

ASAA Article 12: Section 8

Citizenship Rule and Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy

The determination by a member school that a student is ineligible based on poor citizenship is not appealable to the Association. A student who is expelled from a school will not be eligible in another school for the duration of the period of expulsion.

A. Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Position Statement ASAA and its member schools recognize that the use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances is a significant health problem for many students, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and their total development. The use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances by students affects academic development, personal growth, extracurricular activities participation and the development of related skills. Others affected by misuse and abuse are family, teammates and other significant persons in their lives. ASAA and its member schools believe that close contact of parents/coaches, advisors, students and communities in interscholastic activities and class-rooms provides a unique opportunity to observe, confront and assist one another. It is the philosophy of ASAA and its member schools that students should be encouraged and supported in their efforts to develop and maintain a chemical-free lifestyle.

Participation in ASAA sanctioned sports and activities is a privilege which requires all participants to adhere to rules imposed by the member schools and/or member districts that students attend and represent. The policy described in this article is intended to further the following purposes:

The position of ASAA is:

1. To emphasize the health and safety of students while participating in activities to recognize the long-term physical and emotional effects of controlled substance, alcohol and tobacco use on student health, and to minimize the potential for injury.
2. To promote a sense of order and discipline among students;
3. To recognize that a student's possession, distribution or use of controlled substances, alcohol, or tobacco during the school year or during interscholastic competition outside of the school year, even during times when a student is not actively participating in interscholastic activities, may nevertheless be detrimental to health, safety, order and discipline when the student is participating.
4. To assist schools in the establishment of policies that are consistent with ASAA standards of athletic and activity eligibility;
5. To support schools that have programs to assist students who desire to resist peer pressure which directs them toward the use of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances;

B. Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy: The Board of Directors has implemented a statewide policy regarding the possession, distribution and use of controlled substances, alcohol and tobacco. This policy includes an educational component, minimum penalties which are cumulative and progressive, a time period in which the policy applies, an explanation of how violations are determined and reported, a required Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form which must be signed prior to participation, and a definition of terms. The complete policy is found in the Policy Section