



SMITH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

*****YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND UNDERSTANDING THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL*****

If these regulations are violated you will no longer be eligible for athletics at SVVHS

BONA FIDE TEAM MEMBERS (MIAA RULE 45) (Loyalty to the High School Team)

A bona fide member of the high school team is a student who is regularly present for, and actively participates in all team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a high school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to practice or compete with an out of school team. Any student who violates this rule is ineligible for the next 2 contests or 2 weeks (whichever is greater) immediately upon confirmation of the violation. Also, any student who violates this standard becomes ineligible for any MIAA tournament(s) in that sport for that season.

POLICY ON CHEMICAL HEALTH

Smith Vocational High School will follow the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) policy on chemical health.

62.1 From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest), a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product (including e-cigarettes); marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. This policy includes products such as "NA or near beer". It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

This MIAA statewide minimum standard is not intended to render "guilt by association", e.g. many student athletes might be present at a party where only a few violate this standard. This rule represents only a minimum standard upon which schools may develop more stringent requirements.

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again.

1st violation: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. For the student, penalties will be determined by the current or next season of participation. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

2nd and subsequent violation: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. For the student, penalties will be determined by the current or next season of participation. Any fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 60% of the season.

When coaches first hear of any violations of this policy, they are directed to the Athletic Director who will contact the parent/guardian with this information. Penalties will be assessed when confirmation of the violation has been received. Any violations that occur during school functions will be subjected to the aforementioned consequences.

We are concerned about Smith Vocational High School students who are using tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. In our opinion, The MIAA Policy on Chemical health, if taken seriously, is one way to curtail adolescent use.