

V. PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES

A. Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Policy.

(ASAA Handbook, TAD Policy, Section 11) In order to ensure consistency of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances use policies by the member schools of the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association, and in cooperation with the Alaska School Activities Association, the following policy is adopted:

- 1. Prohibited Conduct:** The possession, distribution or use of any tobacco products including “E” or electronic cigarettes, alcohol, and controlled substances (as defined in Section 11 of the ASAA TAD Policy) by a student-athlete or activity participant, whether it occurs on or off school property, is prohibited and shall result in the penalties set forth herein. Additionally, being in the same vehicle, house, location, party, proximity, etc. where alcohol/drugs are known to be in illegal possession by minors or willingly remaining in a location or proximity where alcohol/drugs are being illegally consumed will result in the same penalties set forth herein.
- 2. Time Period During Which Policy Applies:** The policy in this section applies to any student who is participating or has participated in interscholastic activities starting from the student’s first participation in interscholastic activities, including formal practices which precede interscholastic competition after the initial signing of the Student/Parent/Legal Guardian (TAD) Acknowledgement Form, at any ASAA member school, and continuing until the student graduates from high school. This policy applies during “calendar days” as defined in the ASAA handbook (ASAA TAD Policy effective July 28, 2008).
- 3. Annual Requirements:** The Pre-Participation Orientation is required of each student participant and parent/guardian annually, at the beginning of the student’s first season of the school year, before the student is eligible to participate. This session is a short informative presentation designed to encourage students to maintain a chemical-free lifestyle, and to ensure that students and parents/guardians understand the policy and the consequences for violation. Upon completion of the Orientation, the student and parent/guardian must sign the Student/Parent/Legal Guardian TAD Acknowledgement Form for the student to gain eligibility. Schools will affirm that this has happened by marking the designated field on the School Activities Reporting System (SARS). In the event a student and parent do not view the Pre-Participation Orientation and/or sign the Student/Parent/Legal Guardian TAD Acknowledgement Form, the student is still subject to the policy.
- 4. Educational Component:** The educational component is a critical part of the policy and is comprised of multiple parts; Pre-Participation Orientation, First Offense, Second Offense, and Subsequent Offenses. ASAA will provide the first three parts of this component for member schools. A series of DVD’s, software and web based training programs and counseling ranging from a pre-participation orientation session to remedial programs for first through third time offenders. These are designed to keep students in school, teach them responsibility, educate them and their parents/guardians on new behaviors and lifestyles, instill accountability, exemplify teamwork, teach positive decision making skills, and keep students eligible for interscholastic activities. (ASAA’s educational component is applicable to member high schools only.)
- 5. Cumulative and Progressive Penalties:** Violations of the TAD and Proximity policies will be cumulative and progressive, as described in the following paragraphs, throughout a

student's high school years. If a student transfers from one ASAA member school to another ASAA member school, the student's cumulative violations will accompany such transfer and shall be the basis for any additional penalties should further violations occur. Under KPSAA guidelines, A Proximity violation is the same as a TAD violation.

6. Minimum Penalties for Violation of the TAD/Proximity Policy:

First TAD/Proximity Offense - The student will be suspended from interscholastic activities and practice for ten (10) calendar days. Fifty percent (50%) of the suspension will be forgiven and the student may return to practice if the student and parent/guardian complete the First Offense educational component. For tobacco use, if a student under the First Offense Penalty violates the Tobacco Rule with the ten (10) calendar days period of suspension, the student's period of suspension will start over again; the First Offense educational component will become mandatory and no forgiveness will be granted. This process will continue until the student has demonstrated ten (10) calendar days without a subsequent tobacco violation. A student who has not completed a suspension or re-suspension under the first Offense penalty for violation of the Tobacco Rule does not become subject to imposition of penalties under a Second, Third or Fourth Offense for violation of the Tobacco Rule, until the student has completed all suspensions and re-suspensions under the First Offense Penalty for tobacco use. A student serving a First Offense penalty under the Tobacco Rule is, however, subject to immediate imposition of a Second Offense Penalty to the extent this is based upon violation of the non-tobacco prohibitions under this policy.

While under the period of suspension, the student may return to practice after completion of the educational component. A student may need additional days of practice before returning to competition (See Article 7, Section 7 ASAA).

Second TAD/Proximity Offense - The student will be suspended from interscholastic activities and practice for forty-five (45) calendar days and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of the interscholastic competition suspension. In addition, the student must complete 20 hours of community service and write an essay on what they learned about this experience.

Third TAD/Proximity Offense - Students who violate this policy for a third time have a significant problem. Students who have committed a Third Offense under the rule and wish to regain their eligibility will complete the following:

- suspension from interscholastic competition and practice for six (6) months and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of the interscholastic activities suspension
- seek assessment and counseling/treatment from a local health care professional
- complete and submit to school administrator Appendix I (Chemical Use Assessment Form)
- successfully complete the recommendations of the care provider and submit a letter from the agency
- demonstrate a commitment to remain substance free
- make a presentation to the District School Board requesting reinstatement of interscholastic eligibility

Fourth and Subsequent TAD/Proximity Offense - Students who violate this policy for a fourth or more time have a significant problem. Students who have committed a Fourth and Subsequent Offenses under the rule and wish to regain their eligibility will complete the following:

- suspension from interscholastic competition and practice for one calendar year and there will be no forgiveness of calendar days of the interscholastic activities suspension
- seek assessment and counseling/treatment from a local health care professional
- complete and submit to school administrator Appendix I (Chemical Use Assessment Form)
- successfully complete the recommendations of the care provider and submit a letter from the agency
- demonstrate a commitment to remain substance free,
- make a presentation to the District School Board requesting reinstatement of interscholastic eligibility
- make a presentation to the ASAA Board of Directors requesting reinstatement of interscholastic eligibility

All elements of reporting, enforcement, and administration of the above participation guidelines will be in accordance with Alaska School Activities Association, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association General Information and Policies.

Penalties shall be imposed beginning on the first calendar day following a determination that a violation has occurred, except to the extent a school's appeals policy permits a student to continue to participate pending final determination of any appeal filed by the student under such policy. In such case, penalties shall be imposed on the first calendar day following a determination on appeal that a violation has occurred. A student shall be considered ineligible during each calendar day in which a penalty is imposed.

7. **Conduct.** Suspension from activities for a period of time up to thirty (30) consecutive school days or the remainder of the activity season to be determined by the coach/principal shall result from:
 - a. Fighting
 - b. Vandalism
 - c. Theft and/or possession of known stolen property
 - d. Other disciplinary situations which may arise will be subject to penalties according to Board of Education policies.