

DEUBROOK AREA 5-6	NEPN Code: IGD
School Board Policy Reference Manual	

**COCURRICULAR and EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - CODE OF CONDUCT
PARTICIPATION RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PENALTIES**

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

As professional people and as a public school district, we feel that extracurricular activities can be a very positive experience and we hope that this is the case for all participants. The intent of our training policy is to be very positive in our attitude toward the Deubrook Area Public School Extracurricular Program. We are not looking for reasons to remove participants from our program, but rather hoping to avoid a situation that may automatically remove someone from a program because of an accident or similar accident. We are proud of the programs offered at Deubrook and extremely proud of the individuals who make up the programs...THE PARTICIPANTS.

PARTICIPANT: (Shall be defined as any student participating in district approved activities)

CONDUCT/ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible in co-curricular activities, a student must meet the requirements of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and be in good standing as a member of the Deubrook Area School's student body and meet the following standards:

1. Any 9-12 participant must maintain a 1.6 grade point average and have no F's to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Each participant's grades and grade point average will be checked every week (on the last school day of the week) during the academic year beginning with the 3rd week of each quarter. Participants will not be eligible in any contest for 1 week (Monday through Sunday) if their grades or GPA do not meet the requirements above. They will be required to attend all practice sessions while they are ineligible or shall be removed from the team/group.
2. Any 7-8 participant will maintain a 1.6 grade point average and have no F's to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Each participant's grades and GPA will be checked every 4 ½ weeks during the academic quarter. Participants will not be eligible in any contest for the remainder of that quarter if their grades or GPA do not meet the requirements above. They will be required to attend all practice sessions while they are ineligible or shall be removed from the team or group.
3. A student's participation in all co-curricular activities will be dependent upon abstinence from the use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled drugs. Penalties for such use vary with each activity and are on file with activity sponsor and athletic/activities director.
4. Students must be in school three (3) consecutive periods before he/she can participate in an event or practice held that day.
5. Students deemed ineligible will not be allowed to leave school early to travel to events with school transportation.

6. Any district equipment or uniforms checked out is the participant's responsibility. All uniforms or equipment must be cared for correctly during the season and returned in appropriate condition at the end of the season. The participant shall reimburse the school district for any missing equipment or uniforms. The participant will forfeit awards and will not be eligible for the following season until the equipment is paid for. They will also lose any privileges and the administration reserves the right to withhold grades until the school district is reimbursed accordingly.
7. Proof of stealing on school premises or at school-sponsored functions may cause a participant to be subject to the penalties as defined under the penalties section of this policy. The activities director may exercise his/her discretion in this matter.
8. Any participant is expected to keep good training hours. These hours can be altered by the coach/director when he/she deems necessary. Participants shall be subject to the penalties as defined under the penalty section of this policy. The following hours should be kept:
 Sundays and Weekdays:.....10:30 p.m.
 Fridays and Saturday:.....12:30 a.m.
 If there are activities/games on successive nights, the participants are to be HOME ½ hour AFTER A HOME ACTIVITY/GAME or ½ HOUR AFTER the participant departs the bus from an away activity/game. If you have to work, give prior notification to the coach/director or administration.
9. Any responsible adult may turn in a participant who is violating training rules or regulations. The violation must be verifiable. School personnel are obligated to report any alleged violation. Due Process will be followed.

PENALTIES

The disciplinary action that may be imposed is detailed below. The activities director will be allowed to exercise professional discretion in the administration of these penalties.

FIRST VIOLATION:

After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for four events (4) or four weeks (4), whichever is longer, in each activity in which the student is presently involved. A student who voluntarily reports the violation to the activities director or building principal shall lose eligibility for only two events or two weeks, whichever is longer, in each activity in which the student is presently involved. If the violation occurs between seasonal activities or when a student is not involved in any activities, the penalty will be imposed in the next seasonal activity in which the student may be participating. (For example, a non-participating student violates rules in the spring would receive their penalty in the following school year).

Because the number of non-athletic events is fewer than the number of athletic events, a student may lose eligibility for only one non-athletic event for a first violation. The activities director will have an approved list of events, which will be shared with the students at the start of the school year and posted in their classrooms.

SECOND VIOLATION:

After confirmation of a second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for eight weeks(8) or eight activities(8) whichever is longer. If the violation occurs between seasonal activities or when a student is not involved in any activities, the penalty will be imposed in the next seasonal activity in which the student may be participating. (For example, a non-participating student violates rules in the spring would receive their penalty in the following school year). (There is no voluntary report clause)

THIRD VIOLATION:

After confirmation of a second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for eight weeks(8) or eight activities(8) whichever is longer.

SUSPENSION FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS (SDCL 13-32-9):**FIRST VIOLATION:**

Any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved juvenile diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one-year suspension may be reduced to sixty school days if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Upon a subsequent adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education. Upon such a determination in any juvenile court proceeding the Unified Judicial System shall give notice of that determination to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity.

Upon placement of the person in an informal adjustment or court-approved juvenile diversion program, the state's attorney who placed the person in that program shall give notice of that placement to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity. As used in this section, the term,

extracurricular activity, means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. REVISED 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SECOND VIOLATION

Any subsequent controlled substance or marijuana violation will result in the student being declared ineligible for all extra-curricular activities while attending any school accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education.

STUDENT DUE PROCESS

In the event that it becomes necessary to consider action for any alleged violation of a conduct rule:

1. Coaches/Advisors have an obligation to the student to discuss the alleged violation with the student to allow the student to explain his/her position.
2. If further action becomes necessary, the coach/advisor shall file a written charge with the activities director and the building principal, with copies given to the student and parents. At this time the student shall be notified in writing of the alleged violation, the coach/advisor shall also inform the student of the district's due process procedure.

STUDENT DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

In the event that the student or parent requests a hearing, the building principal shall:

1. Designate the time, the date and the place for the hearing being reasonable for both parties.
2. Inform the student and parent that the student will be suspended from participating or practicing in the activity until the hearing has been held.
3. Notify all concerned parties including the student, parents, coach/advisor, and activities director of the time, date, and place of the hearing.
4. The hearing shall be conducted so that the accused student and parents will have an opportunity to review the alleged violations of policy and ask questions appropriate to the situation. The same courtesy will be extended to the school officials involved.
5. The disposition of the alleged violation will be made by the activities director and building principal.
6. A decision adverse to the student may be appealed in the following manner.
 - a. To the Superintendent of Schools.
 - b. To the Board of Education.
 - c. To a court of law.

COMMENTS ON THE RULES

All other reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the coach/advisor of a particular activity which in or of themselves are not basis for a suspension or dismissal, shall be followed, provided the participants have been notified of such rules by written handouts and bulletin board postings, prior to the beginning of an activity. The Deubrook Area School District retains an active membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association and in doing so, approves and abides by the constitution and By-laws, which are on file with the superintendent, high school principal and the activities director.

A WORD TO THE PARTICIPANT

If you become involved in a violation unbeknown to you until that exact time, you should remove yourself from the situation as soon as possible. If you feel it necessary, you should advise your coach/director as soon as possible of the situation.

PARTICIPATION FORMS REQUIRED EACH YEAR

1. Participation and Rules Form – new form filed each year, signed by parent and student
2. Consent for Medical Treatment - new form filed each year, signed by parent and student
3. South Dakota High Schools Activities Association Annual Parent and Student Consent Form

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