEGAL DRUG USE:

1st Apprehended Offense:

1. Drug Rehabilitation (New River Mental Health)
 - As many sessions as necessary
 - At parents expense – if parent or athlete refuses rehabilitation, the athlete Forfeits rights to participate in athletics.
2. Suspension from participating
 - **2 weeks suspension – athlete is required to come to practice but may not dress-out or participate in practice.
3. Required Parent/Athlete conference with coach and school officials.

2nd Apprehended Offence: (all subsequent offenses)

1. Suspension from participating in athletics for one calendar year.
2. Complete Drug Rehabilitation Program

SELF-REFERRALS

Definition: Referral must be athlete initiated. Referral must be given without coach or adult having prior knowledge of use or incidences of apprehension or bust while using drugs.

****COACH NEEDS TO GIVE THE ATHLETE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY!!!!**

1ST Offence: (1st Referral)

1. In the instance of a true player initiated Self-referral, the coach may use a confidential meeting and conference with athlete as the first consequence with athlete as the first consequence. Coach may use consequences of 2nd offense if his or her judgement deems necessary. This step may be used one per athlete.

2nd Offence: (2nd Referral)

1. Complete Drug Rehabilitation Program
2. Required Parent/Child Conference with coach and school officials.

3rd Offence: (3rd Referral)

1. Same consequences as first apprehended offense.

4th Offence: (4th Referral)

1. Same consequences as first apprehended offense.

CONSEQUENCES OF TOBACCO USE:

Athletes should not use tobacco at practice, during games, while on school property or at any school function.

1st Offense: (Apprehended)

1. Required Parent/Athlete Conference with coach and school officials.
2. School policy if it applies.

2nd Offense:

1. Required Conference.
2. School policy if it applies
3. Required school counseling.

3rd Offense:

1. Required Conference.
2. School policy if applies.
3. Required school counseling.
4. Athlete will miss next scheduled event of current school year. It may carry into next sport season.

4th Offense: (and all subsequent offenses)

****ATHLETE IS SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF SPORTS SEASON****

***** ALL OFFENSES CARRY THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.**

*******IF RUMORS OF USE EXIST, THE COACH MUST INVESTIGATE AND CONTACT PARENTS AND INFORM THEM OF THE POSSIBLE PROBLEM.**