

Students

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy for Student Athletes

Participation in Athletics at Thomaston High School is a privilege and not a right. The policy and procedures found herein apply to all CIAC controlled and non-CIAC controlled Athletic Department activities sponsored by Thomaston High School. There will be absolutely no use, consumption, possession, sale or distribution of any quantity of tobacco (including smokeless), alcohol, illegal/nonprescription drugs (including steroids, performance enhancers or any pharmacological ergogenic aid), any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate or marijuana.

All students are subject to the Thomaston Board of Education Policy around tobacco, alcohol, drugs and other illegal substances. Thomaston High School Athletes are expected to also adhere to these board policies in addition to the following

First violation:

Athletic director/coach/player/parent conference
 Proof of completion of Alcohol/Drug/Smoking Program at family's expense
 Minimum two-game/meet/match suspension
 Subject to denial of varsity letter for that sport
 Loss of position of officer or team captain for current teams

Second violation:

Athletic director/coach/player/parent conference
 Suspension from participating in the sport for the remainder of the season, as well as suspension from participating in any sports for the remainder of the school year.
 Denial of varsity letter for that sport

Third violation:

A student found to have engaged in a third offense within their duration at Thomaston High School (grades 7-12) will be prohibited from participating in any further interscholastic athletics and/or other extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school term. Further deliberation may take place based on recommendations by the administration and athletic director.

Before any "suspension from a team" provided for under these rules shall take effect, the student shall meet and be advised by the coaching staff/administration. This conference shall include the athletic director, coach, player and parent/guardian. The student athlete will be apprised of the athletic consequences at this meeting.

All athletes are subject to school policies, which in effect mean if an athlete is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension, they cannot attend practices or games/meets/matches. In the event that an athlete is suspended from school, the games missed will not count towards the game/meet/match suspension. When the school suspension is over and an athlete is awaiting the two-game suspension to be completed, the athlete will attend practice, and may attend games but not participate, or dress in uniform.