



Athletic Training Rules

The use and/or possession of mood-altering chemicals such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or drug paraphernalia by participants of extra-curricular activities in Grades 9-12 are prohibited. This prohibition shall be in force all year including the summer months, weekends, and holidays. Training rule consequences will begin after any school suspension. Involvement in a law-breaking activity, other than a minor traffic violation, may result in suspension from any activities which the student is a participant.

SDCL 26-11-5.1

Provision for notice to school officials and parent or guardian by law enforcement agency where student suspected of violating state drug or alcohol laws or of threatening violence.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement agency may provide notice of an incident within its jurisdiction to public or nonpublic school officials and to the parent or guardian of a school student if the incident is one in which the agency has probable cause to believe the school student has violated any provision of state law involving alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, or bomb threats, or has made any threat of violence relating to any school or its students, employees, or property. However, if there is a prolonged criminal investigation and revealing information would jeopardize a successful conclusion to the case, the law enforcement agency may provide the notice at some later appropriate time. The notice shall be in writing.

Consequences of Violations for Tobacco and Alcohol

First Violation:

The individual will be suspended for 10 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of two (2) contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation (whichever is greatest) or the individual can perform ten (10) hours of community service that is approved by the administration and the suspension will be shortened to 5 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of one (1) contest in the activity in session or the next activity of participation. The suspension will occur when competition begins, not when practice begins. The participant must complete the entire season in the activity in which suspension is scheduled, or complete the entire season of a subsequent activity if the suspension is to be served during that activity.

*All community service hours must be completed prior to being reinstated for participation.

Parents or Guardians and the student will be notified either by letter, in-person, or both. A conference may be scheduled between participant, his/her parent/guardian, coach or advisor, and the activities director before future participation occurs.

Second Violation:

The individual will be suspended for 20 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of four contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation (whichever is greatest) or the individual can perform twenty-five (25) hours of community service that is approved by the administration and the suspension will be shortened to

10 school days of scheduled extra-curricular activities to include a minimum of two (2) contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation. The suspension will occur when competition begins, not when practice begins. The participant must complete the entire season in the activity in which suspension is scheduled, or complete the entire season of a subsequent activity if the suspension is to be served during that activity.

*All community service hours must be completed prior to being reinstated for participation.

Parents or Guardians and the student will be notified either by letter, in-person, or both. A conference may be scheduled between participant, his/her parent/guardian, coach or advisor, and the activities director before future participation occurs.

Third Violation:

After confirmation of a third violation, the student shall lose eligibility for one year from the date of notification of his/her third training rule violation. The one year suspension may be reduced to forty (40) school days, but must include a minimum six (6) contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation (whichever is greatest), if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. The counseling will be at the expense of the student involved.

Fourth Violation:

After confirmation of the fourth violation, the student shall automatically lose eligibility for one (1) year from the date of notification by letter or conference. For any subsequent training rule violations (5th, 6th ...) the student shall automatically lose eligibility for one (1) year from the date of notification by letter or conference.

Only law enforcement, school officials, parents of the accused can bring training rule violation allegations, or admission by the individual(s) themselves, but the administration and/or School Resource Officer (SRO) reserves the right to investigate any training rule violation based on information received from outside law enforcement agencies and/or other outside sources if a signed document (outside source other than outside law enforcement agencies) is submitted to the administration concerning the allegations. After a proper investigation, a decision to suspend or not to suspend will be decided by the school administration. Any obligation to fulfill a penalty for a violation that is not fulfilled in the current school year will be carried over to the following school year. The Training Rules Committee shall make the decision on any situations that may involve a penalty. The committee shall consist of the activities director, two (2) head coaches, one (1) assistant coach, and the principal of the high school/middle school. The student will be provided due process as per district grievance policy.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all ***Alcohol, Tobacco and Suspensions Due to Conduct and Other Circumstance*** will be cumulative in nature and the total number of violations will be based on high school years only – Grades 9-12 (see Violations above). Any violations for Controlled Substances and Marijuana (SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2 will be handled separately due to the Meade School District deviation from the SDCL and not be cumulative in nature with Alcohol, Tobacco and Suspensions Due to Conduct and Other Circumstances.

*For every one (1) calendar year that an individual does not have a training violation – one (1) training rule violation will be removed from their record

Consequences of Violations for Controlled Substances and Marijuana

This consequence governs a participant adjudicated or convicted of possessing, selling, or using controlled substances or marijuana. It shall also govern a participant caught or observed possessing, selling or using controlled substances that has not been charged, adjudicated or convicted. These consequences of violations for controlled substances and marijuana is a deviation from SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2 that went into effect July 1, 2014.

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 or suspended adjudication of delinquency 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 (1) one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one (1) year suspension may be reduced to thirty (30) school days and a minimum of two (2) scheduled contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or licensed addiction counselor. 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 second adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of a sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs, substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substance 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 for one (1) year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one (1) year may be reduced to sixty (60) school days and a minimum of six (6) scheduled contests in the activity in session or the next activity of participation if the person completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. To count toward the minimum number of events the student must participate in the entire activity season and may not drop out or quit the activity to avoid suspension and the failure of a student to complete the entire activity season shall result in the student being ineligible for one year from the date of adjudication, conviction, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one (1) activity season shall carry over to the next activity season in which the student participates. Upon a third or 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. The Unified Judicial System shall give notice to the chief administrators of secondary schools accredited by the Department of Education for any

such determination in a court proceeding for any person eighteen to twenty-one years of age without regard to current status in school or involvement in extracurricular activities. The notice shall include name, date of birth, city of residence, and offense. The chief administrator shall give notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association if any such person is participating in extracurricular activities.

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 and/or recognized by the Meade School District 46-1.

The Meade School District has adopted a deviation to the SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2 that imposes consequences that are equal to or stricter than the consequences imposed by the State of South Dakota per SDCL 13-32-9.1

Definitions (based on MSD deviation from SDCL 13-32-9 and 13-32-9.2)

30 or 60 School Days may begin as soon as the individual is adjudicated and participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or is enrolled in an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. The individual will not be eligible until he/she successfully completes the evaluation and/or intensive prevention or treatment program.

30 or 60 School Days may begin as soon as the administration has received written confirmation that the individual is participating in a drug/alcohol assessment and/or is enrolled in an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.

Dependency Counselor must be approved by the Meade School District 46-1 administration. Student and/or parent/guardian are responsible for all costs associated with prevention/treatment program.

Accredited Intensive Prevention or Treatment Program must be approved by the Meade School District administration. Student and/or parent/guardian are responsible for all costs associated with prevention/treatment program.

Scheduled Extra-Curricular Activities is defined as those activities that do not meet during the regularly scheduled school hours (SBHS course). Example: SBHS students could participate in a scheduled Band/Choir concert, because that is part of their regular Band/Choir course, but could not participate in a SDHSAA Region Large Group Contest.

Community Service must be approved by the administration and it is up to the individual to document and show proof of community service hours prior to participation.