

**Athletes are expected to know and follow all Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) and Elko County School District (ECSD) rules. Consistent with the ECSD Athletics Handbook and NIAA regulations, the following guidelines are in force at Owyhee High School:**

**Before participating in any organized practices:**

- All athletes must be registered on Aktivate (formerly Register My Athlete).  
[www.aktivate.com](http://www.aktivate.com)
- All athletes must have a physical exam in their 1st and 3rd years of participation.  
[https://www.niaa.com/forms/Physical\\_Form\\_D\\_-\\_Physical\\_Form\\_6-2012.pdf](https://www.niaa.com/forms/Physical_Form_D_-_Physical_Form_6-2012.pdf)
- All athletes must participate in a computerized concussion exam, administered by the school, in their 1st and 3rd years of participation.

**Students must meet academic eligibility requirements consistent with NIAA policy.**

**(NAC 385B.750 - 385B.772)** In brief:

- Students must have a 2.0 GPA or better *and* no more than 1 F at the quarterly grade check in order to be eligible/"on track".
  - Grades will be checked every 3 weeks. An "on track" student with an F in any class at the 3 week grade check will be given one week to improve their grade(s) to passing before they are declared ineligible. Grades will be checked on Monday mornings. The period of ineligibility will run Monday through Saturday. The student will remain ineligible until their grade is passing at a regular grade check.
- Students who do not meet the academic eligibility requirements at the quarterly grade check are ineligible/"off track."
  - Grades will be checked every 3 weeks. An "off track" student with no Fs in any class at the 3 week grade check will be eligible until the next 3 week grade check. An "off track" student with an F in any class at the 3 week grade check will remain ineligible until the next 3 week grade check.
- Pursuant to NAC 385B.780, an ineligible student may attend practice but will be required to work on their coursework until they are passing all of their courses, at which time they may resume physical participation.

**Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD)**

Any student athlete determined to be in possession of or to have used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, including electronic nicotine devices (vapes), will be subject to NIAA's ATOD Penalties Policy ([https://www.niaa.com/misc/D-A/Drug\\_Policy\\_5-2022.pdf](https://www.niaa.com/misc/D-A/Drug_Policy_5-2022.pdf))

- For the first violation, the athlete will be required to serve a six competitive week suspension. 4 weeks of the 6 week suspension may be waived upon the successful completion of all components of an approved substance abuse intervention program. The student may practice with the team if approved by the coach and principal.
- For the second violation, the athlete will be required to serve a 90 day suspension from athletics, which must include six competitive weeks. The student shall not be permitted to practice with the team or participate in any out of season activities.

- For the third violation, the athlete shall be ineligible for the remainder of their high school career.
- This policy shall take effect upon the student's initial participation in high school sports.

### **Creation of a JV team (basketball)**

A junior varsity (JV) team may be created as long as there are 12 or more athletes that meet the participation and eligibility requirements. If there are fewer than 12 eligible athletes, there will not be a JV team. The determination of eligibility will be made at the intervals designated by the NIAA. (See above.) A minimum of 5 eligible athletes will constitute a JV team.

### **Play time**

Play time is earned and is at the discretion of the coach. Play time may be positively affected by, among other things, consistent attendance at practice, exerting effort during practice and games, and exhibiting good sportsmanship. Play time may be adversely affected by, among other things, missed practices, inappropriate behavior during practice and games, and poor sportsmanship.

### **Concerns/Complaints**

Concerns and complaints should first be addressed to the coach. The coach shall provide contact information to all athletes and their parents/guardians for this purpose. It is strongly discouraged that complaints and concerns be addressed to the coach during or immediately following a game or practice or in a public venue. A more appropriate time would be the next school day following the event/incident. The Athletic Director and Principal may be contacted following contact with the coach.