

# NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

### **SUBSTANCE USE – RULES, REGULATIONS & PENALTIES**

Participation in the Athletic Program at New Milford High School is intended to provide an opportunity for students to have challenging and meaningful experiences beyond the other available academic and activities programs.

Eligibility to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at New Milford High School is an earned privilege. Students seeking to become members of an athletic team(s) must meet all NJSIAA requirements (i.e., number of credits, age, etc.) and all New Milford Board of Education rules and regulations.

The New Milford High School Student Handbook provides information about the New Jersey Law and the New Milford Board of Education Policy on Substance Abuse (pp. 9 & 10). Student-Athletes are held responsible for knowing and following those rules and regulations

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, narcotics and tobacco in any form is UNACCEPTABLE for any member of any athletic team during the season either on or off the school premises.

If it is reported and determined that a student-athlete has violated the “non-use” rules, the following penalties may be imposed and will be cumulative beginning with participants in the ninth grade.

### **SUBSTANCE USE – PENALTIES**

#### **FIRST OFFENSE:**

Parent Conference  
Mandatory Counseling  
Extra-curricular ineligibility for ten (10) days  
of scheduled activities  
Mandatory three (3) day out-of-school suspension  
Police notification

#### **SECOND OFFENSE:**

Parent Conference  
Mandatory Counseling  
Extra-curricular ineligibility - one (1) calendar year  
Mandatory ten (10) day out-of-school suspension  
Police notification

### ***RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION***

#### **THIRD OFFENSE:**

Police notification  
Exclusion from school pending Board hearing  
for expulsion