

# *St. Peter's High School*

## *Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Policy*

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A student-athlete shall not possess, sell, attempt to sell, use, or consume tobacco, alcohol, drugs, counterfeit substances, or any drug paraphernalia in any form, at any time, or knowingly be present where any illegal use of these substances is taking place. If a student-athlete has violated this rule he/she shall meet with the principal, dean of boys/girls, athletic director, and coach when possible to discuss the situation, which most likely will result in the enforcement of the below stated disciplinary policy. Further, the student athlete's coach, during the season of occurrence, may enforce additional team disciplinary measures.

**Self-referral:** An initial self-referral reported by the student-athlete to the coach or staff member will be treated confidentially and will not be subject to disciplinary action as long as he/she seeks help. This help will be in the form of a student assistance program at the high school or professional agency as deemed necessary. Self-referral may only be used once in a student-athlete's high school career and may not be used if he/she is under investigation for a violation.

**Professional Counseling:** Any professional assistance sought, required and utilized will be at the expense of the student athlete and his/her parents or guardians.

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### ***Disciplinary Procedures:***

If a student-athlete violates the tobacco, alcohol and drug policy he/she will be disciplined as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** A student-athlete violating this rule will be denied participation from 25% or 5 contests, whichever is greater, of his/her regular season contests. If the violation occurs at the end of the season or in tournament play, the denial of participation will carry over into tournament play and/or the next sport in which the student-athlete is involved. The student-athlete will not be permitted to practice until he/she is re-instated.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense (in high school career):** A student-athlete violating this rule will be denied participation for the remainder of that school year and be referred to participate in a formal tobacco/alcohol/drug treatment program. Upon completion of the designated program, the student-athlete will be eligible to participate in the next school year, or the school year the program was completed if the program becomes completed in a school year succeeding the breaking of the rule.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense (in high school career):** A student-athlete violating this rule will be denied participation in any athletic program for the remainder of his/her high school career.

**\* Additionally, any violation of selling illegal drugs shall follow the rules set forth on the St. Peter's Policies and Procedures Manual.**

Procedures:

1. Any certified employee of the St. Peter's Schools, coaches, members of the School Commission, or law enforcement officer who witnesses a student-athlete in violation of the tobacco/alcohol/drug policy are considered credible sources and disciplinary proceedings will commence. Other sources of information brought to the attention of the athletic director may also be investigated.
  2. The athletic director and/or principal will meet directly with the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) to explain the procedures.
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I have read and accept the above Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Policy, and I will support the coaches and school administrators in seeing that these responsibilities are carried out.

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Student-Athlete Signature

Date

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Parent Signature(s)

Date