



South Junior High Activity Eligibility Information

The following statements apply for Junior High level participation in activities. Please read carefully and sign to indicate your agreement to abide by these rules.

ACADEMIC - Junior High students are expected to maintain passing grades, D- or higher, to remain eligible to participate in games or events. Any participant with a failing grade must show satisfactory academic progress as subject to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).

In the event a student is deemed ineligible, participants are still required to attend practices and must be in good standing with behavior expectations.

ATTENDANCE-

1. All students are expected to attend all practices as well as games with the exception of an excused absence which are defined in the student handbook.
2. A student must be in school all day to participate in athletic or non-athletic practices or events that day. (This includes all sports, music events, drama, etc.) Except for pre-approved excused absences.

BEHAVIOR- All students who participate in activities at South Junior High School are expected to follow behavior expectations at all times. These expectations are introduced, modeled, and reviewed several times throughout the school year and are expected by all students at South Junior High. During each season, the coaches and administrators will be in close contact with office staff to monitor office referrals. Each week, coaches will be informed of any office referral for any participants on their roster. Below are the progressive consequences for earning office discipline referrals during the season:

Office Referrals (NOT resulting in CAAP or other types of suspensions)

- 1st Referral: Participant sits out for half of a game/event.
- 2nd Referral: Participant sits out one full game/event.
- 3rd Referral: Participant sits out two full games/events.
- 4th Referral: Participant is removed from the activity. (With NO refund)

Office Referrals (that DO result in CAAP or other types of suspensions)

- 1st Referral: Participant sits out one full game/event.
- 2nd Referral: Participant sits out two full games/events.
- 3rd Referral: Participant is removed from the activity. (With NO refund)

Students who have earned one of the above consequences, must still be in attendance at school for their eligibility to be reinstated. If the student is absent, the consequence will carry over to the next game/event. Students will still participate in practice.

EQUIPMENT - We make every effort to equip our students with the best and safest equipment. All equipment is issued on the guarantee that it will be well maintained and returned. Failure to return South equipment for any reason, or returning equipment damaged will result in payment to the school of the replacement cost.

INFORMED CONSENT - By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and the transmission of infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have the responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily.

JUNIOR HIGH PARTICIPATION - Participation in high school interscholastic programs is limited to students in grades 7-12 inclusive. Students in grade 7, 8 and 9 may participate if enrolled in the regular continuation school for the educational unit and if all other eligibility requirements of the League have been met. Elementary students in grades 1-6 are not eligible for participation in any MSHSL-sponsored activity; B squad, junior varsity or varsity level. Students who are interested in participating at the high school level should acquire the appropriate materials from the Activity Director.

- 6th graders are able to participate in many activities at South Junior High. Team compositions vary depending on the sport and number of participants. In some situations, 6th grade teams have limited games due to the lack of 6th grade programs outside of the district.

MSHSL CHEMICAL/OTHER - The St. Cloud school district endorses the Minnesota State High School League's position on the use/abuse of mood-altering chemicals. Prior to participation in activities, students and parents will be notified of the school's position on the use/abuse of mood-altering chemicals. Prior to participation in activities, students and parents will be notified of the school's policy and of the consequences associated with the use of mood-altering chemicals. Penalties will be accumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation in junior high and senior high activities.

A. Philosophy and Purpose: The Minnesota State High School League recognizes the use of mood-altering chemicals and tobacco as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and the total development of each individual. The misuse and abuse of mood-altering chemicals or tobacco for some adolescents affect extracurricular participation and development of related skills. Others are affected by the misuse and abuse of family team members or other significant persons in their lives.

B. Bylaw: During the calendar year, regardless of the quantity, students shall not: (1) use a beverage containing alcohol; (2) possession or use of tobacco; or, (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance.

1. The rule applies to the entire school year and any portion of any activity season which occurs prior to the start of the school year or after the close of the school year.
2. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the student by her/his doctor.

Sexual / Racial / Religious Harassment / Violence and Hazing: 1. During the school year, a student shall not engage in the sexual, racial or religious harassment or sexual, racial, religious violence or hazing.

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment may include but is not limited to: 1. Verbal, written/graphic harassment or abuse; 2. Subtle pressure for sexual activity; 3. Inappropriate patting or pinching; 4. Intentional brushing against the individual's body; 5. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's employment or educational status; 6. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's employment or educational status; 7. Any unwelcome touching of a sexual nature.

Sexual violence is a physical act of aggression that includes a sexual act or sexual purpose which involves the touching of another person's intimate parts, either above or underneath the other person's clothes, or forcing another to touch one's intimate parts, either above or underneath one's clothes. Intimate parts, as defined in Minnesota Statute 1990, Section 609.341, includes the primary genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttocks, or breast of a human being. Sexual violence is a criminal activity. Sexual violence may include, but is not limited to: A. Touching, patting, grabbing, or pinching another person's intimate parts, either same sex or opposite sex. B. Coercing or forcing sexual touching on another; C. Coercing or forcing sexual intercourse on another; D. Threatening to force sexual touching or intercourse on another.

Racial violence is considered an act of aggression or assault upon another because of their religious beliefs.

Religious harassment consists of physical or verbal conduct which is related to an individual's religion when the conduct: A. has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment; B. Has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or C. Otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment or academic opportunities.

Religious violence is considered an act of aggression or assault upon another because of their religious beliefs.

Hazing: General Statement of Policy:

1. No student, teacher, administrator, coach, volunteer, official or employee of a school shall plan, direct, encourage, aid or engage in hazing; 2. No teacher, administrator, coach, volunteer, official or employee of a school shall permit, condone or tolerate hazing; 3. Apparent permission or consent by a person being hazed does not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy; 4. This policy applies to behavior that occurs on or off school property and during and after school hours; 5. A person who engages in an act that violates MSHSL policy or law in order to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization shall be subject to discipline for that act; 6. The school district will act to investigate all complaints of hazing and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher,

administrator, volunteer, official, or employee of the school district who is found to have violated this policy. "**Hazing**" means committing an act against a student, or coercing a student into committing an act, that creates a substantial risk of harm to a person, in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization, or for any other purpose.

Assault -

- A. An act done with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death;
- B. The intentional infliction of or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another; or
- C. The threat to do bodily harm to another with present ability to carry out the threat.

PENALTY:

1. First violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic contests or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
2. Second violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
3. Third and Subsequent Violations: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant if after the third or subsequent violations, the student has been assessed to be chemically dependent and the student on his/her own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, then the student may be certified for reinstatement in MSHSL activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.
4. Denial Disqualification: A student shall be disqualified from all interscholastic athletics for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION - Any student who intends to participate in interscholastic athletics must have on file in the school, a record of a physical examination performed within the previous three (3) years starting in 6th grade. A health questionnaire shall be completed annually and could indicate the need for a physical examination prior to participation. The signature of the parent of guardian approving participation is required.

SPORTSMANSHIP- One of the major benefits derived from a child's participation in competitive athletics is the development of sportsmanlike attitudes and values such as honesty, fair play, and citizenship. Having a good attitude, being a good winner and loser, respecting the official's decisions, playing by the rules and giving maximum effort are commonly considered good sportsmanlike qualities. In youth sports settings, important role models for children include parents, coaches, officials, and other athletes.



SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION

(Please print clearly)

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

SPORT: _____ STUDENT ID: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ WORK: _____

EMAIL: _____

ALLERGIES: _____

MEDICATION(S) NOW TAKING: _____

OTHER HEALTH COMMENTS: _____

IF PARENTS CANNOT BE REACHED, CALL:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Sports: \$80.00 -or- Free/Reduced Lunch: \$20.00

Robotics: \$80.00 -or- Free/Reduced Lunch: \$20.00

Drama (play or musical): \$80.00 -or- Free/Reduced Lunch: \$20.00

Activities (speech, knowledge bowl): \$40.00 -or- Free/Reduced Lunch \$10.00

Clubs (yearbook, GSA, WE ACT, Art): No Fee

Participation Cap: \$280 (all district sponsored extracurricular fees)

We the undersigned athlete and parent have read and understand the South Activities Sportsmanship code and agree with the framework established by this contract. If either the student or the parent violates these expectations, a consequence or consequences, will be implemented at the discretion of the Administration and Activities Coordinator of South Junior High. We hereby pledge to do our very best to conduct ourselves consistent with the expectations of this code.

We the undersigned athlete and parent have read and understand the eligibility requirements for participation in South activities.

Grade: 6th 7th 8th

Athlete: _____ Parent: _____

Printed Name: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

District 742 utilizes the Affinety online registration system for all of our activities. Do you give ISD742 permission to share your students information with Affinety for the purpose of registering your child for an ISD742 sponsored activity?

- First and Last name
- Free and reduced lunch status
- Contact information
- Individual state and local ID
- Username
- Password
- Date of Birth
- Student enrollment
 - School, grade, homeroom, activities

YES

NO

By selecting "yes" you are agreeing to share the listed information with Affinety.