

Policy JJIE/JJIF- Drug and Steroid Use/Student Conduct in School Athletics

Every student shall have the privilege of trying out for an authorized sport unless under disciplinary action.

Use or possession of tobacco (smoking, chewing or snuff), use or possession of alcohol, illegal use or possession of harmful substances, or illegal use or possession of narcotics or habit-forming drugs including anabolic steroids by student athletes shall be forbidden at all times and in all places during participation in any sport's season.

Policies and regulations which apply to student conduct and discipline also shall apply to the athletic program. In addition, all participants shall be governed by the *Denver Public Schools' Athletic League Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules*.

Violation of any of the above conduct standards may result in penalties ranging from nonparticipation in a specific athletic event to a ban on athletic participation. An athlete shall be ineligible during any period of out-of-school suspension from school and shall not participate in practice or scheduled contests until reinstated and attending classes.

Coaches may have additional training rules which if broken could carry the penalty of suspension from the team.

With the importance of maintaining a high standard of student conduct within the athletic program, before any penalty is imposed on a student athlete, the administrator designated by the school principal shall review the evidence and determine that a student athlete did in fact violate a league rule.

All penalties shall be final and binding on the athlete and members of the coaching staff.

An appeal procedure shall be provided by the league to protect the rights of students, parents and other parties in interest.

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