

## SANBORN CENTRAL ATHLETIC TRAINING RULES

The Sanborn Central School believes that it is important that our athletes understand the importance of abstinence from alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal drugs. We believe that student-athletes have a responsibility to refrain from these substances during the course of the entire school year because of the high expectations of performance we ask from our athletes. The school district believes that athletes that represent our school do so throughout the school year, not just during the season of play.

An entire school year, for all students, is defined as beginning with the start of practice for football/volleyball and concluding with the last school-sponsored activity of the year, which is the State Track Meet. Nothing is carried over into the following school year except an illegal drug violation, which is covered under South Dakota Codified Law.

It is important to note that there are not times during the school year when using alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are tolerated. Verification of an infraction/offense needs to be directly witnessed by a school administrator, coach/advisor, or verified by a law enforcement official. All facts will be gathered and careful consideration given to those facts by the coach/advisors, Athletic Director, and administration before any suspension will take place.

If the student-athlete uses/possesses alcohol/tobacco/illegal drugs between sports seasons in which they actively participate, the suspension will carry over into the next sports season that the student-athlete participates in, although not into the next school year unless it is an illegal drug offense covered under SDCL 13-32-9. The athletic director will determine the minimum penalty if the penalty cannot be served in any one sport's season. **Example, if caught during football season and there is only one football game remaining, the student-athlete will miss two basketball games, also.** The superintendent has the final say on all matters of punishment and determination of guilt.

**First Offense:** If the student-athlete is in possession of or uses alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs he/she will be ineligible for the following number of events (Event as defined by the SDHSAA): NOTE: Illegal drug violations are subject to SDCL 13-32-9 penalties.

Football	2 events
Girls/Boys Basketball	4 events
Volleyball	4 events
Track	2 events
Cheerleading	Same as the sport

The parents of the offender(s) will be notified of the suspension. **Student-athletes who self-report to the coach, athletic director, or administration within 24 hours of the infraction will have their penalty reduced by one-half. Students must practice while suspended.**

**Second Offense:** The student-athlete is suspended for the remainder of the season of the sport they are participating in at the time. Parents will be notified of the suspension. The student/athlete will not letter or receive any awards in the sport he/she is participating in at the time of the second offense.

**Third Offense:** The student-athlete is suspended from all events for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified of the suspension.

Parents are asked to read these rules carefully, sign them, and return to school. Your signature simply acknowledges the fact that you have read and understand the above rules. Failure to sign does not exempt your child from the above rules.

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date