**Larry A. Ryle High School**

**Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy**

**For Student Athletics & Activities**

Larry A. Ryle High School prohibits the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by any student at school or school-sponsored events. Students possessing or using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at school or school-sponsored events will be subject to disciplinary action as specified in the Boone County Schools Code of Student Conduct. Students will also be subject to additional consequences (see below) relating to their participation in school sports or activities.

Knowing the inherent dangers of substance and alcohol use by teenagers, Larry A. Ryle High School prohibits the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco by students voluntarily participating in a sport or organized school activity **at any time** during the current school year. Students possessing or using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco outside of school hours will be subject to the consequences and responsibilities shown below. Coaches or activity sponsors may choose to have more stringent consequences in their individual team rules.

**FIRST VIOLATION**

* Student and parent must conference with the athletic director and coach.
* Student will be ineligible to participate in their sport/activity for one-week *(if applicable, will carry over to the next sport or activity).*
* Student must meet a minimum of three times with a guidance counselor or substance abuse professional.

**SECOND VIOLATION**

* Student and parent must conference with the athletic director and coach.
* Student will be ineligible to participate in their sport/activity for two-weeks *(if applicable, will carry over to the next sport or activity).*
* Student must meet a minimum of three times with a guidance counselor or substance abuse professional.

**THIRD VIOLATION**

* Student and parent must conference with the athletic director and coach.
* Student will be ineligible to participate in their sport/activity for a minimum of six-weeks *(if applicable, will carry over to the next sport or activity).*
* Student must meet a minimum of three times with a guidance counselor or substance abuse professional.

Note that violations do not accumulate beyond one school year. Although rumors will not be the basis for restricting student participation, they will be addressed. If the athletic/activities director becomes aware that a student may be using or in possession of any of the above-mentioned substances, they will meet with the student to discuss the situation. Larry A. Ryle High School will investigate the concern, conduct due process and follow its general and athletic policies. If no evidence is found to support the expressed concerns, the matter will be dropped. Suspected use is not an accusation of use.

**PARTICIPANT/PARENT PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE**

**Larry A. Ryle High School**

**SPORTS or ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

As a participant in Larry A. Ryle High School athletics/activities, I have read and understand Ryle’s Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy for Student Athletics and Activities. I understand that this pledge is for the entire school year, not just the current season. I also agree to abide by all rules regarding the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Chemical dependency is a progressive but treatable disease, characterized by continued drinking and substance use in spite of recurring problems resulting from that use. Therefore, I accept and pledge to abide by the rules listed on the title page of this policy and others established by my coaches/sponsors.

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Student Signature & Date

**PARENT'S PLEDGE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

I/We have read and understand Larry A. Ryle’s Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy for Student Athletics and Activities. I/We understand that this pledge is for the entire school year, not just the current season. As a parent/guardian of a student participating in Larry A. Ryle High School athletics/activities, I/we will support our student’s agreement to abide by all the school and team rules because chemical dependency is a progressive but treatable disease, characterized by continued alcohol/tobacco/drug use in spite of recurring problems resulting from that use.

With these things in mind, I/we hereby request that my/our student be allowed to participate in athletics/activities at Larry A. Ryle High School during this current school year.

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Parents’ Signature & Date

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