

Steilacoom High School
Extra-Curricular Eligibility Code (2151P)

The opportunity to participate in the interscholastic athletic programs or extra-curriculum club programs is a privilege granted to all students of the district. Participants in these voluntary programs are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the principals, coaches, advisors and athletic director. A student who is found to be in violation of any rules is subject to removal from the team or club. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated one or more of the conduct rules to appeal a disciplinary action as specified in this code. All disciplinary actions shall be based on factual knowledge, as determined by the athletic director, club advisor and school administrators.

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1. Attendance

Student athletes and club members must be present a full school day on the day of practices or contests to be eligible to participate. Exceptions must be cleared through the athletic director or club advisor.

2. Grades

- a. Student athletes and club members must meet a minimum requirement of a 2.0 GPA with no failing grades or have a 2.5 GPA or better with one failing grade to be eligible to participate in contests. (See d and e for remedy options)
- b. Student athletes and club members not meeting the minimum grade requirement may participate in team practice and club meeting.
- c. Student athletes and club members' grades will be checked by the athletic director or club advisor following quarter, semester and progress grade reports.
- d. Student athletes and club members not meeting minimum grade requirements for 14 calendar days from any classes will be banned from contest participation for a minimum of 7 calendar days, starting the Monday (or first school day if Monday is a non-school day) following a grade check.
- e. Ineligible student athletes and club members are afforded the opportunity to complete a grade check on Thursday and Friday during the week of ineligibility to determine the next week's eligibility standing.
- f. A student athlete or club member may be required to complete a grade check for the purpose of eligibility at any time during the student's athletic season.
- g. All grade checks for ineligible athletes, club members or athletes on probation will be conducted under the supervision of the athletic director or club advisor.
- h. A student who does not meet the minimum academic grade requirements at the end of a semester will be ineligible to compete in athletic contests or club event through the 10th school day of the next semester. A valid grade check on that date is required to restore their eligibility for competition or participation (see section "2a" above).
- i. A student participating in a fall sport or club activity which holds its district and/or state tournament in the spring will have his/her grades checked at the end of the 3rd

quarter and be subject to the academic eligibility policy from that point until the conclusion of the spring sports season.

3. Summer School, Correspondence and Online Courses

In order to regain athletic eligibility or activity eligibility, students who would be considered ineligible may register for summer school, correspondence or online classes to correct deficiencies. The higher grade will be computed for eligibility purposes. Summer school, correspondence, and online courses must be pre-approved by the student's counselor and must be completed, with grade recorded, prior to participation.

4. School Discipline

All school discipline will supersede athletic events or club events. Exceptions must be approved by the athletic director and building administrators.

5. In Season Sport Change

Commitment is crucial to athletics or clubs and athletes and club members are discouraged from switching sports in progress.

6. Doctor's Physical and Release

- a. Student athletes must have a current physical exam on file in order to be cleared to practice in a sport. The physical must be good for the entire season in order to be valid.
- b. Student athletes must obtain a doctor's written release to resume participation in an activity following an injury that requires medical attention.
- c. The written release must be kept on file in the athletic director's office.

7. Cost to Participate

- a. Student athletes and club members must purchase an ASB card and pay the sport user fee prior to the first athletic contest in a sport. Student athletes unable to pay for an ASB card and/or the sport user fee may request financial help through the counseling department.
- b. Any athlete or club member on the fine list will not be allowed to participate in athletics until the fine is paid in full or payment arrangements have been made with the school administration.

8. Team Policies

All student athletes and club members will abide by the specific rules of the head coach, club advisor, and the specific team.

9. Behavior During Transportation

Participants are expected to behave in a safe and orderly manner while being transported to and from athletic and club events.

10. Conduct/Criminal Acts

All student athletes and club members will refrain from disruption of school or school activities, poor citizenship, poor sportsmanship, use of alcohol or illegal drugs and all

other illegal and criminal activities as defined by the Steilacoom School District, Town of Steilacoom, Pierce County and the State of Washington.

11. Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, and Alcohol: Possession, Use and/or Distribution

Penalties for violation of RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050 Legend Drugs (WIAA Policy). Legend drugs including anabolic steroids possession, sale, and/or use or Violation of RCW 69.50 (Uniform Controlled Substances Act) – A violation of RCW 69.41.020-69.41.040 and alcohol shall be considered a violation of the eligibility code and standards, and shall subject the student to disciplinary actions. Legend drugs are defined as those drugs that are legal ONLY through prescription. Controlled substances and controlled substance analogs are defined in RCW 69.50.101. For the purposes of this rule, athletes and club members who attend an event where the possession, use or distribution of drugs, drug paraphernalia and/or alcohol is known by the athlete, that athlete has a duty to safely remove his or herself immediately from the event. Failure to do so is a violation of this rule and subject to these penalties. The following penalties will be administered:

a. 1st Violation

A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition or club events in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of that sport's season (including post-season). Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate. In order to be eligible to participate in the next interscholastic sports season, the student athlete shall meet with the school eligibility board (see section 15 below).

b. 2nd Violation

A student athlete or club member who again violates this rule shall be ineligible and prohibited from participating in any WIAA member school interscholastic sports program or club activity for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

c. 3rd Violation

A student athlete or club member who violates this rule for a third time shall be permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA member school athletic programs or club events.

12. Tobacco

a. 1st Violation

Student athletes and club members who have used tobacco during his/her sport season shall be suspended from participating in contests from the date that the administration learned of the offense and the following 21 calendar days. The 21 calendar day suspension period may be reduced to a 14 calendar day suspension if the student athlete completes an evaluation by a certified counselor and follows the recommendations of the program counselor who directs the student assessment. Practice privileges and club privileges will be determined by the student athlete's head coach or club member's advisor.

b. 2nd Violation

Will result in suspension for the remainder of the current season.

c. 3rd or More Violations

Will result in suspension from all interscholastic athletics or club membership for one calendar year from the date of the violation.

13. WIAA and League Policies

Participants shall comply with all WIAA and League policies, rules and regulations. (Refer to WIAA and League handbook)

14. Appeal Process

All athletic and club membership appeals shall be initiated, in writing, through the athletic director. The athletic director will communicate a written decision on the appeal within 5 school days from receiving the grievance. The decision may then be appealed in writing to the eligibility board, through the principal or designee, within 5 school days of receiving the decision of the athletic director.

15. Eligibility Board

- a. The athletic eligibility board consists of one school administrator, the athletic director, three advisors, and three coaches (at least one coach must also be an in-building teacher).
- b. The athletic or membership eligibility board will recommend in writing to the school administrator appropriate action to be taken in the student athlete's appeal.
- c. The school principal or designee shall have the final authority as to the student athlete or club member's participation in the interscholastic sports program or extra-curriculum program.