

## Marais des Cygnes Valley Athletic Code

Unified School District #456 - Marais des Cygnes Valley believes that all students should participate in athletics during their academic careers. In doing so, it is viewed that those student-athletes are representing the Marais des Cygnes Valley school district and its community within the public view and should be held to the standards of the policies, rules, and expectations of the school district. Thus, these guidelines and rules have been made to allow for uniformity of procedures for all athletic programs in the school district and will uphold the standard set for student-athletes when not directly on school grounds.

These rules apply from the date of the first practice to the first practice the following year.

### **An MDCV student-athlete SHALL NOT:**

- Use, consume, possess, buy, sell, give away, or transfer alcohol, tobacco, vape paraphernalia, illegal drugs, controlled substances, and non-controlled substances not prescribed to the athlete.
- Commit any other acts considered criminal by the State of Kansas.

### **Guidelines:**

- For a violation to be legitimate, it must either be self-reported by the student-athlete or parent/guardian or substantiated, in writing, by a member of the faculty, administration, or a law enforcement official.
- If a student-athlete is suspended from competition, for the suspension to be legitimate, they must continue to practice with the team and ride with the team to the competition. If a student-athlete fails to do this, the suspension will carry into the next season they participate. A suspension can carry over seasons and school years.

### **Consequences:**

- **First Violation** - The student-athlete will be suspended from two competitions immediately following the report of the violation. If a student-athlete reports their first personal violation, they will be suspended for only one competition.
- **Second Violation** - The student-athlete will be suspended for five competitions immediately following the report of the second violation. The student-athlete will not be reinstated until they have voluntarily had a meeting with the school counselor to discuss the problem.
- **Third Violation** - The student-athlete will be suspended from competition for the rest of the school year immediately following the report of the third violation. The student-athlete must show proof, in writing, of participating in a self-imposed counseling program before they can be reinstated.