

**Athletics / Activities Code**

In Colton High School, interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities are a privilege and a rewarding experience. Those who take part in these activities are expected to maintain high behavioral standards. Those standards include academic standards and requirements, citizenship, sportsmanship, conduct and loyalty. Our school's pride and spirit is reflected in our athletic and activities programs.

The general purpose of this code is to discourage students from using alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs. The following policies have been formulated to guide students to successful school experiences and shall apply to all persons who participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities.

Prior to a student athlete participating on any athletic team or being issued any athletic equipment, s/he is responsible for having on file with the athlete's home office a current record of the following:

- Physical examination form
- Permission/Insurance waiver form
- Medical emergency form
- Warning/Assumption risk form
- Athletic code verification form
- Associated student body (ASB) card
- Concussion form
- Participation in a given sport through the first contest is considered a commitment on the part of the participant to complete that sport season.
- A student athlete who decides to quit after the first contest may not turn out or practice for another sport during that season.

1. Colton High School athletes/activity participants are special, and we expect them to be productive citizens and follow the rules and policies of the school, classroom and community.

2. The use, consumption, possession, transmitting or sale of alcoholic beverages, drugs, marijuana, tobacco, e-cigarettes, Vape pen's and/or paraphernalia is prohibited. Also prohibited is inappropriate direct association with minors in possession of alcoholic beverages. Inappropriate association means **NO** attempt to remove one's self from situations where such use is occurring. **Possession will be defined as constructive possession, anyone exercising control over substance. Examples: host of party, driver of vehicle, anyone handling full or empty containers.**

3. Attendance at functions where minors are consuming or possessing alcohol or drugs is prohibited and not condoned. Attendance is not a violation at functions such as community activities, weddings or anniversaries where legal adult alcohol consumption is taking place. Such attendance is not a violation of this code. At no time during these functions are minors allowed to drink.

- If students find themselves in a situation that is in violation of the code, they must make an immediate, clear effort to disassociate themselves from the situation. Such efforts might include but are not limited to:
  - a) Driving away
  - b) Call for a ride home
  - c) Walking away

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4. Each athlete/activity participant is expected to attend school regularly and meet school attendance policies. In addition, each athlete/activity participant must be in attendance at school for at least one half of the academic periods of the school day on which the contest, practice or activity occurs. Planned absences on the day of the game must be cleared by the principal. Students who do not meet this requirement will not be eligible to participate in that contest.
5. The student athlete will ride the team bus to and from all games unless arrangements are made with the building principal or athletic director. Student athletes will not be released to ride with someone other than their parents/guardians without prior written permission from the building principal or his/her designee and they will only be released to another Colton parent.
6. All students participating in school athletics/activities must provide evidence of coverage by a family health and accident insurance policy or purchase school insurance.
7. An Associated Student Body Card is required by the first practice of any sport or activity.
8. A High School student shall meet the WIAA academic standards for participation or the Colton High School Standards, whichever set of standards is more stringent. The higher standard must be enforced.
9. All athletes must have a current physical, within a **twenty four-month period**. To resume participation following an illness or injury serious enough to require medical care, a participating student must present to the school officials a physician's written release.
10. Athletes who violate the athletic code will not be eligible for post-season awards from Colton School district or District 9.
11. Coaches/advisors of the in-season sport have the right to request additional requirements, i.e. dress standards, curfew and practice procedures. These demands are not considered major training violations and are handled by the head coach/advisor of the activity concerned. Coaches/advisors will meet with the athletic director and principal to determine a course of action.
12. WASHINGTON LAWS AND STUDENT ELIGIBILITY. Whenever State of Washington laws prohibit eligibility, or as a result of the violation student eligibility is restricted by law, the member schools of WIAA shall minimally restrict participation in those activities under WIAA's jurisdiction as prescribed by law. (See Attachment No. 1 regarding student drug use and district policy. Any student found in attendance or in possession of, or using drugs will be subject to district code and/or state law.)

This policy is in effect from the date of the student signature through the remainder of the school year. Seasons shall commence with the parent meeting and/or WIAA season whichever is first.

**Music seasons will correspond to the athletic seasons. Drama season will begin with first tryout and proceed through the last performance. Any club/activity not specified will adhere to the athletic seasons.**

This policy applies to all school-sponsored summer activities.

**All ASB-recognized clubs and organizations will be subject to these rules and regulations. However, clubs and organizations may have bylaws and/or additional sanctions that are more stringent than this policy.**

Any violation of regulations concerning the consumption, constructive possession, or attendance at functions where minors are consuming or possessing alcohol during the school year shall result in the following specific disciplinary action.

Any violation of regulations concerning the use or constructive possession of tobacco or nicotine during the school year shall also result in the following specific disciplinary action.

**FIRST VIOLATION:**

1. Athletes who are caught violating the athletic code will be immediately terminated from the team. An exception to this rule will be if the athlete admits his/her mistake. Athletes who admit their mistake (referred to as the "honesty clause") when first confronted will be allowed to remain with the team but miss the following number of games. At the discretion of the coach, the athlete will be permitted to travel with the team and be with the team during games as long as the athlete does not miss any school time.

Football	Two games
Volleyball	Three games
Basketball	Four games
Baseball	Four games
Softball	Four games
2. The student-athlete will be required to attend all practices as required by the coach.
3. In the event the suspension is not completed during the current sport season, the suspension will carry over to the next sport season in which the student-athlete participates.
4. Student-athletes may request a lesser penalty to a committee consisting of a faculty member selected by the student athlete in question as well as the principal and Athletic Director.
5. A parent/athlete/coach/athletic director/principal conference shall be conducted before the athlete may resume playing in athletic contests.

The participant will be given a warning in writing. A copy will be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s). If the infraction occurs again, measures stated in the **SECOND VIOLATION** will be taken.

**SECOND VIOLATION:**

1. A student-athlete who commits a second offense during his/her high school career will be prohibited from participation in interscholastic athletics for a period of one calendar year from the date of the infraction. In the event the suspension is not completed during the current school year, the suspension will carry over to the next school year.

2. The athlete shall forfeit any and all awards s/he would have received while playing in the sport that the second offense occurred.
3. A student-athlete under the honesty clause may request a lesser penalty to a committee consisting of a faculty member selected by the student athlete in question as well as the athletic director and principal.
4. It will be mandatory that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) admit the athlete to drug awareness class(es) before the athlete will be allowed to participate in Colton athletics.
5. A parent/athlete/coach/athletic director/principal conference shall be conducted before the athlete may resume playing in athletic contests.

**THIRD OFFENSE:**

The student-athlete will be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition from the date of the third infraction. The student-athlete will be ineligible to receive a letter during that period.

**Verification of Violations:**

1. **Criminal activity (Citation or other legal action is sufficient.);**
2. **Student admitting to violation;**
3. **A Colton certified or classified employee or school board member viewing a violation;**
4. **Any report received by a student, parent, or community member would generate an informal hearing to determine if guilt exists in regards to a possible athletic code violation.**

Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Colton School District as set forth in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and/or the District Policy Manual will be decided as prescribed therein for all district students.

Any appeal of disciplinary actions for violations of the Athletic/Activities Code will be conducted according to applicable RCW and Board Policy 3200.

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Information only:

If a violation occurs between sports seasons or when a student-athlete is not participating in a sport, the violation will be recorded as a first offense.

- a. All game suspensions will carry over to the next sport season in which the student-athlete participates.

Attachment No. 1

**Legend Drugs**

Penalties for violation of RCW 69.41.020 - 69.41.050 (Legend drugs including anabolic steroids possession, sale and/or use): A violation of RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050 shall be considered a violation of the eligibility code and standards and shall subject the student to disciplinary actions. The following penalties will be administered:

**First Violation** - The student-athlete shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season.

Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the student-athlete wishes to turn out. In order to be eligible to participate in the next interscholastic sports season, the student-athlete shall meet with the school eligibility board, consisting of coaches and administrators selected by the principal to request approval to participate. The school eligibility board will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student-athlete's case. The school principal shall have the final authority as to the student-athlete's participation in the interscholastic sports program.

A student athlete who seeks and receives help for a problem with use of legend drugs (RCW 69.41.010 identified substances) shall be given the opportunity for assistance through the school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall participation in a school and/or community approved assistance program excuse a student-athlete from subsequent compliance with this regulation. However, successful utilization of such an opportunity or compliance with athletic code by the student-athlete may allow him/her to have eligibility re-instated in the athletic program, pending recommendation by the school eligibility authority.

**Second Violation** - A student athlete who again violates any provision of RCW 69.41 shall be ineligible and prohibited from participating in any WIAA member school interscholastic sports program for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

**Third Violation** - A student athlete who violates for a third time RCW 69.41 shall be permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA member school athletic program.

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(Please return to the school prior to your first practice)  
(Retain pages 1 through 5 for your records)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand this policy. I  
(Student's Name)

realize my signature indicates that I have committed myself to the coaches/advisors and to the athletic/activities code, and I further realize that my signature is a symbol of trust. Accordingly, any infraction of these rules will break this commitment, and I may forfeit my right to participate. Signing this agreement shall activate its effects for the duration of the school year and encompasses all sports and activities.

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Student's Signature

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Parent's / Guardian's Signature

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Date

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