**Standards for player participation**

WYSA Players who chose to participate in WYSA activities represent their community and club at public events and activities. WYSA players are expected to demonstrate year-round behavior that reflects positively on themselves, WYSA, and the Watertown community.

At any time, year-round, WYSA players are prohibited from the following:

* Drinking or the possession of alcoholic beverages
* Use of or possession of tobacco and/or nicotine products
  + This includes e-cigarettes or vaping devices
* Use or possession of illegal drugs or narcotics.

Should a WYSA player participates in any of the above listed activities they will be in violation of the policy. WYSA players who use prescription drugs as authorized by a licensed medical provider in the prescribed dosage does not violate this policy

This policy is in effect on or off WYSA training grounds, facilities, and events.

WYSA training grounds – WYSA training grounds include Anza soccer complex, Watertown field house, and any location that indoor/outdoor training session are being held, in or out of Watertown, SD.

Events – Any public representation, recruiting event, tournament, friendly, scrimmage, training event, camp, or clinic, or team event.

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|  | **1ST VIOLATION** | **2ND VIOLATION** | **3RD & SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION** |
| **Violations Occurring on or off WYSA grounds, events, activities.** | Suspension from any WYSA activity or events for 14 consecutive calendar days or (1) event whichever is greater, not to exceed 25% of the scheduled events during the season. If violation is related to alcohol/drugs, the player must participate in a conference with the players coach, WYSA president, and competitive chair, and players’ parent. This conference may require more than one meeting and/or assignments to be completed. The individual would continue to practice during the suspension if not removed from school, player must attend school to be eligible for training, tournaments, friendlies, or scrimmage. | Suspension from any WYSA activity or events for 28 consecutive calendar days, or (2) events whichever is greater, not to exceed 50% of scheduled events during the season. If 2nd violation is for alcohol/drugs, the player will be required to attend an education program recommended by WYSA, at the expense of the player. The individual would continue to train during the suspension if not removed from school, player must attend school to be eligible for training, tournaments, friendlies, or scrimmage. | Suspension from any WYSA activity or events for 48 consecutive calendar days, or (3) events whichever is greater. Not to exceed 75% of scheduled events during the season. Seasons with only (3) events, it will be addressed on a case-by-case basis for which the individual is ineligible to participate. If the 3rd violation is for alcohol/drugs, the individual shall lose eligibility for one year from date of the violation. For the individual to return to WYSA the following year, the individual shall participate in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor and/or complete an accredited intensive prevention program at the expense of the player. |

Reporting of violations – The above rules apply if the report is made and substantiated by legal authorities, players coach, WYSA board player, the parent or guardian of the individual or the individual’s voluntary admission. The suspension period begins on the day following notification to WYSA.

APPEAL – If it is believed that the individuals’ rights have been violated, the suspension may be appealed by filing a written request for appeal to WYSA within (5) days of report made to WYSA, WYSA will then have (5) days to review, and a decision will be made. Individuals will remain suspended during the appeal process.

PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING – Individuals are ineligible for any event(s) during suspension periods but are allowed to participate in practice if they are not suspended from school.

RECORD OF VIOLATION – Violations accumulate through U9-U12 years, and violation accumulate through U13- U19 years.

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