

Extra-curricular Activities
Or Co-curricular Activities

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PHILOSOPHY

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the overall educational program. Activities provide additional learning experiences which are not readily provided in the classroom. The major emphasis shall be on teaching our young people skills, attitudes, and respect for self, team, coaches/advisors and competition. Activities shall be primarily for the benefit of the students who participate. The activities and contests shall be psychologically sound by being tailored to the physical, mental, and emotional maturity levels of the youth participating in them. Surveys will be conducted annually to determine student interest. Guidelines for equal educational opportunities will be available to all students.

Participation in activities is a privilege granted to those students who meet the minimum standards of eligibility adopted by the Idaho High School Activities Association and those set by Lake Pend Oreille School District No. 84. The purpose of this Activities Code is to provide for equitable and consistent administration of the various programs. Coaches and advisors will be instructed that student conduct shall be administered equitably and in accordance with this policy.

An activity coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description. A syllabus which outlines the skills, techniques and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach.

General Definitions for Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation Policy

Unless the context otherwise requires, in this policy:

"Extracurricular Activities" means a district and/or school authorized activities which take place outside of the regular school day and do not involve class credit, including, but not limited to athletics, student groups or organizations, and community activities for which high school letters are awarded.

"Co-Curricular Activities" are district and/or school authorized activities held in conjunction with an accredited class, but taking place outside of the regular school day including, but not limited to, debate, drama, dance team, band or choir.

"Activity Suspension or Suspension from Extracurricular or Co-Curricular Activities" means that suspended students shall not travel, dress in uniform, associate or participate with the team or group at its scheduled event(s). Suspended students may be allowed to participate in practices/meetings; however, the principal or designee may deem it necessary for students to be withheld from practices/meetings for the duration of the suspension.

“Controlled Substances” include, but are not limited to opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, and cannabis and synthetic equivalents or the substances contained in the plant, any material, compound mixture or preparation with substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and stimulants.

“Drugs” include any alcohol or malt beverage, any inhalant, any tobacco product, any controlled substances, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any look-alike or counterfeit drug, any medication not approved and registered by the school authorities and/or any substance which is tended to alter mood, and/or any substance which is misrepresented and sold or distributed as a restricted or illegal drug.

“Drug Paraphernalia” is defined as any or all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivation, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance as defined in this policy.

“Emergency Activity Suspension” is defined as imposition of an activity suspension by a principal or his designee prior to an informal hearing when it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the individual(s) involved and immediate action is appropriate.

“Event” is defined as a match, game, meet, or other competitive event, including regional and/or state tournaments, competitions. “Event” is also defined as any band or choir performance(s).

“Knowingly Present” shall mean that a student attended a gathering of two (2) or more individuals at which one or more of the attendees (other than the student at issue) were using or are in possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, drugs, pornography, alcohol or tobacco and the student knew or reasonably should have known that such use or possession was occurring and did not remove themselves in a timely, safe, and prudent manner.

“Minor Infraction” shall mean a minor deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity and which is not material or substantial. Students will be given notification of the first minor infraction. Students and parents will be given notification of the second minor infraction through a conference and will be informed that a third minor infraction may result in activity suspension.

“Major Infraction” shall mean a material or substantial deviation for acceptable behavior or stated student expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity, including but not limited to insubordination toward or non-compliance with the coach/advisor in charge of the activity, verbal or physical abuse (hazing, fighting), refusal of a student to identify him/herself to school personnel upon request.

“On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location”

includes, but not be limited to buildings, facilities, and grounds on the school campus, school buses, school parking areas; and the location of any school sponsored activity. "On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location" also includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the school premises but impacts a school related activity.

"Scholastic Year" is defined as the period of time beginning with the first day of the fall extracurricular and co-curricular activities season and ending with the last day of school.

"School Days" include only those days when school is in session.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The participant meets the minimum state requirements as established by the Idaho High School Activities Association.
2. Each participant in competitive athletic programs must have proof of insurance. If they do not have private insurance they must purchase Voluntary Student Accident insurance through the district's student accident insurance contractor.
3. Each participant must have completed the Interim Questionnaire form in full and have it on file in the Athletic Office. This form is good for one year.
4. Each participant in a competitive athletic program, or intramural sport must have passed a physical examination by a doctor of his/her choice upon entering grade 7 (or first participation), upon entering high school and then again prior to their junior year.
5. While the District will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each parent or guardian will be required to sign an "assumption of risk" statement that indicates that the parents assume all risks for injuries resulting from such participation.

TRANSPORTATION RULES

1. Students shall travel to all school sponsored activities on district-approved transportation, as a group, except in extenuating circumstances such as bereavement or student testing. Requests for any deviation shall be in writing by the parent/guardian of the student and shall be pre-approved by the school principal or designee a minimum of 48 hours prior to the event to be effective. Parent/Guardian and Coach/Advisor/Teacher will be notified of the decision.
2. Students are to travel home from all school sponsored activities on the school bus, as a group, unless picked up at that event by a parent or guardian only. In that event, parent/guardian MUST sign student out with coach (teacher) to VERIFY that they are taking student home.
3. Requests for students to be dropped off the bus at specific stops along the route home, or to walk home from the school after being let off the bus following the event, shall be in

writing. The “Extra Curricular Alternate Transportation Request” form, available from the coach or teacher in charge of the event, shall be completed and signed in its entirety, and given to the coach prior to the first event. This form may be used for the entire extracurricular or co-curricular season. The bus will let students off only at the following designated enroute sites:

- a. Texaco Station at Athol
- b. Westmond Store
- c. Sagle post Office
- d. Schweitzer Conoco
- e. Shell Station at Pack River
- f. East Hope Marina
- g. Hope Peninsula
- h. Trout Creek Rd
- i. Careywood Fire Station
- j. Highway 200 at the Everhart Way Turnout

Parents and/or guardians are strongly urged to pick up students dropped off at these sites rather than have student drive home in a car left waiting at the site.

4. A violation of these transportation rules may result in the student being suspended from further participation in extra curricular activities.
5. Lake Pend Oreille School District is not responsible for students whose parents or guardians have chosen alternate means of transportation.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

Cooperative programs allow teams or individuals an opportunity to compete in IHSAA sanctioned activities in which they would not otherwise be able to compete. All member schools of the IHSAA are eligible to participate in a cooperative program. Cooperative sponsorship of any activity by two or more member schools is permitted in one of the following categories:

- a. Combined Cooperative Program: Students from more than one school combine to compete as one team. The combined teams' classification is determined by combined enrollments of the member schools involved. This program applies to football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, competitive cheer, and dance/drill.
- b. Collective Cooperative Program: Students from more than one school share resources, but must compete as representatives of their home school at district and state competition. School classification remains the same. This program applies to cross country, wrestling, golf, tennis, and track, the individual track event of pole vault, drama, debate and speech.

An application form must be completed by each school involved in the cooperative agreement and approved by the local school board and the District One Board of Control before the IHSAA Board of Directors will consider the application. A separate application must be submitted for each activity.

CONDUCT RULES

Violation of the following rules will not be tolerated from the beginning of the fall sports season until the end of the school year in the junior and senior high schools of Lake Pend Oreille School District No. 84. Coaches will be required to report all violations of the Activity Code to their principal.

Major Rules

1. In the event of use, possession, sale, distribution of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco, please refer to Board policy 3325.
2. A student may be suspended from extracurricular and co-curricular activities when he/she has been arrested or it reasonably appears to the District that he/she has violated criminal law, other than minor infractions or minor traffic violations; or has been involved with drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, or drugs, including alcohol or tobacco, in any location, either on or off campus, during the scholastic year, in any of the following ways: attempting to secure or purchase; using or having reasonable suspicion of having used; possession; intending or attempting to sell or distribute; selling or giving away; or being knowingly present when any of the above are used, possessed, or consumed.

Minor Rules

1. To participate in practice or in any activity, each student must be in attendance for more than half the day of such practice or contest. Any partial absence in that day must be an excused absence.
2. A participant will not skip class. If the student skips, he/she will automatically forfeit the privilege to compete in the next scheduled activity.
3. Suspension (in-school or out-of-school) will result in the participant automatically forfeiting the privilege of competing in the next scheduled contest after the completion of the suspension, as well as all contests and practices during the suspension.
4. Other minor rules, approved by the principal or athletic director, will be specified by individual coaches for their sport season.

INVESTIGATION

Major Rules

1. If substantial evidence and accusations support a suspected violation of the Activities Code; an investigation will be conducted by the principal or designee of the building involved.
2. Information concerning violations can come from many places.
 - a. Coaches are required to report all violations or rumored violations of the Activities Code to their principal or designee. The coach will conduct an independent investigation. Information received will be turned over to the principal or designee.
3. Infractions which occur at out-of-school trips:

- a. During an out-of-school trip, if the authorized individual in charge of the activity determines that a student should be returned home early because of criminal conduct, drug use or another major rules violation, the authorized individual will notify the parent/guardian and require the parent/guardian to take charge of the student's immediate return home. The parent/guardian will assume any expenses incurred for the return of the student.

Minor Rules

Investigation of minor rule violations will be handled by the coach involved.

PENALTIES

Major Rules

1. First Violation —The Activities Code Committee, comprised of the building principal, the building activities/athletic director, and the student athlete's coach, at a minimum will review the findings of the investigation. The principal, with the advice of the Activities Code Committee, will decide if a more serious penalty is required. Consequences will range from:
 - a. Two (2) week suspension from games participant may be allowed to attend all practices but will not be allowed to suit up or travel with the team. If no event is scheduled during the period of the suspension, the student will be withheld from the next scheduled event.
 - b. Elimination for the remainder of the available sports season.
2. Second Violation – A student who violates the code for the second time in any school year will forfeit the privilege to participate for the remainder of that sport season and the next two consecutive seasons. For example, if a participant falls under this penalty in May, they will remain out of sport until the next spring season.

Minor Rules

1. The coach will determine all penalties for minor violations except those specifically covered by the Activities Code or School District Policy.

DUE PROCESS

Lake Pend Oreille School District No. 84 herewith reaffirms its commitments to the fundamental principles of justice, due process, equal protection under the law, and redress of grievances. Therefore, no student will be denied these fundamental rights by any statement or rule contained within this activities policy/procedure.

Note: Each Head Coach will hold a meeting and review this Activities Code, as well as program rules, with parents and participants in the program.

FORMS: Student Release and Athletic Participation Information

Extra Curricular Alternate Transportation Request
Application for Cooperative Programs

Legal Reference: Idaho High School Activities Association Rule 7 – Cooperative Programs
504.13 Equal Education, Nondiscrimination & Sex Equity
Idaho Code 67-5909 Acts Prohibited
I.C. § 33-512 Governance of schools

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