

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The college intercollegiate athletics programs are operated by the South Orange County Community College District and governed by the Athletic Code of the Community College League of California (CCCLA) and by the constitution of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA.), Orange Empire Conference (OEC), Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC), and the Southern California Football Association (SCFA).

Authority for developing, implementing, and monitoring the procedures for oversight of the intercollegiate athletic programs and the students participating in intercollegiate athletics at the colleges are vested in the President of each college, the athletic program dean and athletics director, and with appropriate assistance from the District Risk Management Office and the college academic senates in accordance with Board Policy 2510. The colleges will strictly comply with all aspects of these respective rules and regulations, particularly in the areas of recruitment, student-athlete eligibility, reporting requirements, academic progress, and program review.

I. ATHLETIC RECRUITMENT

Athletic recruitment will follow the procedures established by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Bylaw 2 and its subsections, and covering: athletic recruiting; representatives and agents; first contact; contact from outside a district's recruiting area; out-of-state recruiting; high school data; out of recruiting area evaluation of athletes; dissemination of recruitment bylaw; all-star contests and competition; coaches speaking or attendance requests; subsidizing, inducements and special privileges; and use of internet web pages.

II. ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Athletic eligibility will follow the procedures established by the CCCAA Bylaw 1 and its subsections, and covering: amateurism; residence; academic eligibility; eligibility certification; season of competition; eligibility for continuing competition; number of seasons of competition; illness or injury; multi-college district competition; transfer; cross-gender participation; freelance participation; club team participation; junior varsity and reserve team participation; competition/participation of individuals; mandatory service; dropped sports; and emerging sports.

The following procedural guidelines shall be used in the determination of the eligibility of student athletes to participate in intercollegiate sports:

- A. Student athletes will be required to complete eligibility paperwork prior to or at the first team meeting.

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- B. Student athletes may be required to submit official high school and college transcripts before being certified as eligible to participate in a sport.
- C. Admissions and Records staff members may compare athletic eligibility paperwork to the application for admission and high school/other college transcripts to verify accuracy and consistency of information required to determine both athletic eligibility and residency status for enrollment fee purposes.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

All participants in athletic events and club sports shall sign *FS#60 - Voluntary Field Trip/Excursion/Field Study Course Waiver and Medical Treatment Authorization* form and submit to the athletic director or coach in charge, as well as the Office of Risk Management at riskmanagement@socccd.edu. All players are expected to travel to and from events with the team. Approval for an athlete to travel to or return home by other means separate from the team shall be at the discretion of the coach or assistant coach.

- A. Any participants under the age of 18 must also have consent from their parent or legal guardian.
- B. Additional requirements for athletic participation may include physical examination, proof of insurance, and consent for treatment agreement. All required documentation shall be on file before the athlete is permitted to participate in any sport.

IV. RISK MANAGEMENT

Students participating in sports programs do so by assuming the risk of possible injury and the responsibility of having adequate insurance to provide proper treatment and care should an injury occur.

In order to minimize sports injury negligence lawsuits the colleges shall follow and apply the following principles of risk management:

- A. Provide instruction on the safe and proper use of sports and recreation facilities and the dangers of a specific activity or event.
- B. Maintain adequate and proper supervision of all sports and recreational activities.
- C. Require medical backgrounds on all sports' participants as required by CCCAA Bylaws and District insurance policies.
- D. Monitor distribution, fitting, and inspection of players' protective equipment.
 - 1. Instruct all participants on the proper use of equipment.
 - 2. Have equipment properly inspected and dated.
- E. Please refer to BP-6530 and AR-6530 *District Driver and Vehicle Use for District Sponsored Activities* for procedures pertaining to transportation.

V. BROADCASTING AND/OR REPORTER GUIDELINES

District requires advanced notice to the colleges at least 24 hours prior to the event for credentials and assistance of any media intending to broadcast and/or report on any college sporting event. Space will be provided as possible on a first-reserved, first-served basis.

VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Athletic teams will comply with the reporting requirements of the CCCAA and will provide any data reports that may be required by the District Board of Trustees.

VII. STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Student-athlete standards of academic progress will follow the procedures established by the CCCAA governing academic eligibility. Specifically, the student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units during the season of sport. Of the 12 units, at least nine (9) shall be attempted in courses counting toward remediation, career technical education/certificate courses, associate degree requirements, transfer/general education, and/or lower division major preparation courses as defined by the college catalog and/or articulation agreements.

VIII. PROGRAM REVIEW

Athletic programs in the district will participate in systematic program review as defined both by their respective college and by the rotating schedule established by the CCCAA. The college athletic department staff will be fully aware of Title IX, the educational amendments of 1972 and their provisions and will comply with Title IX and provisions thereof. Self-evaluation of the athletics program and of all the programs at the college for compliance with Title IX regulations will be an ongoing process.

IX. FUNDING AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT

All athletic funds shall be collected by and/or deposited with the appropriate college's Business or Foundation Office. No individual, other than the district Vice Chancellor of Business Services or designee may open any bank account for any purpose. All financial records are to be maintained through the District's financial management system, including those of the respective colleges' foundations, and are subject to annual audit. The receipt of funds is to be handled in accordance with procedures established by the District. All funds shall be expended in accordance with procedures as established by the District and are subject to the approval of the Vice Chancellor of Business Services or designee, the college Vice President for Student Services or designee, and the college athletic director.

Reference:

*Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972,
Education Code 66271.6, 66271.8, 67360 et seq, 78223
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II, C, 4*

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