

STUDENTS

Athletic Code

Although interscholastic athletics are voluntary, those participating do represent their respective student bodies, families and communities. Therefore, the standards must be kept high. This includes academic requirements, citizenship, sportsmanship, conduct, and loyalty. Lowering standards by either the individual or the team to win games is self defeating. The dignity of the total school program is also reflected in the athletic program. Thus it is important that student athletes conduct themselves in a manner beyond reproach.

In the event a student is suspended, emergency expelled, or expelled from school or school activity, a copy of the letter of suspension, emergency expulsion, or expulsion will be permanently placed in the student's cumulative file.

ATHLETIC CODE DUE PROCESS APPEAL

All athletes that are denied participation or are charged with a violation of the Kennewick School District rules and regulations shall be notified both verbally and/or in writing within three (3) school days. The student shall have the right to an appeals hearing.

If the student wishes to have a hearing, s/he must present this request, in writing, to the principal, or designee, within three (3) school days of the receipt of either the verbal or written notice of the infraction(s) or hardship.

The High School Athletic Appeal Board shall consist of the following people:

1. Executive Director of Secondary Education
2. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Kamiakin High School)
3. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Kennewick High School)
4. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Southridge High School)
5. Kamiakin High School certificated staff member (2-year term)
6. Kennewick High School certificated staff member (2-year term)
7. Southridge High School certificated staff member (2-year term)
8. Parent/Community member (3)

The Middle School Athletic Appeal Board shall consist of the following people:

1. Executive Director of Secondary Education
2. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Desert Hills Middle School)
3. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Highlands Middle School)
4. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Horse Heaven Hills Middle School)
5. Assistant Principal of Student Activities (Park Middle School)
6. Desert Hills Middle School certificated staff member (2-year term)
7. Highlands Middle School certificated staff member (2-year term)

8. Horse Heaven Hills Middle School certificated staff member (2-year term)
9. Park Middle School certificated staff member (2-year term)
10. Parent/Community member (3)

The hearing will be conducted as follows:

- A. The Executive Director of Secondary Education will conduct the hearing.
- B. The student athlete shall be present.
- C. The student athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be present at the hearing.
- D. The student athlete's coach may present testimony.
- E. The team captain or alternate may present testimony.
- F. The person(s) making the charge, if other than previously named, may be present. Any other witnesses may present testimony as needed.
- G. If needed, an interpreter may be present.

The Athletic Appeal Board will render its decision within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the hearing.

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1. Upon receipt of the Athletic Appeal Board's decision, either party may appeal the decision to the Kennewick School District Board of Directors.
2. This is accomplished by giving notice of such appeal, in writing, within three (3) schools days after receipt of the decision.
3. Within five (5) school days of receipts of the notice of appeal, a School Board hearing shall be scheduled.
4. The decision of the School Board is final unless either party pursues the matter in the Civil Courts.

Legal Reference: [WIAA 19.00](#)

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