**Pace High School Athletic Department**

**Alcohol/Drug Policy**

**Alcohol Policy**

Student-athletes at Pace High School represent our school and community all over the state of Florida. Because of their constant exposure to the public, our student-athletes stand as role models with an expected standard of behavior. Therefore, it is necessary for our students to refrain from the use and distribution of alcohol. In addition to Pace High School’s policy as stated in the student handbook and the Santa Rosa County Code of Student Conduct, the following policy will be in effect:

If a student-athlete is observed by a Pace High School official or law officer in use of, or in possession of alcohol: or, a student-athlete is involved in an accident where a law officer observes alcohol to be a factor, or it is otherwise determined that the student-athlete has been drinking, the following steps will be taken:

1. The athletic director and head coach will meet with the student-athlete

and his/her parents. A written report will be given to Pace High School’s

principal.

2. The student-athlete will be suspended for 20% of the regular game

schedule (Ex: 10 game schedule = 2 game suspension, 24 game schedule

= 5 game suspension- including pre-season contests).

3. During the suspension period, the student-athlete may practice with the

team.

4. The student-athlete will be referred to the ECHO program at Pace High

School for evaluation and counseling.

5. If the student-athlete is guilty of a second offense, he/she is terminated

from Pace High School athletics the remainder of the school year.

6. If the 1st offense of drinking occurs outside the sport season (off season

or summer) the athlete will advance to the 2nd offense level of any

upcoming sport(s) he/she may play.

**Drug Policy**

If a student-athlete is observed by a school official or law officer in use of, possession of, or the distribution of illegal drugs(as defined in the Santa Rosa County Code of Student Conduct), then that student-athlete is immediately and indefinitely suspended from the team as soon as the coach is informed of the incident. The following steps will then be taken:

**1. First offense or First Positive Drug Test Result:** The student-athlete shall be

suspended from participation in all interscholastic athletics (including

practices) and referred to a school-approved drug assessment and

rehabilitation program. His/her parent(s) will sign the student-athlete up

and pay the enrollment fee. The student-athlete will attend his/her

normal classes while enrolled in the program unless he/she is under any

disciplinary action set forth by the Student Code of Conduct. The length

of the suspension shall be no less than four weeks from notification of the

test results. After the student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the

program , he/she may resume participation in interscholastic athletics

under a probationary status with the following conditions:

A. Condition Number 1: As a condition of probation, the student athletes

shall be required to comply with any recommendations resulting from

the assessment/counseling conducted as part of the assessment.

B. Condition Number 2: At the conclusion of the assessment/counseling

program, the student-athlete must pass a second drug test. **The cost of**

**this test will be the responsibility of the student-athlete and his/her**

**parent(s).**

C. Condition Number 3: As a condition of probation, and in order to deter

the student-athlete from committing a subsequent violation of this

policy, the student-athlete will be subject to recurring drug screening/

tests at times that would not be previously disclosed to the student-

athlete.

D. Condition Number 4: The student-athlete shall remain on probation

throughout the remainder of the time that he/she is enrolled in school.

**2.** **Subsequent Offense or Subsequent Positive Drug Test**

Results: Upon determination that a student-athlete is guilty of a second or

subsequent violation of this policy, or has a second or subsequent positive

drug test result, the student-athlete shall be prohibited from participation

in all interscholastic athletics for one full calendar year following the end

of the athletic season during which the second offense or second positive

drug test occurs. For example, if a football player has a second positive drug

test during the middle of the football season, he/she would be prohibited

from participating in any interscholastic athletics for the remainder of that

season and for one full calendar year thereafter from the end of the

suspended season.