

**APPENDIX 1**  
**ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS**  
**EXTRA CURRICULAR AGREEMENT-ATHLETICS**

**PREAMBLE**

This agreement, among students, their parents or guardians and the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools, is designed to serve several purposes. It is intended to influence students to make wise and legally sound decisions. It is also designed:

- To help ensure the physical and mental health of students.
- To enable student athletes and leaders to set an example of responsible behavior.
- To promote zero-tolerance of under-age (21 years) drinking, as defined by federal and state laws, as well as of the use of illegal and harmful chemical substances among our youth.
- To bind the community together in support of its students.

This agreement was first developed by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), and was created pursuant to the rules of the MIAA. Our high school and junior high school membership in the association allows our athletic teams to compete in the Dual-County League. To maintain membership, we must adhere to and enforce the MIAA policy.

**RULE**

During the school year or from the first day of practice, if earlier, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (which ever is latest), a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy, sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol\*, any tobacco product, marijuana, steroids or any controlled substance as defined under Mass. General Laws, Ch. 90D, or inhale the vapors of any intoxicating substance such as glue, nitrous oxide and the like, sometimes referred to as “huffing.” This policy includes products such as “NA or near beer”.

\*The use of wine or an alcoholic beverage for religious observances does not violate this agreement.

**PENALTIES**

**FIRST VIOLATION**

When the coach and/or athletic director and/or school administration find that a student has violated the above rule, the student shall lose eligibility to participate in his or her particular athletic activity. The student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contest totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. For the student, these penalties will be determined by the season during which the violation occurs. No exceptions permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. All decimal parts of an event will be truncated i.e. all fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating 25% of the interscholastic contests in that season. Parents(s)/guardians(s) and counselors will be notified of such finding and the resulting action as soon as possible.

A student charged with violation of the above rule will first be given the opportunity to be heard and present evidence in his or her defense before a finding for or against a student is made.

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A student may appeal a finding against him or her by following the procedure outlined in section III of the ABRHS Student Handbook.

**SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS**

If a student is found to have violated the above rule a second or subsequent time, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contest totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. For the student, these penalties will be determined by the season during which the violation occurs. All decimal parts of an event will be truncated i.e. all fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating 60% of the interscholastic contest in that season. Parents(s)/guardians(s), counselors and the ABRHS Student Assistance Team will be notified of such findings as soon as possible.

Upon the finding of a second or subsequent violation, the student may of his/her own violation become a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program. The student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum of 40% of the interscholastic contest in that sport. The director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certifications. Such a program and certification must be confirmed and approved by the ABRHS Student Assistance Team. All decimal parts of an event will be truncated i.e. all fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating the 40% of the interscholastic contest in that season. Penalties shall be cumulative each academic year. If the penalty period is not completed during the season of violation, the penalty shall carry over to the students next season of actual participation, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year.

It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice.

**CAPTAIN'S RULE**

If a captain of a team has been found to have violated the above rule, his or her captaincy will be revoked as well. The revocation of captaincy shall be for one calendar year (12 months) from the date of the violation of the first offense.

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This agreement is reviewed yearly by the local Alcohol and Drug Abuse task force of the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools. A copy of the agreement can be obtained from the principal's office of the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School or the R.J. Grey Junior High School..

**SIGNATURES**

I have read the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT-ATHLETICS and I understand its provisions, terms and consequences for my failure to comply with them. By signing my name below I indicate that I agree to be bound by the provisions, terms and consequences of the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA- CURRICULAR AGREEMENT-ATHLETICS.

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Date

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Student's Signature

I have read the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT-ATHLETICS and I understand its provisions, terms and consequences for my child's failure to comply with them. By signing my name below I indicate that I agree to be bound by the provisions, terms and consequences of the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT-ATHLETICS. I further certify that I am the legal guardian of the above-named student and that I am a legal resident of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Date

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

I have read the ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AGREEMENT-ATHLETICS – and I understand its provisions, terms and consequences. By signing my name below I agree to support this student in her/his effort to understand and comply with this agreement.

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Date

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Captain's Signature

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Date

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Coach's Signature

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