

## SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS Activity Eligibility Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The following statements are excerpts from the Minnesota State High School League eligibility form which apply to junior high activity participation. Please read carefully and sign to indicate your agreement to abide by these rules.

**ACADEMIC** - To be eligible, a student must be making satisfactory progress toward the school's requirement for graduation.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND PARENTS PERMIT** - 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. 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.

**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.

**MOOD-ALTERING CHEMICALS (Policy Proposal)** - 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 extra-curricular 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 student 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.
- C. 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.