

NEVADA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE 2006-2007

All students participating in interscholastic athletic programs will be governed by the rules and regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the on-campus site rules of Nevada Union and Bear River High Schools, and the policies and philosophies of the Nevada Joint Union High School District (NJUHSD). CIF bylaws are available at school sites or at www.cifsjs.org.

- A. **GRADES:** A student athlete must meet both the NJUHSD and CIF academic eligibility standards. Each student must have recorded a minimum of a 2.0 GPA during the quarter grading period prior to athletic participation, and be enrolled in at least 20 semester periods of work. A 2.0 GPA must be earned at each quarter grading period throughout the athlete's sport season. In addition, an athlete who has two grades of "F" in the last quarter grading period, is ineligible to participate (practice or play) in athletics even though he/she may have maintained a 2.0 GPA and earned twenty (20) credits. Any athlete who becomes scholastically ineligible when administration receives grade reports will be immediately dropped from the team and will not be eligible to receive a letter, an award or physical education credit. All incomplete grades are to be computed as "F" grades until they are officially changed by the teacher of record and duly recorded in the school's records office. A grade change must occur within two weeks of the grading period. Summer school is not considered a separate grading period. Grades earned during summer school will be included with term 2 grades for the purpose of computing eligibility. However, a completed (5 units for a semester course) summer school class(es) (maximum of 2) and the resulting earned grade(s) may be used to replace a grade(s) earned in the same course(s) during term 1 or 2 of that school year. Grades earned in completed summer classes that are different from courses taken during term 2 will be averaged with term 2 grades as additional courses when computing the term 2 G.P.A. for eligibility. Grades earned in courses attempted but no completed (partial credits earned) during summer school will not be included in calculations for eligibility. Following the official recording of summer school grades, an athlete's transcript will be reviewed by the athletic director in regards to the 2.0 G.P.A. Students that receive an "F" grade in the last two successive grading periods, will meet with the coach, athletic director and administrator to create a plan for academic success. This plan may include tutoring, regular grade checks and a meeting with the parent/guardians.

As Bear River High School uses an employability grade, an athlete receiving two unsatisfactory "employability grades" shall be placed on probation, as defined in the Bear River Student Handbook.

POLICY ON ATHLETIC PROBATION: If an athlete begins to fail because of insufficient academic performance, disruptive behavior, or excessive absences, the Athletic Director will be notified in writing. The Athletic Director and/or the coach will meet with the student and may warn or place the student on probation at the discretion of the Athletic Director. If the student is put on athletic probation, a letter will be sent to the parents notifying them. If the situation persists, the Athletic Director has the authority to suspend the athlete from competition.

- B. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: No student will be allowed to try out for, practice, or play any sport without having a medical clearance to participate. A valid physical examination signed by a physician must be on file in the Student Store.
- C. INSURANCE: No student shall be allowed to try out, practice, or play for any sports team without having on file in the Student Store a valid insurance policy stating his/her insurance company and policy number, thereby insuring him/her in case of a medical emergency.
- D. RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY: An athlete's legal attendance area is determined by the residential address of a parent or legal guardian as defined in Rule 214 of the CIF regulations. A team with an athlete who violates Rule 214 runs the risk of forfeiting each contest in which that athlete participates.
- E. DROPPING/QUITTING A SPORT: The proper way to withdraw from a sport is to make personal contact with the coach and to notify him/her of the athlete's decision to discontinue participation. If an athlete quits a sport, he/she will not receive a participation award or a PE waiver. An athlete who quits a sport will not be allowed to participate in another sport during that season unless extenuating circumstances warrant the Athletic Director waiving this specific participation criteria. Students will be allowed to try out for another sport in a subsequent season without penalty.
- F. LETTERS AND OTHER AWARDS: Letters are awarded according to school, league and CIF rules and regulations. An athlete must complete the entire season in good standing in order to receive an award at a Sports Award Night.
- G. TRANSPORTATION: In all athletic contests played away from the school, the athlete will ride to and from these contests in school-arranged transportation. However, an athlete may leave a contest with his or her own parent or guardian as long as the parent/guardian verbally communicates with the coach and then provides written verification by way of a sign-out sheet. Athletes may also ride home with a parent or guardian other than his/her own parent or guardian only if the athlete's coach receives a verbal confirmation as well as a written verification from the requesting athlete's parent or guardian. Failure to follow this procedure may result in an athlete's suspension from the team. Any exceptions to this procedure must be approved by a site administrator or the Athletic Director at least one day prior to the contest.
- H. DONATION FEES
A donation fee, in order to help with the escalating costs incurred in providing a quality athletic program, will be asked of each athlete, in each sport.
- I. SPORTSMANSHIP AND EXPECTED CONDUCT:
1. Good Sportsmanship:
In order to promote fairness in competition, a series of rules governing each sport has been adopted. Good sportsmanship requires that the athlete adhere to the rules of the game. Furthermore, it requires that the athlete also comply with the spirit of those rules which were written to promote fairness. An athlete must understand that compliance with the standards of good sportsmanship is required in order to participate in athletics. Good sportsmanship is expected behavior of athletes experiencing either success or failure, victory or defeat.
 - a. On the field, an athlete is to be respectful towards his/her teammates, opponents and officials. He/she must abide by all of the rules of the game.

- b. During athletic contests, an athlete's conduct must be such that he/she is a good representative of the team, the school, and the community. An athlete must be conscious of his/her appearance and manners at all times and realize that he/she is representing the school. The athlete must also realize that he/she is to be governed by all of the school and districts rules whether on the home campus or away.
- c. On campus, an athlete is encouraged to set an example of good citizenship for his/her classmates. He/she should help promote school spirit and work to be a positive leader in school activities.
- d. In the classroom, an athlete must show respect for teachers and for his/her fellow students. An athlete must maintain good attendance, satisfactory academic grades and satisfactory citizenship standards.
- e. Failure to follow proper sportsmanship at an athletic contest may result in disciplinary action being meted out by the Administration and/or Athletic Director.

3. Communication Protocol:

- a. Parental involvement and dialogue is encouraged in the areas related to student safety and the personal conduct of a coach; however, parents are not to interject themselves in those areas which are the coach's domain, including: playing time, and game and practice strategy.

Meetings should be requested in order to resolve conflicts. The recommended steps are:

- 1- Parent to Coach
- 2- Athlete/Parent to the Athletic Director
- 3- Athlete/Parent to Site Administrator
- 4- Athlete/Parent to District Office/School Board

- b. Coaches are not to be approached at the conclusion of a contest for any reason other than congratulations or consolation. This also applies to game officials, opposing coaches, opposing team members, and opposing fans.
- c. Student athlete concerns regarding playing time, game and practice issues, etc. should be addressed in the following sequence:
 - 1- Student/Parent to the coach
 - 2- Student/parent to Athletic Director
 - 3- Parent/Athletic Director/Site Administrator to coach
 - 4- Parent to District Office/School Board

J. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

1. Section By-Laws 302.3

Any player who is ejected or who leaves the confines of the bench or team area during a fight, shall not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the game, shall not be eligible for the team's next contest, and may not be eligible for subsequent contests as determined by the Athletic Director.

2. Attendance

In order to compete in a game, an athlete must attend all classes on that day.

However, a class may be missed for an appointment or personal matter on the day of a contest if prior approval is obtained from the Athletic Director or a Site Administrator. Exceptions must be approved by the Athletic Director or a Site Administrator.

3. Suspension

When an athlete is officially suspended pursuant to Education Code 48900 et. seq. for any of the causes enumerated therein that athlete is prohibited from participating in any contests and/or practices that fall during the time of the suspension. In addition, the athlete may be prohibited from participating in additional athletic contests if the Athletic Director and the School Administration deem this to be warranted.

4. Illegal Substances

Written consent from a student and his/her parents/guardians agreeing to the administration of random test(s) for drugs and alcohol during the season is an express condition in order to participate in the interscholastic sports program. Any student found to be involved in the possession of, sale of, under the influence of alcohol or drugs or to be involved in the use of alcohol or drugs, in any manner, including paraphernalia, or tests positive for alcohol/drugs, will violate the district approved Athletic Code. The athlete may request to continue the current season of sport or try-out for the next season of sport by completing the following:

Days 1 through 7 (calendar days)

- Suspension from all athletic and school activities.

Days 8 through 14 (calendar days)

- Must attend all practices without participating.
- Must show proof of enrollment in an approved drug diversion program.
- Must submit to mandatory drug and alcohol testing.
- Must sign a comprehensive discipline contract.

Days 15 through 30 (calendar days)

- The athlete may participate in practices, but may not participate in any competitions or scrimmages.
- The athlete must actively be attending an approved drug diversion program.
- The athlete must be in compliance with the terms of their comprehensive contract.
- The athlete who has completed their diversion class prior to 30 days may request to return to normal athletic participation.

After Day 30

- The athlete may then return to normal participation in their chosen sport provided they are actively attending their drug diversion program and fulfill the requirements of the comprehensive contract.

Any portion of the above requirements not completed will carry over into the student's next participatory sports season.

Any athlete who does not finish their season in good standing will not be allowed to compete in the next sports season, attend their sports awards banquet, or receive a physical education waiver. If these requirements are not met, the student will not be allowed to participate in any future sport.

Second offense, the student will be banned from competing for one calendar year from the suspension date. Before returning to athletics, the athlete must complete a drug/alcohol diversion program and agree to participate in drug testing at the administration's request.

5. Sexual Harassment

Any athlete who commits sexual harassment including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or is involved in inappropriate other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature, resulting in suspension from school shall be prohibited from participating in any practices or contests during the period of suspension as outlined in Section number three, Suspension.

6. Tobacco

An athlete caught in the possession of cigarettes or chewing tobacco will be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Education Code section 48900 et. seq.

- K. SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF CODE: Any violations of CIF, school and/or district policies, rules, and/or regulations which occur during a school-related activity will be dealt with according to this Athletic Code AT ANY TIME AND IN ANY LOCATION. This includes during non-school hours, non-school days, and includes all locations, whether local, out-of-state, or in a foreign country as outlined by the NJUHSD Field Trip Policy.
- L. CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT: Notwithstanding any language in the code to the contrary, any student who is charged with a misdemeanor or felony shall be suspended from participating in athletics pending the outcome of the criminal charge, unless the Athletic Director and Administration determine that the charge against the athlete is based on conduct that would not give rise to suspension or a recommendation for expulsion under Education Code section 48900 et seq., had it occurred at school, while going to or coming from school, or in relation to a school sponsored activity.
- M. APPEAL PROCESS: If an athlete wishes to appeal a ruling regarding his/her violation of any rules contained in this athletic policy, this athlete must first pick-up the formal appeal process guideline from the Athletic Department which will outline the appeal process. The potential levels of appeal will be in the following order: Athletic Director, the Assistant Principal, the Principal, the Superintendent, and, finally, the Board of Education.

Anyone who wishes to file a personnel complaint shall contact the District Office for a copy of the District's complaint policy.

- N. NJUHSD BOARD POLICY #5144, ZERO TOLERANCE: "Hereafter, any student who is found in possession of loaded or unloaded firearms, knives, explosive devices, or any other dangerous weapons, has possession, sells or is under the influence of any controlled substance or alcohol, commits or attempts to commit robbery or extortion, or causes, attempts to cause or threatens to cause serious physical injury to another person, he/she shall be immediately suspended and recommended for expulsion, unless the particular circumstances of the case indicate that expulsion is inappropriate. No exception shall be made in the case of the possession of a loaded or unloaded firearm." Violation of this Zero Tolerance Policy with regards to drugs, alcohol, weapons, or battery will result in a recommendation for expulsion from the District.

COMPREHENSIVE RISK

Nevada Joint High School District has a responsibility to make you aware of the dangers of participation in any form of athletic training/competition. We are asking that you carefully read over the statement below with your son/daughter, sign and return it with other parts of this application for acceptance to the sport.

I am aware of the potential dangers of participation in athletics. I realize that there is a risk of being injured in all sports, no matter how many precautions are taken. I realize that this risk of injury may be severe, including varieties of fractures, sprains, contusions, brain injuries, paralysis or even death. I further realize that my son/daughter needs to follow carefully all of the guidelines given by the coaching staff regarding training rules, safety procedures, proper use of equipment, legal and safe playing techniques, any and all other safety procedures. I understand that even if all of the above is done, my son/daughter may still incur injury through participation in athletics.

We understand the above rules and regulations and agree to abide by them for the present school year _____. We hereby give our consent to the student named below to compete in sports. I authorize the student to go with and be supervised by a representative of the school on any trip. In case the student becomes ill or injured, you are authorized to have the student treated, and I authorize the medical agency to render treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature (I have read and understand the Athletic Code Rules)

Date

Student Signature (I've read and will abide by the Athletic Code Rules)

Date

Name of Medical Insurance Company

Policy Number

Expiration Date

*******(Students MUST have medical insurance to participate)*******

If you have purchased **Myers Stevens School insurance**, you **MUST** turn the forms in directly to the Student Activities office so that we have a record of your student being covered.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE ALONG WITH THE SPORTS PHYSICAL FORM AND THE DRUG TESTING FORM FOR ATHLETIC CLEARANCE</u></p>
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