

Bath Local Schools Uniform Training Rules for All Sports

The Uniform Training Rules expectations and consequences, are in effect and will be enforced for twelve (12) months of the year.

I. Uniform Training Rules

No student-athlete shall use, misuse, possess, conceal, sell, distribute or be under the influence of:

1. any drug of abuse (controlled dangerous substance)
2. any substance that produces toxic vapors
3. any counterfeit (look-a-like) drug
4. alcoholic beverages or
5. any type of tobacco product in any form

II. Uniform Training Rules Violations

Any violation of the Uniform Training Rules shall be observed by a Bath teacher, coach, administrator, school board member, verifiable by law enforcement agency reports, the parents of the student-athlete involved in the violation or the student's statement of admission. Reports regarding potential rules violations from other sources will be investigated by the school administration to determine if there is sufficient evidence of a violation.

First Offense

If a student-athlete is reported to be in violation of the Uniform Training Rules and has been given due process, the student-athlete will be removed from fifty percent (50%) of the originally scheduled contests for that season.

If the student-athlete enrolls in an educational program designated and approved by the principal and/or athletic director, the penalty shall be reduced to 20% of the originally scheduled contests for the season. It will be the responsibility of the student-athlete to schedule, attend and assume all costs of this program (including drug testing). The individual will contact the agency within three days of the suspension meeting. The local agency will determine the length and closure of the program. While a urine screening will be done as part of this process, urine screening alone does not constitute compliance. All confidential information will be released to the Principal or Athletic Director,

Second Offense

The student-athlete shall be removed from all athletics for one calendar year of the violation. The student-athlete must show evidence of seeking enrollment and progress towards completion of the educational program within the calendar year of removal. It will be the responsibility of the student-athlete to schedule, attend and assume all costs of this program (including drug testing). Failure to seek and show evidence of enrollment in such a program will result in the student-athlete being declared ineligible for all interscholastic athletics for the remainder of their years in the Bath Local School system.

Third Offense

The student-athlete becomes ineligible for the remainder of their years in the Bath School system.

Additional Guidelines

As previously stated, the Uniform Training Rules are in effect and will be enforced for twelve (12) months of the year. Consequences will be cumulative during middle school and high school years.

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In the case of removal with less than fifty percent (50%) or twenty percent (20%) of the season remaining, the student-athlete will have the removal carded over into the next sport season that he or she participates in.

In the case of a student-athlete violating the Uniform Training Rules while currently not participating in a sport, the removal will begin with the next sports season in which the student-athlete participates in. The student-athlete must complete this season or the penalty will be reinstated to the next season of competition.

If approved by the head coach and athletic director, the student-athlete may practice with the team during the suspension period. The suspended individual will not travel or be associated with the team during game-day functions or competitions.

An end-of-the-season award will be presented to the student-athlete, if he/she has met the criteria of the award and is in good standing with the coaching staff at the conclusion of the season.

III. Twenty-four Hour Dismissal

The coach and/or school administrator may, at any time, deny an athlete the privilege of participation in athletics for twenty-four hours (24) or less for conduct that is dangerous, disruptive or detrimental to welfare of the team. Depending upon the specific nature of the conduct it may be regarded further as a violation of the Uniform Training Rules which could result in additional disciplinary action.

IV. Expectations of Student Athletes

Student-athletes shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects good citizenship. Any behavior that results in dishonor to the participant, his or her team or school will not be tolerated. The Head Coach, Athletic Director and or the Administration will deal with all violations on an individual basis. Acts of unacceptable conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. theft
2. vandalism
3. insubordination
4. instigating of violence
5. inappropriate use of social media according to the athletic code of conduct

V. Injuries and/or Illness

For insurance purposes, all injuries should be recorded by the head coach or trainer. All injured athletes capable of being at practices must attend. Before returning to practice or games after a serious injury, the athlete must present a medical release from the physician to the Bath trainer. All illness situations are covered by school policy and the assistant principal's office. Note: The athlete must be at school by the end of second period to be eligible for the day.

VI. Transportation

All athletes must ride to and from an athletic event via school transportation. Exceptions must be approved in advance by the head coach and/or school administration and will be in cooperation with the athlete's parents.

VI. Additional Training Rules

Each coach may have additional training rules. Once posted and on file in the Athletic Director's office, these rules become valid