

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

The determination to impose sanctions related to participation in interscholastic athletics and the nature of the sanctions to be imposed shall be made by the principal of the Saco Middle School. It is recommended that before imposing a sanction, the principal should have an opportunity to discuss the situation with the student, his/her parents, and relevant School District personnel. However, the principal may, where he/she determines it to be appropriate and in the best interest of the school, impose sanctions prior to or without such discussion.

### **Sanctions which may be imposed include one or more of the following:**

1. Referral to the appropriate coach for disciplinary action.
2. Placement on probation for a number of days and/or upon such conditions as may be determined to be appropriate.
3. Suspension from participation in a specific number of athletic events.
4. Suspension from the athletic team for the remainder of the season.
5. Denial of the opportunity to obtain school awards in the sport in which the student was participating when the violation of rules occurred. (Athletic awards require not only participation but also completion of the season in good standing.)
6. Suspension from athletic competition for the remainder of the school year and/or extending into succeeding school years.

Notice of the imposition of sanctions shall be made promptly by the principal or his/her designee to the student and his/her parents.

### **Application of Policy**

A student is subject to this policy throughout the season of the sport in which he/she is participating. The season begins on the first day of practice and continues through post-season competition. In addition, sanctions may be imposed for serious and substantial violations occurring at any time during the school year, on or off campus, and, where deemed appropriate, while school is not in session.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prohibit a coach from establishing and enforcing additional rules applicable to the activity, curfew hours and other matters relating to the functioning of the team or group. It is anticipated that minor violations

will be handled directly by the coach involved after conferring with the Athletic Director and/or the appropriate School District administrator.

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