



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

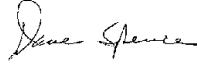
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**To:** Members, Board of Education

**From:** Dave Spence, Executive Secretary   
Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association

**Through:** Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent 

**Subject:** Recommended Handbook Changes for SY 2009-10

At its regularly scheduled April 29<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, the member schools of the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association approved to recommend to the Board of Education to change the Participation Guidelines for Activities (p. 13 Section V. of the High School Handbook):

## V. PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES

### A. Student Rules

1. **Basic training.** In order to promote a positive co-curricular environment, basic training rules are established that require student-athletes to abide by both school and district policies as well as civil laws of the community. Training rules are in effect 24 hours a day and will be enforced from the first day of the season as set by the ASAA calendar. A co-curricular participant will be suspended from participation and practice for that activity season or 30 consecutive school days, whichever is longer (except as provided in paragraph 2) for items a, b, & c:

- a. Alcohol – under the influence, in possession, in proximity\*
- b. Illegal drugs or paraphernalia – influence, possession, delivery, proximity
- c. Misuses or abuse of prescribed drugs or over-the-counter substances.
- d. Tobacco use or possession in any form will result in a two-week suspension from competitive participation, not practice. A second offense will cause dismissal from participation and practice from that activity for remainder of the season.

This change will eliminate the confusion of operating a dual system for training rules, and ensure compliance with the new Alaska School Activities Association Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug policy (TAD).

Please see attached.

Also, note the inclusion of the district's current proximity clause and the corresponding sanctions to align with the other elements of this new policy.

It is respectfully recommended this handbook change be approved.

Thank you.

## V. PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES

A. **Tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances policy. (ASAA 2008-2009 Handbook, p. 53; TAD Policy)** In order to ensure consistency of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances use policies by the member schools of the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association, and in cooperation with the Alaska School Activities Association, the following policy is adopted:

1. **Prohibited Conduct:** The possession, distribution or use of any tobacco products, alcohol, and controlled substances by a student-athlete or activity participant, whether it occurs on or off school property, is prohibited and shall result in the penalties set forth herein. Additionally, being in the same vehicle, house, location, party, proximity, etc. where alcohol/drugs are known to be in illegal possession by minors or willingly remaining in a location or proximity where alcohol/drugs are being illegally consumed will result in the same penalties set forth herein.
2. **Time Period During Which Policy Applies:** The policy in this section applies to any student who is participating or has participated in interscholastic activities starting from the student's first participation in interscholastic activities, including formal practices which precede interscholastic competition after the initial signing of the Student/Parent/Legal Guardian (TAD) Acknowledgement Form, at any ASAA member school, and continuing until the student graduates from high school. This policy applies during "calendar days" as defined in the ASAA handbook (p. 54, 2008-09 edition).
3. **Educational Component:** The educational component is a critical part of the policy and is comprised of four parts; Pre-Participation Orientation, First Offense, Second Offense, and Third Offense. ASAA will provide the first three parts of this component for member schools on DVD and through the ASAA website. (ASAA's educational component is applicable to member high schools only.)
4. **Cumulative and Progressive Penalties:** Violations of this policy will be cumulative and progressive, as described in the following paragraph, throughout a student's high school years. If a student transfers from one ASAA member school to another ASAA member school, the student's cumulative violations will accompany such transfer and shall be the basis for any additional penalties should further violations occur.
5. **Penalties for Violation of this Policy:**  
**First Offense** The student will be suspended from interscholastic activities and practice for ten (10) calendar days. Fifty (50) percent of the suspension will be forgiven and the student may return to practice if the student and parent/guardian complete the First Offense educational component.

For tobacco use, if a student under the First Offense Penalty violates the Tobacco Rule with the ten (10) calendar days period of suspension, the student's period of suspension will start over again; the First Offense educational component will become mandatory and no forgiveness will be granted. This process will continue until the student has demonstrated ten (10) calendar days without a subsequent tobacco violation. A student who has not completed a suspension or re-suspension under the first Offense penalty for violation of the Tobacco Rule does not become subject to imposition of penalties under a Second, Third or Fourth Offense for violation of the Tobacco Rule, until the student has completed all suspensions and re-suspensions under the First Offense Penalty for tobacco use. A student serving a First Offense penalty under the Tobacco Rule is, however, subject to immediate imposition of a Second Offense Penalty to the extent this is based upon violation of the non-tobacco prohibitions under this policy.

**Second Offense** The student will be suspended from interscholastic activities and practice for forty-five (45) calendar days. Both the student and parent/guardian must complete the Second Offense educational component prior to the student's return to competition and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of suspension. While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the Second Offense educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning to competition (Article 7, Section 5; ASAA).

**Third Offense** The student will be suspended from interscholastic activities and practice for one (1) calendar year. Both the student and parent/guardian must complete the Third Offense educational component prior to the student's return to competition and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of suspension. While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the Third Offense educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning competition (Article 7, Section 5; ASAA).

**Fourth Offense** The student's privilege to participate in interscholastic activities and practice is revoked for the remainder of the student's high school years.

All elements of reporting, enforcement, and administration of the above participation guidelines will be in accordance with Alaska School Activities Association, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association General Information and Policies.