

## **Tri-State Tigers Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy**

This policy covers the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol or any controlled substance as defined by law. Presence at a gathering where alcohol, tobacco or a controlled substance is being used illegally will be regarded as possession. This policy is in effect for the entire calendar year and will begin when the student enters 7<sup>th</sup> grade through the duration of their athletic/**fine arts** career. **Athletics will be defined as all athletics Tri-State is a member with NDHSAA and SDHSAA. Fine Arts will be defined as all activities that each school is a member with MSHSL, NDHSAA and SDHSAA.** A copy of this policy will be presented to each athlete and must be signed by the athlete and parent/guardian prior to the beginning of each athletic season.

### **Tobacco and Alcohol**

1. **First Violation Penalty:** After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) weeks.

In the event the student is not participating in an event at the time of the infraction, the penalty will begin when the student begins an activity.

If a season ends and the duration of the penalty has not been served, the remaining penalty will be served when the student begins another activity.

**Fine Arts participation will count toward the eligibility weeks. For fine arts participation to count the student needs to join the activity at the beginning of the season and complete the activity. If activities are running concurrently only one week will count per week.**

2. **Second or Subsequent Violation Penalty:** After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next eighteen (18) weeks.

In the event the student is not participating in an event at the time of the infraction, the penalty will begin when the student begins an activity.

If a season ends and the duration of the penalty has not been served, the remaining penalty will be served when the student begins another activity.

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### **Controlled Substance**

1. **First Violation Penalty:** After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for one (1) year. This penalty may be reduced to six (6) weeks if the student athlete completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.

In the event the student is not participating in an event at the time of the infraction, the penalty will begin when the student begins an activity.

If a season ends and the duration of the penalty has not been served, the remaining penalty will be served when the student begins another activity.

**Fine Arts participation will count toward the eligibility weeks. For fine arts participation to count the student needs to join the activity at the beginning of the season and complete the activity. If activities are running concurrently only one week will count per week.**

2. **Second or Subsequent Violation Penalty:** After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for one (1) year. This penalty may be reduced to eighteen (18) weeks if the athlete completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.

In the event the student is not participating in an event at the time of the infraction, the penalty will begin when the student begins an activity.

If a season ends and the duration of the penalty has not been served, the remaining penalty will be served when the student begins another activity.

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### **Academic Eligibility**

All student athletes will adhere to the restricted/ineligibility list regulations adopted by the Tri-State Tiger board.

I have completely read and understand this document.

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Student Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date