

MSHSL AND PLHS ELIGIBILITY BROCHURE

Activities Behavior Expectation Contract

Students: Your participation in high school activities is dependent on your eligibility. PROTECT that eligibility by reviewing with your parent(s)/guardian(s) this summary of Minnesota State High School League rules which govern your participation. Complete regulations are found in the MSHSL Official Handbook which is available at each member high school and which is also posted on the MSHSL Web site: www.mshsl.org.

Please keep this brochure for reference, and if there is a question about any rule interpretation, **CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR.**

I understand I must sign the current eligibility statement prior to participation each school year.

I understand that once I sign the eligibility statement all eligibility rules apply:

- Twelve (12) months of the year;
- Whether I am currently participating or not;
- Continuously from the first signing of the statement through the completion of my high school eligibility.

Parents/Guardians: REVIEW the following rules with your son or daughter. Your role in stressing the value of following these rules cannot be overstated.

General Student Eligibility Checklist (must be completed by all students) *(If you cannot check all 8 items, see your athletic/activities director or principal)*

- ___ 1. Making academic progress toward graduation.
- ___ 2. Will not have turned 20 before the start of the season in which I participate.
- ___ 3. Have not dropped out of school or repeated a grade while in high school.
- ___ 4. Have not and will not use or possess tobacco or alcoholic beverages, use, consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance, including steroids, drug paraphenalia or products containing or used to deliver nicotine, tobacco products and other chemicals.
- ___ 5. Have not and will not violate the racial/religious/sexual harassment/violence/and hazing bylaws of the MSHSL.
- ___ 6. I agree to fully cooperate in any investigation honestly and truthfully.
- ___ 7. Regardless of my age I agree to follow all of the MSHSL Bylaws in order to be eligible to represent my school in League-sponsored activities.

GENERAL BYLAW REVIEW

*ACADEMIC — (Credit Requirement) To be eligible, a student must be making satisfactory progress toward the school's requirement for graduation. (On pace with peers)

*ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND REQUIRED SUBJECT LOAD — Students must be fully enrolled in (as defined by the Minnesota Department of Education) and attending the school before they are eligible to represent that school in MSHSL sponsored activities. Students must be properly registered, attending school and classes regularly. Students must be on track to meet the school's graduation requirements in six years (12 consecutive semesters) beginning with the first day of attendance in the 7th grade.

Student Code of Responsibilities

As a student participating in my school's interscholastic activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

1. I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
2. I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions
3. I will respect the property of others.
4. I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.

5. I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.

A student suspended from school may be deemed ineligible

*MOOD-ALTERING CHEMICALS

A. Reference Bylaw 205

Twelve (12) months of the year, a student shall not at any time, regardless of the quantity: (1) use or consume, have in possession a beverage containing alcohol; (2) use or consume, have in possession tobacco; (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance or drug paraphernalia, (4) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away products containing or products used to deliver nicotine, tobacco products and other chemicals. "Tobacco products" means: any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part or accessory of a tobacco product, (5) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any substance or product where the intent of such use of the substance or product is to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, except under the direction and supervision of a medical doctor. Such substance or products shall include, but are not limited to, synthetic drugs, gasoline, glue, aerosol devices, bath salts, and any substances addressed by Minnesota or Federal law.

1. The bylaw applies continuously from the first signing of the student Eligibility Brochure.
2. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the student's own use by her/his doctor.

B. Penalty:

First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for 25% of consecutive contests during the regular season schedule in which the student is a participant or 2 games or 2 weeks whichever is longer.

Second Violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for 50% of consecutive contests during the regular season schedule in which the student is a participant or if the student completes an independent chemical evaluation and successfully completes all the recommendation of the evaluation the student will sit 6 games or 3 weeks whichever is longer.

Third and Subsequent Violations: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for 1 calendar year. If the athlete successfully completes a drug treatment program, the student will be ineligible for 12 games or 4 weeks whichever is longer.

Penalties are progressive and consecutive.

Any chemical violation in the year disqualifies the student from participating in Major Magnitude field trips.

Denial Disqualification: A student shall be disqualified from all inter-scholastic athletics for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation.

*SEXUAL/RACIAL/RELIGIOUS HARASSMENT / VIOLENCE AND HAZING

A. A student shall not engage in the sexual, racial, religious harassment, violence or hazing during the school year or any portion of an activity season that occurs prior to the start of the school year or after the close of the school year.

B. Reporting Procedures:

1. Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of sexual, racial, religious harassment, violence or hazing or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct, which may constitute hazing, shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy.
2. The building principal is the person responsible for receiving reports of sexual, racial, religious harassment, violence or hazing at the building level. Any person may report hazing directly to a school district human rights officer or to the superintendent.
3. Teachers, administrators, officials, volunteers, and employees of the school district shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances or events which might include sexual, racial, religious harassment, violence or hazing. Any such person who receives a report of, observes, or had other knowledge or belief of conduct, which may constitute sexual, racial, religious harassment, violence or hazing, shall inform the building principal immediately.
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MSHSL AND PLHS ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

All MSHSL eligibility determinations are based on the most current official handbook found at mshsl.org/handbook

Statement to be signed by the participant from a MSHSL member school and by the participant's parent or guardian each school year prior to participation in that year.

Please check all items:

- I have read, understand, and acknowledge receiving the Eligibility Brochure, which contains only a summary of the eligibility rules of the Minnesota State High School League and Prior Lake High School. I understand that a copy of the Official Handbook of the MSHSL is on file with the senior high school athletic director and or principal and that I may review it, in its entirety, if I so choose. The Official Handbook and MSHSL bylaws are also posted on the MSHSL website: www.MSHSL.org under Handbook.
- I understand that once I sign the eligibility statement all eligibility rules apply:
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- Regardless of my age I agree to follow all of the MSHSL Bylaws in order to be eligible to represent my school in League-sponsored activities.
- I further understand that a member school of the MSHSL must adhere to all of the rules and regulations that pertain to the League athletics/activities a school may sponsor and that local rules may be more stringent, and penalties more severe, than MSHSL rules.

STUDENT CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- As a student participating in my school's interscholastic activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:
 - I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
 - I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.
 - I will respect the property of others.
 - I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.
 - I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.**A student whose character or conduct violates the Student Code of Responsibilities or is suspended or expelled is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by the principal. While a student not in good standing, a student may not serve any penalty for MSHSL Bylaw violations.**

- By signing this we acknowledge that we have read the information contained in the MSHSL and PLHS Eligibility Brochure and Statement.
- I/we acknowledge the electronic signature confirms I/we have read and reviewed the information contained in the contents of the Eligibility Brochure and Statement. I/we also acknowledge this electronic signature has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as a signature in a non-electronic form.

The student/parent authorizes the release of documents and other pertinent information by the school in order to determine student eligibility. In addition, the student/parent understands and agrees that public information shall include names and pictures of students participating in or attending extra-curricular activities, school events, and High School League activities or events.

I am a home school student? YES NO I am an online student? YES NO

Student's Printed Name

Birth Date

Grade in School

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date