

# LACEY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DRUG, ALCOHOL & TOBACCO POLICY

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## PHILOSOPHY

The Lacey Township High School coaches recognize that the use and abuse of alcohol drugs and tobacco pose a significant health problem for our athletes today. We live in a society which encourages the recreational use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. With this in mind, the Lacey Township High School Athletic Department recognizes our responsibility to create an environment educationally sound and safe for our athletes.

As coaches, we acknowledge our moral and ethical responsibility which extends beyond our professional day. A student-athlete who accepts the challenge of participation in our programs must realize and understand there are certain basic standards required. Adherence to these standards will create a positive self-image, gain peer acceptance, teach self control and self-discipline and establish a positive set of values for future involvement in society.

Participation in a sports program is a privilege granted to a student and not a right guaranteed. With it goes the burden of responsibilities which must be adhered to at all times. Therefore, we adopt the following procedures and measures to act as guides to our student-athletes in dealing with alcohol, drugs and tobacco use.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Lacey Township High School athlete, you are expected to conduct yourself in an acceptable manner according to the laws of this state, the rules of the school, and the rules of the coaches. Any use of a controlled/mood altering substance, alcoholic beverage and tobacco by an athlete while in season (season being defined according to the NJSIAA), will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the Lacey Township High School Athletic Department Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy. This code of conduct will apply and will apply when such use is unrelated to school activities.

## PROCEDURE

1. When a report of a violation is brought to the attention of the coach, an investigation by the coach will occur and the supervisor will be notified.
2. At no time will the coach reveal any of his/her sources.
3. When a coach determines he/she has sufficient proof, the athlete will be subject to disciplinary action.
4. A phone call will be made by the coach to the parents or guardians of the athlete to inform them of the investigation and results.

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## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

### 1st OFFENSE

1. A two consecutive game suspension except Football where there will be a one game (opponent) suspension. When two tournaments (more than one competition by an individual) are consecutive, an athlete will miss only one.
2. Referral to Substance Abuse Counselor.

### 2nd OFFENSE

1. Dismissal from team (program).
2. Notification of parent from coach via letter.
3. Referral to Substance Abuse Counselor.
4. All subsequent offenses will result in immediate dismissal from current team (program) athlete is on.
5. A dismissal for each offense will be sustained until the athlete successfully demonstrates the ability to adhere to the policy through the season of the last offense.