

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship involves taking a loss or defeat without complaint, taking victory without gloating and treating opponents and officials with fairness, courtesy and respect.

Unacceptable behavior at all school contests includes berating an opponent's school or mascot, berating opposing players and making obscene cheers or gestures.

Coaches, athletes, cheerleaders and spectators shall respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials. Words or gestures of complaint about officials' calls are unacceptable.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Equivalent Opportunity

Exclusion on the basis of gender from participation in any extracurricular or athletic program or activity constitutes discrimination. (Education Code 230)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

No person shall on the basis of gender be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be denied equivalent opportunity in, or otherwise be discriminated against in interscholastic or intramural athletics. The District shall not provide athletics separately on such basis. (5 CCR 4920)

The District may provide single-gender teams where selection for teams is based on competitive skills. (5 CCR 4921)

When a school provides only one team in a particular sport for members of one gender but provides no team in the same sport for members of the other gender, and athletic opportunities in the total program for that gender have been previously limited, members of the excluded gender shall be allowed to try out for the team. (5 CCR 4921)

When determining whether equivalent opportunities are available to both genders in athletic programs, the District shall consider, among other factors: (5 CCR 4922)

1. Whether the selection of sports and other extracurricular and cocurricular competition effectively accommodates the interests and abilities of both genders

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2. The provision of equipment and supplies
3. Scheduling of games and practice times
4. Travel and per diem allowances
5. Opportunities to receive coaching and academic tutoring
6. Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors
7. Provision of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities
8. Provision of medical and training facilities and services
9. Provision of housing and dining facilities and services
10. Publicity

Health and Safety

Coaches and appropriate District employees shall take every possible precaution to ensure that athletic equipment is kept in safe and serviceable condition.

Whenever an athlete incurs an injury or wound that produces bleeding or other bodily fluids, the athlete shall be appropriately treated as soon as possible, using universal precautions.

(cf. 4119.42 /4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 5141.1 - Accidents)
(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

Parental Notifications

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, his/her parents/guardians shall receive a notice which:

1. Explains that there is an element of risk associated with all athletic competition and that the District cannot ensure that their student will not be injured, despite the staff's commitment to provide for every participant's health and welfare

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

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2. Requests parental permission for the student to participate in the program and, if appropriate, be transported by the school to and from competitions

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

3. Explains that it is imperative that the student adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to sportsmanship and citizenship