

PROVIDENCE

Providence Catholic School – Athletics

PARENT AND STUDENT NOTIFICATION STEROID USE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State law prohibits possessing, dispensing, delivering or administering a steroid in a manner not allowed by state law.

State law requires that only a medical doctor may prescribe a steroid for a person.

State law provides that body building, muscle enhancement or the increase in muscle bulk or strength through the use of a steroid by a person in good health is not a valid medical purpose.

Any violation of state law concerning steroids is a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH ANABOLIC STEROIDS

(Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse)

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/infofacts/steroids.html>

For boys and men - shrinking of the testicles, reduced sperm count, infertility, baldness, development of breasts, and increased risk for prostate cancer.

For girls and women - growth of facial hair, male-pattern baldness, changes in or cessation of the menstrual cycle, enlargement of the clitoris, deepened voice.

For adolescents - growth halted prematurely through premature skeletal maturation and accelerated puberty changes. This means that adolescents risk remaining short for the remainder of their lives if they take anabolic steroids before the typical adolescent growth spurt.

For all ages - potentially fatal liver cysts and liver cancer; blood clotting, cholesterol changes, and hypertension which can promote heart attack and stroke; and acne. Available evidence may suggest that anabolic steroid abuse, particularly in high doses, promotes aggression that can manifest as fighting, physical and sexual abuse, and property crimes. Upon stopping anabolic steroids, some abusers may experience symptoms of depressed mood, fatigue, restlessness, loss of appetite, insomnia, headaches, muscle and joint pain and the strong desire to return to the use of anabolic steroids.

For injectors - infections resulting from the use of shared needles or non-sterile equipment, including HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, and infective endocarditis, a potentially fatal inflammation of the inner lining of the heart. Bacterial infections can develop at the injection site, causing pain and abscess.

Both Student-Athlete and Parent/Guardian must sign acknowledgement of reading this notification annually. Acknowledgement may be submitted online or print the Acknowledgement Form and turn into the Athletic Trainer prior to participating in any sport.

*Updated June 2015