

**ATHLETIC COMPETITION**

**Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program**

No person shall on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be denied equivalent opportunity in, or otherwise be discriminated against in interscholastic, intramural, or club athletics. (5 CCR 4920)

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

The Superintendent or designee may provide single-sex teams where selection for the teams is based on competitive skills. (34 CFR 106.41; 5 CCR 4921)

When a school provides only one team in a particular sport for members of one sex, but provides no team in the same sport for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities in the total program for that sex have been previously limited, members of the excluded sex shall be allowed to try out and compete with the team. The same standards for eligibility shall be applied to every student trying out for a team, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, or other protected group status. (5 CCR 4921)

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

1. Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition offered effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes

To help ensure that the district's athletic program effectively accommodates the interests and abilities of both sexes in athletics, the district shall use the following criteria: (Education Code 230)

- a. Whether the interscholastic-level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments
- b. When the members of one sex have been and are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes, whether the district can show a history and a continuing practice of program expansion that is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the members of that sex
- c. When the members of one sex are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes and the district cannot show a history and a continuing practice of program expansion as required in item #b above, whether the district can

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demonstrate that the interests and abilities of the members of that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program

2. The provision and maintenance of equipment and supplies
3. Scheduling of games and practice times, selection of the season for a sport, and location of the games and practices
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 and practice and competitive facilities
8. Provision of medical and training facilities and services
9. Provision of housing and dining facilities and services
10. Publicity
11. Provision of necessary funds

**Parental Notifications**

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notice to the student's parents/guardians which:

1. Includes a copy of the Athletes' Bill of Rights pursuant to Education Code 271
2. Explains that there is an element of risk associated with all athletic competitions and that the district cannot guarantee that students will not be injured, despite a commitment to provide for every participant's health and welfare

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

3. Provides information about insurance protection pursuant to Education Code 32221.5

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

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

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

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5. States the Governing Board's expectation that students adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations, and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to conduct and sportsmanship

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

6. Includes a copy of the local California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) league rules
7. Includes information about the CIF bylaw and district policy requiring any student athlete and his/her parent/guardian to sign a statement that the student will not use steroids or dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

*(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)*