

MAYNARD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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This agreement between students, their parents or guardians, and Maynard Public Schools is designed to serve several purposes. It is intended to influence students to make wise and legally sound decisions.

This agreement was first developed by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), and was created in pursuant to the rules of the MIAA. Our high school membership in this association allows our athletic teams to compete in the Mid-Wach League. To maintain membership, we must adhere to and enforce the MIAA policy.

RULE

During the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product; marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. As defined under, Mass General Laws, Ch 90D. This policy includes products such as “NA or near beer”. Or intake the vapors of any intoxicating substance, such as glue, nitrous oxide and the like, sometimes referred to as “huffing”.

It should be noted that: 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. Students found in the presence of any beverage containing alcohol, any tobacco product, marijuana, steroids or any controlled substance shall likewise be deemed in violation of the chemical health policy. This includes products such as “NA or near beer.” Exceptions to the policy of being “in the presence” shall be made in the cases of restaurants, venues and family events where adults of lawful age are consuming alcoholic beverage or adults of lawful age are using tobacco products and Maynard High School students are present but not using such products.

The rule is in effect from the earliest fall practice date to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest).

- **1st Offense:** When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for a **minimum** of 25% of the season or next season of participation. Penalties carry to the following season. If the student is unable to participate due to injury, academics or otherwise, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again.
- **2nd offense and subsequent offense:** The student will lose eligibility for a minimum of 60% of the season or next season of participation. The student must also attend at least three approved substance abuse sessions.
- In either instance, further disciplinary action may be taken by the school, including informing legal authorities or mandating drug and alcohol counseling.
- Also be reminded of the Principal’s Authority to Suspend and/or Expel Under the terms of the Education Reform Act and MGL, Section 37 H, the principal of a school containing grades nine through twelve has the authority to immediately suspend and/or expel a student under the following conditions: found on school premises or at school sponsored or school related events, including athletic games, in possession of a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to a gun or a knife; or possession of a controlled substance as defined in MGL 94 C

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN TO COACH AT FIRST PRACTICE

We _____ the Parents/Guardians
of _____

Have read and agree to follow the MIAA/Maynard Public schools drug and alcohol Policy stated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

Athlete Signature **Date**

