

**Auburn School District  
ATHLETIC RULES OF CONDUCT**

Auburn School District is a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association and must comply with the rules as stipulated in the constitution and rules and regulations of the Association. All contestants must be eligible under the WIAA academic regulations to participate in an interscholastic contest.

**Conduct:** Participants shall abide by all written training rules established for the sport/activity in which he/she is participating, and shall at all times behave in a manner that conveys respect for all individuals. Acts of harassment, hazing or a criminal act defined by law will not be tolerated. In addition, a participant shall conduct him/herself with personal integrity and honesty at all times and in all situations; both as a participant and as a spectator. Unacceptable behaviors and/or misconduct may necessitate penalties as appropriate, in an attempt to reduce any behavior which negatively impacts the individual, the team/group, and/or the image of the Auburn School District Athletics/Activities. Each incident will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the coach/advisor, administrator, or Athletic/Activity Board.

**Any athlete failing to comply with the following rules of conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the School District's Athletic Code. Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege, not a right.**

**RULE 1-- LEGEND DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL USE**

Penalties for violation of RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050 for the possession, use or sale of legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescription) including anabolic steroids and possession, Violation of RCW 69.50 (uniform Controlled Substances Act) or possession or under the influence of alcohol or alcohol related substances -- A violation shall be considered a violation of the eligibility code and standards, and shall subject the student to disciplinary actions as follows:

**FIRST VIOLATION**

Immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current sport for 25 participation days or for the remainder of the season, which ever is longer

**SECOND VIOLATION**

Ineligible and prohibited from participating in any WIAA sports program for a period of one calendar year from date of second violation

**THIRD VIOLATION**

Permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA athletic program for the remainder of high school eligibility

**RULE 2—ATHLETES (IN OR OUT OF SEASON) ATTENDING FUNCTIONS WHERE ALCOHOL AND OR DRUGS IS BEING ILLEGALLY CONSUMED:**

Athletes who attend a gathering where drugs and/or alcohol are being used illegally, must upon learning of the presence and/or use of such substances, make immediate and exhaustive attempts to leave the premises. The athlete must conference with parents and athletic director to determine punishment.

**FIRST VIOLATION**

Suspension for 15 participation days effective immediately, obtain drug/alcohol assessment from an outside agency and mandatory participation in the Insight Program and automatic probation (five days minimum)

**SECOND VIOLATION**

Suspension for 25 participation days effective immediately, Drug/alcohol assessment completed by outside agency and follow recommendations to completion and automatic probation (five days minimum)

**THIRD VIOLATION**

Expulsion from all athletics for one calendar year

**FIRST VIOLATION RULE 2: IN/OUT SEASON –HIGH SCHOOL**

↓Means of Discovery↓	
Self-Referral	Suspension – 8 participation days effective immediately
Self Admittance	Suspension – 11 participation days effective immediately
Investigative	Suspension – 15 participation days effective immediately

**RULE 3-- USE AND/OR BEING IN POSSESSION (IN OR OUT OF SEASON) OF TOBACCO OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

**FIRST VIOLATION**

Suspension for 15 participation days effective immediately and automatic probation (five days minimum)

**SECOND VIOLATION**

Suspension for 25 participation days effective immediately and automatic probation (five days minimum and enrollment and completion of a smoking cessation program

**THIRD VIOLATION**

Expulsion from all athletics for one calendar year

**FIRST VIOLATION RULE 3: IN/OUT SEASON –HIGH SCHOOL**

↓Means of Discovery↓	Constructive Possession
Self-Referral	Suspension – 8 participation days effective immediately
Self Admittance	Suspension – 11 participation days effective immediately
Investigative	Suspension – 15 participation days effective immediately

**RULE 4--NOT OBEYING SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS DURING SEASON (INCLUDING REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS).**

**FIRST VIOLATION**

Conference with building coordinator or administrator, unable to participate in the **NEXT** contest

**SECOND VIOLATION**

Probation, unable to participate in the **NEXT** two contests

**THIRD VIOLATION**

Suspension for remainder of current season

**RULE 5--SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL DURING SEASON (INCLUDING IN-HOUSE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS)**

**FIRST VIOLATION**

Suspension for the period of school suspension and unable to participate in the **NEXT** contest

**SECOND VIOLATION**

Suspension for 15 participation days effective immediately and automatic probation (five days minimum)

**THIRD VIOLATION**

Expulsion from all athletics for one calendar year

**RULE 6-- ANY STUDENT CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIME WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC COMPETITION FOR ONE FULL CALENDAR YEAR OR UNTIL THE SENTENCE IS COMPLETED. CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS.**

**Definition of Sanctions:**

- PROBATION:** A period of time in which an athlete may be given an opportunity to correct deficiencies that could result in suspension or expulsion from athletic participation. The athlete is allowed to practice but not compete in games during this time.
- PARTICIPATION:** As defined by the WIAA participation schedule. If the conclusion of a season occurs during suspension period, the remainder of the suspension will carry over into the next sports season.
- SUSPENSION:** Includes exclusion from all athletic participation.
- EXPULSION:** The exclusion from athletic participation for the remainder of the current school year.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Community service hours must be completed before an athlete may participate in the next sport season. This rule can carry over from academic year to academic year.
- INVESTIGATIVE (discovery) –** The process by which an administrator/coach/athletic director arrives at a conclusion regarding a student's involvement in an athletic code infraction. The decision will be based on evidence, either verbal or written.
- SELF ADMITTANCE (discovery) –** Student athletes that admit to their involvement in an athletic code infraction and who are cooperative and honest in the investigative process regarding alleged code infractions,
- SELF-REFERRAL –** Student athlete who report self-infractions to school administrator prior to any investigation or inquire by school administrators or staff.
- IN SEASON:** Begins with the first WIAA allowed practice day and ends with the awards ceremony (banquet) for that sport. In the event of no season-ending banquet or a banquet held prior to the last competition, the ending date will be after the last scheduled event for that sport.
- OUT OF SEASON:** Any time not in season, starting with the WIAA defined beginning fall season, and ending with the Auburn School District last student school day.
- COMPLETED SEASON:** A season which a studentathlete begins the season within the first week of turnout and completes the season, in good standing, without interruptions, until the last scheduled contest or banquet, whichever is later.
- ACCUMULATION OF VIOLATIONS:** Violations are accumulated while the student athlete is involved in high school athletics.

The Auburn School District sport season ends with the awards program, held at the discretion of the head coach for each sport. An athlete must finish the season in good standing in order to receive a letter. Athletes are reminded that they are under the athletic code for the entire academic school year, or beginning with the first turnout in August if participating in a fall sport. Athletes are responsible for being knowledgeable of all additional information provided in the Athletic Handbook which is distributed to athletes.

Participant's Printed Name

Parent's Printed Name

Participant's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Date