

ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT

Neah-Kah-Nie School District #56 is proud to offer athletic and activity opportunities to Neah-Kah-Nie School students. Our coaches, teachers, advisors and administrators expect students to apply themselves to their academics, maintain good attendance, be disciplined, and represent Neah-Kah-Nie High School with pride and respect. The primary goal of Neah-Kah-Nie athletic and activity programs is to provide fun, rewarding, and successful learning experiences for all student athletes.

Academic Eligibility-Athletics/Activities

Students must meet OSAA and Neah-Kah-Nie High School eligibility requirements each trimester to participate in any athletic/activities at NKN High School. Students must be enrolled in four curriculum classes per trimester. Students who do not pass 4 out of 5 classes are not eligible for participation in the following trimester. Participation for fall sports will be based on the previous year's third trimester grades. Students' grades will be monitored during the season at the six week progress report for continued eligibility. If at the six week progress report a student is not meeting the OSAA pass-to-play rule (passing 4 out of 5 classes) they will be ineligible to participate in competitions until he/she is meeting the OSAA requirement. Participation in team practices will be determined by the head coach/advisor.

Additionally, to be eligible to play, a student also must be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements by earning a minimum of the quantity of credits indicated on the chart below for the specified year. (See OSAA Handbook, Rule 8.1.2.)

Minimum Satisfactory Progress Requirements:

<i>Credits to Graduate:</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Prior to Grade 10:</i>	<i>5.0</i>
<i>Prior to Grade 11:</i>	<i>11.5</i>
<i>Prior to Grade 12:</i>	<i>19.5</i>

Returning students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements established above need to enroll in and complete a credit recovery program. Students who are not "on track to graduate" are not eligible to participate unless an Eligibility Request Form has been submitted to the OSAA office and approved by its Executive Director.

Students with unexcused absences or truancies will not participate in athletics/activities that day, although students with excused pre-arranged absences may participate in such athletics/activities at the discretion of the administration. Appeals concerning the eligibility procedure must be made to the Athletic Director.

Note: Being more than 15 minutes late is recorded as an absence and the student will be unable to participate in a practice or a contest that day.

These guidelines have been established as a minimum code of athletics/activities. Coaches/advisors may institute additional rules of conduct.

Athletics and Activities offered at Neah-Kah-Nie High School:

Baseball	Honor Society	Speech
Basketball	Math Club	Student Council
Cheerleading	NOSB	Volleyball
Cross Country	Track and Field	Wrestling
FBLA	Choir	Outdoor Club
Softball	Football	Strength Training
Chess	Dance Team	

Physical Exams for Athletics

All students must have a physical exam performed by a physician licensed by the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, **prior to** practice and competition in athletics. The physical exam is the responsibility of the parents/student and is to be paid for by parents. Any participant that has had an injury or illness and has been under the care of a physician **must** have a "Return to Play" form signed by the physician before participation.

The following guidelines have been established by School District #56 and **MUST** be read by the student and a parent/guardian before that student can participate in athletics or activities.

General Rules

- 1) The policy shall be in effect 24 hours a day from the first day of practice through the last contest in that sport or activity.
- 2) Participants will ride to and from any event held at another school on school provided transportation. A student may ride with his/her own parent or guardian **ONLY** if it has been pre-arranged with the coach. (This is usually done only for the trip home.) If a student rides home with another player's parent, a change in transportation form must be completed prior to the trip.
- 3) Athletes are eligible to compete in a contest or practice only if they attend school at least half the day of the contest or practice, and only if the absence is excusable. The only exceptions are pre-arranged absences or those which have administration approval.
- 4) A student removed from a team or suspended from sports competition may not letter or attend the awards banquet.
- 5) All students must be covered by insurance before being allowed to practice or compete in an athletic event.
- 6) All ninth and eleventh grade students must have a physical examination by a certified medical doctor using the prescribed OSAA physical form, unless they have had one within the last two years. All other students must complete an interim physical report.
- 7) **All** paperwork must be turned in before the first practice.
- 8) Students are expected to attend school **first** period on the morning after a school sponsored event. Any co-curricular participation accompanied by a tendency towards tardiness will require a meeting with the Athletic Director, any advisor or teachers involved, and a parent, to discuss further participation.

STUDENT/ATHLETIC TRAINING REGULATIONS

The use, sale, distribution, or possession of alcohol, tobacco, or non-prescribed drugs is prohibited on and off campus. Presence beyond a minimal amount of time at places where drugs or alcohol are being used illegally is a violation of the athletic/activity policy. Students who find themselves in jeopardy because of a substance problem should receive professional assistance. If a student voluntarily requests assistance from school officials with regard to an alcohol, drug, or tobacco problem and has not previously committed an alcohol/non-prescribed drug use or tobacco possession or use offense, there shall be no discipline of the student, provided that:

- A. The student meets with his school counselor and follows his/her recommendations; and
- B. There are no subsequent incidents of alcohol, tobacco, or non-prescribed drug use or possession.

In an instance where a student has failed to voluntarily request assistance as described above and is determined by a school official to have used or possessed alcohol, tobacco, or non-prescribed drugs, the student will face the consequences following. Students and parents must clearly understand that these offenses accumulate throughout high school. For example, a freshman student can break the Code of Conduct and receive a 45 day suspension. If the student commits a second offense **at any time** during his/her high school career, he/she will receive the punishment for the second offense.

First Offense

If a school official determines a student has used, possessed, sold, distributed alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or has been present in a place for more than a minimal amount of time where drugs or alcohol are being used unlawfully by others, the student will be excluded from representing the NKN School District in a public forum/setting/competition for 45 calendar days from the time the violation is dealt with by school personnel. Within one week of suspension, the student must meet with the school counselor and demonstrate a willingness to follow his/her recommendation for treatment. Failure to comply will be treated as a second offense.

Second Offense At ANY Time During Subsequent High School Career

A full suspension from all sports/activities will be enforced for one calendar year. A student is considered to be under this policy even during "first offense" suspension. If a student breaks the rules during this time period, the student is automatically suspended for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

Third Offense

Full suspension from all sports/activities for the remainder of the student's high school career.

Other Severe Violations Include:

- A. Fighting or physical aggression – 15 days and at least one contest/game suspension.
- B. Insubordination – 5 days and at least one contest/game suspension.
- C. Theft or vandalism while on athletic trips, at any school, or teammate: suspension for the duration of that sports season.
- D. Bullying/Hazing/ Harassment.
- E. Threats.
- F. Weapons – Suspended from school pending an expulsion hearing.

NOTE: Suspensions will be consecutive school days and at least one game suspension for the violations listed above. Other consequences, depending on the infraction, may be at the coaches' and/or athletic director's discretion.

All students may face other school consequences, and each individual coach/advisor may set higher standards for reinstatement after violations.

Coaches/advisors may institute higher standards or expectations or additional rules of conduct.

Any violation that requires a suspension of 45 days or more may be appealed to the Athletic/Activity Council, which consists of the high school principal, athletic director and up to three head coaches (one of which will be the coach of the sport from which the athlete is being suspended), or four staff members. The student or his/her parents must communicate the desire to appeal the suspension in writing to the high school principal within five days of the suspension. The Council will meet within three days of receiving the notice of the appeal. The student may attend the hearing. The Council will review the incident and consequences, and will notify the student and his/her parents within three days of the hearing date.

Ejections

If a student is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, the student/parent will pay the OSAA fine at the rate prescribed by the OSAA.

OSAA Ejection Policy

First ejection:	\$50
Second ejection:	\$100
Third ejection:	\$150
Fourth ejection:	\$200*

*Each ejection thereafter in a sport during the season shall result in a fine to be increased by \$50 increments for each ejection, without limitation. The fine for an ejection in the last contest of the season shall increase by \$100 over the standard fine for the offenses.

NKN Ejection Policy

For one ejection in a sports season, the player pays NKN High School \$50. The players shall share the total sum of the fines when two or more ejections occur in the same sports season:

Second ejection:	Each Player pays \$75
Third ejection:	Each Player pays \$100
Fourth ejection:	Each Player pays \$125

An athlete may be dismissed from a team if he/she is ejected from a contest.

Athletic Fee to Play

Each student/athlete is required to pay \$75 for each OSAA sponsored sport or activity. The total cost per family will not exceed \$250 per year.

1. Determination of financial hardship will be based on the same criteria that apply to free or reduced price lunch applications. All user fees will be waived for families who qualify.
2. All fees must be paid before the first contest is played. If a player leaves the team for any reason before the start of the first contest, all fees will be returned. If a player leaves a team after the start of the first contest, NO fees will be returned.
3. If a student athlete is removed from a team at any time during the season for disciplinary reasons or failure to meet district academic standards, NO fees will be returned.
4. If a student athlete is cut by a member of the coaching staff, the student will receive a full refund.
5. If a student athlete is injured or moves outside the boundaries of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and cannot complete the season*, refunds will be as follows:

Injured or moved away first half of the season – 50% refund
 Injured or moved away second of the season – No refund

*Season is from the first practice date to the date of the last contest.

THIS CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT IS VALID FOR THE ENTIRE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please return entire form to office staff before the first practice.