ADMINISTRATIVE RULE
LEWIS COUNTY, Nezperce/Highland Activity Code
(as it pertains to Cooperative Activities under policy #426.1)

A Highland/Nezperce student on a school sponsored trip represents his/her school and must demonstrate excellent conduct at all times. The purposes of the Nezperce/Highland High School's activity program are to promote skill development, teach teamwork and good citizenship, and provide worthwhile activities for students outside of class time. The following rules exist to further these goals.

1. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and students may loose the privilege through misconduct. Participants are representing their school and community, and high standards of behavior are expected of them.

2. Students and their parent or guardian must sign this activity code prior to their first participation in extra-curricular activities each school year. After that, the regulations remain in effect until the last event of the student's final extracurricular participation that school year. Any infractions will affect the student's current or next participation during that time. Consequences which cannot be implemented during the current school year will be completed during the following school year.

3. All participants in extracurricular activities must obey civil laws. A participant who is arrested for behavior not detailed in this policy may be removed from participation temporarily or permanently.

4. Violations of this code will affect the student's participation in both athletic and non-athletic activities.

5. Coaches and advisors may implement reasonable rules for their activities in addition to those listed here. These rules will be in writing, approved, and on file in the Principal's office.

6. If a participant is in attendance at a location where drugs are present, or alcoholic beverages are being consumed by minors, the participant will be suspended from participation in any activity up to ten school calendar days, unless the student can show that, once the illegal behavior was recognized, the student immediately left the location.

7. Any student detected by a member of the staff using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco on a school sponsored trip the following rules will apply:

a. S/he will be suspended from extra-curricular participation for 90 school calendar days. (Possession of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs during a trip will result in the same penalty).

b. Students suspended will not be awarded any extra-curricular awards for the school year.

c. The responsibility of carrying out these penalties will rest with the directors of the activities.

d. It is understood the 90 school calendar days will carry over into the next activity season or next school calendar year.

e. Violations of this code which occur while the student is on an activity trip may result in the parent or guardian being required to transport the student home from the trip.

8. If a student participant who is <u>not</u> on a school sponsored trip is detected using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs during their time of participation in an activity the following rules apply:

a. S/he will be suspended from competition/activities for 21 school calendar days and placed on probation. The participant, his parent (or parents), his advisor or coach, and a school administrator will meet to determine any other appropriate action.

b. It is understood the 21 day suspension will carry over into the next activity season or school calendar year if the infraction takes place at the end of the school year.

9. If a participant who is not on a trip is detected using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs for a second time during a school year the following rules will apply:

a. S/he will be suspended from participation from activities for 60 school calendar days.

b. It is understood the 60 school calendar days will carry over into the next school calendar year if applicable.

c. The participant, his/her parents, his/her advisor, and a school administrator will meet to determine an appropriate course of drug-alcohol counseling for the participant. S/he must undergo such counseling, *at parental expense*, before s/he can be reinstated as a participant.

d. S/he will not receive any award for the event in which the 2nd violation takes place.

10. Any participant who is detected using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs for a third time in any school year the following rules will apply:

a. S/he will be suspended from all participation for one calendar year from the date of offense and will not receive any sort of award from the school.
b. One calendar year carries over from school year to school year.

c. The participant, his/her parents, his/her advisor, and a school administrator will meet to determine an appropriate course of drug-alcohol counseling for the participant. S/he must undergo such counseling, *at parental expense*, before s/he can be reinstated as a participant for competition.

11. The "bona-fide" complaints of patron and non-activities staff members will be accepted at once and investigated. A bona-fide complaint is defined as one in which the patron or staff member is willing to name names, indicate places and testify to the breaking of participation rules.

a. The complaint will be in writing and signed.

12. A participants arrest and conviction for possession of alcohol, possession of drugs, use of alcohol, or use of drugs will carry the same penalty as if detected by a member of the staff. His/her advisor will question any students suspected by the staff of participation violations. His/her word will be taken, but if later evidence proves that he/she was lying the proper penalty for the violation (#1, #2, #3) will be assessed immediately.

13. Students who are absent from school during any part of the school day may not participate in activities until the next school day unless the Principal or designee grants permission based on unusual circumstances.

14. Students who do not come to school the day following participation in an activity at the regular time will not be allowed to participate in their next scheduled activities unless they have a valid excuse signed by their parent, such as a doctor's appointment

15. Students who are truant from school will not be allowed to participate in any activity until all of their detention time has been served.

a. Students who have to serve detention are not eligible to participate in any activity until all detention time has been served. An exception can be made by the principal in cases such as a trip bus leaving immediately after school dismissal.

16. Participants who self-report of rule infractions will be suspended from competition for 14 school calendar days; this will be based on the first offense only.

17. Any policy that does not appear in the Athletic/Activity code, but is in other school documents will be enforced.

18. Student athletes are required to meet the IHSAA GPA guidelines which include a 2.0 GPA. Students not meeting the GPA minimum can be placed on a weekly plan of improvement.

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