

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

~~CIF Communicable Disease Precautions~~

1. ~~Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.~~
2. ~~Immediately wash hand and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.~~
3. ~~The bloodied portion of the uniform must be properly disinfected or the uniform changed before the athlete may participate.~~
4. ~~Clean all blood contaminated surfaces and equipment with a solution made from a 1-100 dilution of household bleach or other disinfectant before competition resumes.~~
5. ~~Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.~~
6. ~~Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency direct mouth to mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.~~
7. ~~Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin condition should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.~~
8. ~~Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.~~
9. ~~Follow acceptable guideline in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling bloody dressing mouthguards and other articles containing body fluids.~~
10. ~~Refer to the specific sport rules for additional information.~~

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)~~

No student shall 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 on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin,

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religion, color, mental or physical disability, or any other basis specified in law. (Education Code 220, 221.5, 230; 5 CCR 4920; 34 CFR 106.41)

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)

Each student shall be allowed to participate in any single-sex athletic program or activity consistent with his/her gender identity and for which he/she is otherwise eligible to participate, irrespective of the gender listed on the student's records. (Education Code 221.5)

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, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or other protected group status. (5 CCR 4921; 34 CFR 106.41)

~~When determining whether~~ The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities are available to both sexes in athletic programs, the Superintendent or designee shall consider, among other factors: (5 CCR 4922; 34 CFR 106.41)

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:~~ The athletic program may be found to effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes using any one of the following tests: (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~~ 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

Each school that offers competitive athletics shall, at the end of the school year, post on its school web site, or on the district web site if the school does not have a web site, the following information: (Education Code 221.9)

1. The total enrollment of the school, classified by gender
2. The number of students enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics, classified by gender
3. The number of boys' and girls' teams, classified by sport and by competition level

The data reported for items #1-3 above shall reflect the total number of players on a team roster on the official first day of competition. The materials used to compile this information shall be retained by the school for at least three years after the information is posted on the web site. (Education Code 221.9)

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Concussions and Head Injuries

The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute to student athletes and their parents/guardians an information sheet on concussions and head injuries. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet before the student's initiating practice or competition. (Education Code 49475)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding concussion symptoms, prevention, and appropriate response. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

If a student athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity, he/she shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day. The student shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he/she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the management of concussions and receives the health care provider's written clearance to return to the activity. If the health care provider determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. (Education Code 49475)

A middle school or high school football team shall not hold a full-contact practice during the off-season and shall not conduct more than two full-contact practices per week during the preseason and regular season (from 30 days before the commencement of the regular season until the completion of the final interscholastic football game of that season). In addition, the full-contact portion of a practice shall not exceed 90 minutes in any single day. For these purposes, full-contact practice means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game. (Education Code 35179.5)

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest to all student athletes who will be participating in a CIF-governed athletic activity and to their parents/guardians. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet prior to the student's participation in the athletic activity. If an athletic activity is not covered by the CIF, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall, prior to participating in the athletic activity, sign and return an acknowledgement that they have received and reviewed the sudden cardiac arrest information posted on the California Department of Education's web site. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.6, 33479.7, 35179.1, 49032)

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If a student athlete passes out or faints, or is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following his/her participation in an athletic activity, the student shall be removed from participation at that time. If a student exhibits any other symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including seizures during exercise, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pains, dizziness, racing heart rate, or extreme fatigue, he/she may be removed from participation by a coach or other employee who observes these symptoms. If any such symptoms are observed, notification shall be given to the student's parent/guardian so that the parent/guardian can determine the treatment, if any, the student should seek. A student who has been removed from participation shall not be permitted to return until he/she is evaluated and given written clearance to return to participation by a health care provider. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.5)

Additional Parental Notifications

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, the Superintendent or designee shall, in addition to providing his/her parents/guardians with information on the signs and symptoms of concussions and sudden cardiac arrest as described above, send a notice to the student's parents/guardians which:

1. Contains information about the procedures for filing a discrimination complaint that arises out of an interscholastic athletic activity, including the name of the district's Title IX Coordinator
2. Includes a copy of the ~~Athletes' Bill of Rights~~ students' Title IX rights pursuant to Education Code ~~271~~ 221.8
3. 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
4. Provides information about insurance protection pursuant to Education Code 32221.5
5. Requests parental permission for the student to participate in the program and, if appropriate, be transported by the district to and from competitions
6. States the ~~Board of Education's~~ district's expectation that students adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations, and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to conduct and sportsmanship. ~~A student may be subject to suspension or expulsion if he/she engages or attempts to engage in having.~~
7. Includes a copy of the local California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) league rules
8. 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

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steroids unless prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner, or prohibited dietary supplements banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

~~For the addition or deletion of sports teams, the following procedures shall be followed:~~

- ~~1. Interested parties shall obtain an Application for Proposed Addition or Deletion of a Sport form from the site principal. All related information is available in the school administration office; information shall be distributed on a yearly basis through school newsletters and the annual budget process.~~
- ~~2. Interested parties shall complete form and submit to site principal by the last business day prior to December 31 for consideration for the subsequent year.~~
- ~~3. All requests shall be evaluated by the principal and athletic director and submitted with the site request for personnel and programs of the annual budget process.~~
- ~~4. All applications shall be reviewed by the district Title IX officer to ensure compliance.~~
- ~~5. All requests for teams will be considered by the district's cabinet in concert with all other personnel and programs requests. Any teams recommended by cabinet will be advanced to the Board as a part of the district's annual budget process.~~
- ~~6. Approval is contingent upon available funding, qualified personnel, compliance with Title IX, and districtwide programming needs.~~