



CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONSEQUENCES

LEVEL OF EXPECTATION:

It is considered a privilege to participate in extra-curricular activities at Jerome High School. Students in extra-curricular activities must assume certain obligations and responsibilities beyond those set for students in general. Inappropriate and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, are behaviors that are detrimental to the activities program and will not be tolerated.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

Rules of conduct apply to all school and school-condoned organizational activities whether on campus or not. Rules of conduct also apply to situations not related to school activities.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will accumulate from the first day of school or first activity practice of the student's freshman year, until the last day of the student's final activity season or graduation, whichever occurs last.

1. During the school year, whether in season or not, regardless of quantity, a student shall not use or have in possession any beverage containing alcohol, or tobacco in any form. The student shall not use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any controlled substance. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's use by his/her doctor.
2. It is not acceptable for a student to be in attendance at a gathering where rules of conduct are being violated. If a student is known to be at a gathering of this nature they will be suspended.
3. Student must have passed and received credit for at least six (6) classes the semester previous to participation in any IHSAA sponsored activity. Release Time, as a non-credited assignment, cannot count as one of the six (6) passed classes.
4. Students and staff will follow all IHSAA rules, regulations, and recommendations regarding eligibility, transfer, physical examinations, insurance coverage, starting dates, and use of school equipment.
5. Participants must attend school the complete school day to be eligible to practice or participate in a competitive event on that day. Exceptions may include doctor's appointments, school excused events, or pre-arranged absences approved in writing by administration. Any other exceptions require written administrative and head coach approval.
6. It is required that all students complete an IHSAA History and Physical examination prior to his/her first 9th and 11th grade practice in the interscholastic (9-12) athletic program in the State of Idaho. The exam is at the expense of the student and may not be taken prior to May 1st of the 8th and 10th grade years. This examination is to be done by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner. Interim questionnaires are required during the 10th and 12th grade years and must be submitted to the school prior to the first practice.
7. Students in all school sponsored activities must purchase a student activity card prior to participating in competition.
8. Students must travel to and from away contests in transportation provided by the school. The exceptions are:
 - A. Injury to a participant, at the contest site, which would require alternate transportation
 - B. Prior arrangements, in writing, between the student's parent/guardian and coach for the student to ride with his/her parent/guardian.
 - C. Parent/guardian request at the out of town site for the student to travel with the parent/guardian.
 - D. Under no circumstances are students permitted to transport other students.
9. Any civil law infraction or conduct by a student that is determined by the coach/advisor or administration to be detrimental to the activities program, school, or school district will result in discipline by the coach/advisor or administration and may include suspension or expulsion from the activities program for a designated period of time.
10. Any student found guilty of theft or malicious destruction of school property will be suspended immediately from the team. The school administration, in conjunction with the coach, will make a decision regarding further eligibility.
11. Completion of the competitive season is required in order for the student to be eligible for a letter or other team or individual award. Exception: injury that limits participation. No awards will be given to any student suspended for the remainder of the season for activities code of behavior violations. A season will be completed when all obligations to the sport season have been completed.
12. A display of inappropriate conduct toward an opponent or official, or use of profanity during a practice or contest will result in disciplinary action and possible suspension by the advisor/coach.
13. We believe that confrontations between coaches and parents are very disruptive to team unity and spirit. If a parent would like to arrange a mediated conference with an advisor/coach, they may do so by notifying the Activities Director or the Principal. Please remember that playing time is a coach's decision and is a non-negotiable item.
14. In order to be eligible for an activity season the student and parent/guardian must complete the required athlete registration and consent forms through the online athlete registration system "Register My Athlete" linked from the

Jerome Athletics Website: <http://athletics.jeromeschools.org> –Coaches and Advisors may have additional rules that are specific to their activity.

CONSEQUENCES FOR RULES OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

Once a decision has been made that a violation of conduct has occurred, the following are the minimum consequences:

1. The first violation results in a suspension from competition of a minimum of 10% of the season in the activities in which the student is involved. During the suspension the student may be required to continue participating in team practices.
 - A. If the student is between activities, suspension will begin at the commencement of the next activity.
 - B. If 10% of the season does not remain in the current activity season, then the time will carry over into the student's next activity or next school year.
 - C. Parents will be notified of the suspension by the coach or administrator via phone, in person, or via email.
2. The second violation results as in the first, except the length of the consequence will be a suspension of forty (40) school days.
3. The third violation will result in a permanent loss of eligibility

Before any suspension provided for under the Activities Code of Conduct Regulations take effect, the student shall be verbally notified by his/her advisor/coach of the alleged violation and the student shall have an opportunity to explain or justify the action. If after such conference the coach and administrators are satisfied that suspension is justified, the student and parent/guardian will be notified. The consequence of any infraction may be appealed to the Jerome School Board District #261. Appeal must be made in writing to the high school administration within two working days of notification of suspension.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

IDAHO STATE STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY

To be academically eligible for athletics or IHSAA activities, a student must be enrolled full-time in his/her school, on target to graduate based on State Board of Education graduation requirements, and have received passing grades and earned credits in the required number of courses during the previous reporting period. Equivalency is determined by the following criteria: Seven classes available: must pass at least six.

- A. Students participating with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 must have an academic improvement plan in place as developed by the local school district. This plan must include monitoring, additional assistance, time provided for assistance, and an appropriate timeline. (The number of students with an academic improvement plan will be reported on the Eligibility Verification Report)
- B. Being “on target to graduate by State Board of Education requirements” means: a student not having the necessary number of credits to graduate with their class through the normal school day program, must have a graduation plan that provides for receiving a diploma by the end of the summer following their senior year in order to be eligible for activity participation. Effective for the class of 2010. (The number of students with a graduation plan will be reported on the Eligibility Verification Report.)
- C. Schools may adopt stricter academic eligibility policies.

JEROME HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC POLICY

In addition to the IHSAA standards for academic eligibility, Jerome High School also requires students to maintain passing grades in at least 6 of their courses in the current semester to remain eligible for competition. Coaches and advisors are encouraged to check grades weekly. Administration will check grades near the beginning of the season, at mid-season, and prior to district competition. Students with failing grades will be placed on probation until grades are up to an acceptable level. While on probation, the student may practice but will not be allowed to dress down or compete. In order to resume competing, students on probation must provide their coach with a copy of their current passing grades.

Students who are not meeting the standards are encouraged to visit with their teachers, report to the 21st Century Lab, and work on improving their academic performance. Students who remain on probation for over a week may be dismissed from the team at the coach's discretion. Coaches may implement more rigorous academic requirements for their teams as deemed appropriate.