

## **Substance Abuse Policy**

Edina Boys Rugby has developed the following policy regarding participant use of illegal substances to be equitable with other programs while being fair to participants given

- Violations while participating in Edina Boys Rugby, as an Independent provider activity, results in penalties applied during the next participation in an activity under the jurisdiction of Edina High School/MSHL
- Penalties applied by Edina Boys Rugby do not qualify as meeting penalties under Edina High School or MSHL rules (i.e. participants still have to sit out matches or practices in the next Edina sport they play to meet requirements)
- The boys rugby program is fortunate to participate in the Edina Letter Program and Edina Letter Program participants are required to follow MSHL rules
- Edina Boys Rugby needs to be equitable and fair in penalty policies and practices around the use of illegal substances

The following policy is in effect for the 2008 season.

### **Violations prior to the start of the rugby season**

- Edina Letter Program participants need to follow all Edina High School and MSHL policies to remain eligible for that program. If they violate those policies, before or after the season, they need to meet all applicable penalties in order to remain eligible in the Edina Letter Program.
- Non-Edina Letter Program participants violating Edina High School/MSHL substance abuse policies prior to the start of the Rugby Season will not be required to sit out games or practices if sitting out games or practices does not fulfill the requirements of those penalties for other Edina sports (i.e. they would still have to sit out games or practices for the next Edina/MSHL activity).

### **Violations during the rugby season**

- Edina Letter Program and Non-Edina Letter Program Participants violating Edina High School/MSHL substance abuse policies during the Rugby Season will be suspended from games for two weeks or two games, whichever is longer. The incidents will be reported to the Edina Athletic Department (if not already aware of) and the participant will likely be required to miss applicable matches or practices if they participate in another Edina sport.