

**ONEWAGO VALLEY SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

**NEW OXFORD
HIGH SCHOOL**

(GRADES 9 THROUGH 12)

**ATHLETIC
POLICIES
AND
GUIDELINES**

Approved August 1, 2006

I. Introduction

The New Oxford High School Staff, Student Body, and Administration take great pride in all student activities. The following policies and guidelines have been developed to ensure that all student-athletes understand the expectations placed upon them as they represent our school and community. This document is the result of collaboration of coaches, students, parents, and administration. This document applies to **all student-athletes in grades 9 through 12.**

II. Agreement/Guidelines

I agree to refrain from the use of any tobacco products, illegal drugs, drugs (unless prescribed for me by a licensed physician), and alcohol, both on and off school grounds for the duration of the season.

I understand that the term "use" includes possession, use, or distribution of the substances mentioned above. I also realize that any possession, use, or distribution of any of these substances on school grounds or at a school sponsored activity may result in additional disciplinary consequences as outlined by the Conewago Valley School District Policies and Procedures and that I am subject to all local, state and federal laws.

Verified use of alcohol or drugs at any time during the season will result in automatic referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP). A formal assessment and verification of subsequent counseling or treatment for the abuse problem are required before I may be considered to resume participation. Verification of offenses may come from a variety of sources. Police departments, court cases, probation, teachers, parents, administrators, and personal admission are examples.

If it is verified that I have used any of these substances on or off school grounds, during the season, I understand that the following consequences will apply:

A. Tobacco:

1. First Offense:

- A. Exclusion/suspension for a minimum of one scheduled game, match, performance or competition.
- B. Legal fines for possession/use, as they apply.
- C. Parent/guardian notification, **by the coach, in writing.**

2. Second Offense:

- A. Suspension from all athletics for thirty school days.
- B. Parent conference with the coach and athletic director.
- C. Legal fines as they apply.

3. Third Offense:

- A. Suspension from athletics for ninety school days.
- B. Parent conference with the coach, athletic director and administrator.
- C. Legal fines as they apply.

4. Fourth Offense:

- A. Suspension from athletics for one complete calendar year.
- B. Parent conference with the coach, athletic director and administrator.
- C. Legal fines as they apply.

B. Alcohol and drugs (unless prescribed)

1. First Offense:

- A. Suspension from athletics for forty-five school days.
- B. Referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP).
- C. Referral to the appropriate school and local authorities.
- D. Parent conference with coach, athletic director and administrator.

2. Second Offense: (during school career)

- A. Suspension from athletics for one calendar year.
- B. Referral to SAP.
- C. Referral to appropriate school and local authorities.
- D. Parent conference with coach, athletic director and administrator.

3. Third Offense: (during school career)

- A. Permanent suspension from all school sponsored athletics.
- B. SAP referral.
- C. Referral to appropriate school and local authorities.
- D. Parent conference with coach, athletic director and administrator.

III. Academic requirements:

All students-athletes must be in compliance with Board Policy #109. Student-athletes will be ineligible to participate in all performances or competitions until meeting these requirements.

IV. School Rules/Behavior/Sportsmanship

All student-athletes are required to:

- A. Follow district and school rules.
- B. Model appropriate behaviors in school, on school property, on school vehicles, and in all public places where students are officially representing the New Oxford High School.
- C. Follow all team rules during the season.
- D. Display a positive attitude and sportsmanship.

- E. Support their teammates, coaches, and officials.

Section IV consequences:

1. First Offense:
 - A. The student-athlete will receive a verbal reprimand and the parents/guardians will be contacted in writing.
 - B. Other consequences may be imposed by the coach.
2. Second Offense:
 - A. The student-athlete, parent/guardian, coach, and the designated administrator/s will meet and discuss the issue.
 - B. The student-athlete may be suspended until the above-mentioned meeting occurs.
 - C. The student-athlete may be subject to further disciplinary action, which may include removal from the activity for a period of time, determined by the coaching staff and the administration.
3. Third Offense:
 - A. The same procedures will be followed as the second offense.
 - B. The student-athlete may be suspended from the activity for the remainder of the current school year.
 - C. The student-athlete may be subject to further disciplinary action, which may include removal from the activity for a period of time, determined by the coaching staff and the administration.

V. UNDERSTANDING OF RESPONSIBILITIES/CONSEQUENCES

I understand that I am a member of a team. Being a member of a team causes me to compete for a role within the "team" concept. My role is determined by many factors including but not limited to the list below:

- A. Skill ability
- B. Attitude
- C. Ability to function and produce as part of a team
- D. Ability to accept my earned role
- E. Ability to support peers, coaches, officials and staff

VI. DEFINITIONS

1. SEASON- a season begins with the first official practice and ends with the completion of all regular season and playoff contests or competitions.

2. SCHOOL DAY- a day in which school is in session or those days in school is not in session but on which the team practices or competes.

(Please detach, sign and return)

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the stated policies and guidelines.

The signature of the student-athlete/Date _____

The signature of the parent/guardian/Date _____

The student-athlete and a parent/guardian must sign and return this section to the coach.

The signature of the Coach/Advisor/Date _____

Coaches must sign and return this section to the Athletic Director before the team is officially registered with P.I.A.A. for competition.