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AIA POSITION STATEMENT

SUPPLEMENTS, DRUGS AND PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES

PURPOSE OF FORM: All AIA Member schools are required to ANNUALLY communicate this AIA Position Statement on the use of supplements, drugs and performance enhancing substances to every participant in interscholastic activities. (See Article 43, Section 1, Paragraph 1).

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) views sport, and the participation of student-athletes in sports, as an activity that enhances the student-athlete's well-being by providing an environment and stimulus that promotes growth and development along a healthy and ethically based path.

- It is the position of the AIA that a balanced diet, providing sufficient calories, is optimal for meeting the nutritional needs of the growing student-athlete.
- It is the position of the AIA that nutritional supplements are rarely, if ever, needed to replace a healthy diet.
- Nutritional supplement use for specific medical conditions may be given individual consideration.
- The AIA is strongly opposed to "doping", defined as those substances and procedures listed on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List (www.wada-ama.org).
- It is the position of the AIA that there is no place for the use of recreational drugs, alcohol or tobacco (e-cigarettes) in the lifestyle of the student-athlete. The legal consequences for the use of these products by a student-athlete are supported by the AIA.

In purist of sportsmanship, the AIA promotes the use of exercise and sport as a mechanism to establish current fitness and long-term healthy lifetime behaviors. It is the position of the AIA that the student-athlete, who consumes a balanced diet, practices sport frequently and consistently, and perseveres in the face of challenges, can meet these goals.