

# Idaho American Legion Baseball

## Alcohol and Drug Policy

Abuse of drugs and alcohol is a nationwide problem. It affects persons of every age, race, gender and ethnic group. It poses risks to the health and safety of both the individual and the community, and The American Legion is committed to taking steps to reduce these problems.

To reduce these risks, The American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ baseball team has adopted this policy concerning drugs and alcohol. This policy establishes standards concerning drugs and alcohol, which all team members, players and coaches, must meet, and it establishes consequences for those who violate this policy regarding drugs and alcohol.

All organizations are strongly encouraged to develop an educational program, developed by their organization and coaching staff, on drugs and alcohol and require all team members attend and acknowledge that they have read materials on the problems of drug and alcohol abuse.

No team member shall report for any team related activity (practice, games, other sponsored functions) if the team member has used alcohol or any controlled substance, except when a physician has prescribed medication for a valid medical condition and the team member is taking it as prescribed.

Team members who are seen by a member of the coaching staff or another adult in a position of authority, using or possessing drugs or alcohol, or in possession of drug paraphernalia (as defined in prevailing State Law), during a team event will be subject to the discipline outlined below.

In instances where another person, such as another team member, family member, or fan, reports a violation of this policy, the violation will be investigated on a case by case basis. If the person reporting the violation is willing to provide a written statement and /or testify in court (if needed), the report may be treated the same as if the violation was observed by a member of the coaching staff or an adult in a position of authority.

**Alcohol:** Possession or use of alcohol is a violation of state law for persons under 21 years of age. While alcohol is a legal substance for persons over age 21, alcohol abuse is a serious health problem, and violations will be treated seriously. Therefore, possession or use of alcohol by a team member will result in State High School League Rules being applied.

First Offense will result in the team member being suspended for 2 weeks.

In addition, for a first offense, the team member will be required to obtain an evaluation by a chemical use counselor, and to provide a consent to that counselor allowing the counselor to let a Team Official know of the assessment results, recommendations, and team member compliance.

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## **Notification of Drug and Alcohol Policy**

I acknowledge that I have seen and read the Idaho American Legion Baseball *Alcohol and Drug Policy*. I hereby consent to abide by it and abstain from alcohol and drug use, as outlined in the policy.

I understand that any violation of this drug and alcohol policy may be discussed with and/or made available to the team officers, my parents or legal guardians. I further understand that any violation of this policy may mean I will be removed from the team and/or it will affect my ability to become a team member in the future.

If/when I take over-the-counter or prescription medications, I agree to take them according to the directions, and to only take prescription medications prescribed to me for a valid medical condition.

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

