

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

### I. School's Responsibility

- A. Each school shall be responsible for distributing copies of the District's student athletic handbook to all athletes.
- B. The student activities office of each school shall issue all materials related to clearances and eligibility.
- C. The athletic director and/or the principal shall be responsible for administration of clearances and eligibility requirements.
- D. The coach is responsible for convening a meeting with athletes and parents prior to the season for the purpose of reviewing these regulations and obtaining signatures on Athletic Participation Agreement. (See Section B-6.)

### II Eligibility Requirements for Participation in Athletics

Any pupil enrolled in the Pleasanton Unified School District who satisfies both the requirements of the California Interscholastic Federation and those of the District, is eligible to try out for an athletic team.

- A. North Coast Section, California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Eligibility Requirements:
  1. Age Limit - Ineligible if 19 prior to August 31.
  2. Pupil is eligible for the first eight semesters of his/her high school attendance.
  3. If a pupil transfers from one school to another without a change of residence on the part of parents, he/she is ineligible for one calendar year from date of transfer. Any appeals must be made to North Coast Section Commissioner, with prior review by the principal. (See CIF/NCS Bylaws 214 and 224)
  4. A pupil who violates CIF amateur or award rules shall be barred from CIF competition in that sport.
  5. A pupil on a school team becomes ineligible if he/she competes in a contest on an outside team in the same sport during the high school season of the sport.
  6. Any pupil taking part in a prohibited All-Star contest shall be barred from all CIF athletic contests.

B. District requirements: (effective September, 1986)

1. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

- a. A pupil must have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better on his/her most recent report card. (See section E - review and/or appeal)
- b. Scholastic eligibility is based upon the grading period preceding the season of sport (exception: first quarter 9th grade pupils) and at each grading period during the season of sport. Summer school grades may be included with the last grading period of the school year for the purpose of determining eligibility.
- c. The grading period is every nine weeks.
- d. Ninth through twelfth grade pupils must be enrolled in six classes in a grading period.
- e. A pupil failing one class is ineligible for a minimum of one week and until such time as he/she brings the grade up to passing. A grade of incomplete is not considered a passing grade.
- f. A pupil failing two or more classes is ineligible for the remainder of the grading period.
- g. All eligibility evaluation criteria shall be effective on the day after report cards are made available to pupils and parents.

2. CONDUCT: During a season of sport, any athlete possessing, using, selling, or otherwise furnishing or being under the influence of any controlled substance (as defined in Section 1007 of the Health and Safety Code), alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind will be dropped from the team for that season or 30 calendar days within the school year, whichever is longer. A review panel will be available if the case is appealed.

Cigarette smoking and/or use of tobacco products is prohibited. First offense will result in a 2-week suspension from the team or sport with a minimum of one-game suspension. Any repeated violation of this regulation will result in the athlete being dropped from the team.

Athletes removed from the team become ineligible for any awards in that sport for that season.

A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts enumerated in EC 48900 and related to school activity or attendance which occur at any time, including but not limited to: (1) while on school grounds; (2) while going to or coming from school; (3) during the lunch period, whether on or off the campus; or (4) during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

3. CITIZENSHIP: A pupil shall maintain a satisfactory record of conduct, citizenship, and attendance in order to remain eligible. Failure to do so shall result in the pupil being dropped from the team and/or placed on probation.
4. TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS: A teacher may recommend that an athlete be held out of practice or contest for any of the following reasons: class conduct, lack of academic achievement, or lack of participation in a class activity. The teacher, coach, and athletic director or an administrator will meet to determine the action to be taken.
5. ATTENDANCE: A pupil shall participate in a minimum of two periods of school in order to be eligible to take in any athletic activity for that day. The two periods of attendance may be waived if the pupil is involved in a supervised school activity. If either of the above requirements cannot be met, then the pupil shall bring a note from his/her parent to the athletic director and the coach shall render a decision on the pupil's eligibility for participation.
6. FORMS: The following must be filed with the student activities secretary prior to participation in an interscholastic sport:
  - a. Verification of an annual physical examination.
  - b. An Athletic Participation Agreement signed by the pupil and the pupil's parents. (Form 6145.2 A-1)
  - c. Proper insurance forms.

C. Withdrawing from a sport.

A pupil may withdraw from a sport without penalty only if the pupil confers with the coach and receives the coach's consent to leave the sport. Any pupil who leaves a sport without first receiving the coach's

consent is ineligible through the end of the season or 30 calendar days, whichever is the greater. Procedures outlined in E shall be followed.

D. Procedures regarding suspension of an athlete:

1. The coach of the sport in progress or the principal/designee shall inform the pupil of the infraction.
2. The pupil shall have the opportunity to explain his/her actions.
3. After consideration of the facts of the incident, the coach, athletic director or an administrator shall take appropriate action which would include notifying, in person, the pupil's parents.

E. Review and/or appeal

1. If the pupil or the pupil's parents wish to appeal the decision of the coach, athletic director, or principal, the case may be presented in writing to the athletic director or principal.
2. The athletic director or principal shall convene an Athletic Review Panel to consider the matter. The Athletic Review Panel shall be made up of:
  - a. Athletic Director
  - b. Coach from out-of-season sport
  - c. Administrator
  - d. Teacher (academic subject)
  - e. Counselor
3. The Review Panel shall convene within ten school days after the request is received by the athletic director and as soon as it is convenient for those involved to meet. A decision by the Panel will be rendered within 24 hours from the conclusion of the hearing.
4. In the event that either party feels it is necessary to appeal the Panel's decision, the next step would be the Superintendent's designee. The final step of appeal would be to the Superintendent.

F. Other general regulations:

1. The pupil assumes responsibility for all equipment issued to him/her. Loss of issued equipment will be the responsibility of the athlete and/or his/her parents.

2. Transportation:

- a. All athletes shall travel whenever possible to and from athletic contest in transportation provided by the school district. All other means of transportation shall be approved by the site administrator in accordance with District policy.
- b. All athletes shall remain under the supervision of their coach while attending an away contest.
- c. Athletes wishing to return home in other than District-provided transportation must have the coach's permission based upon written permission from their parents/guardians. Pupils may not transport other pupils to or from athletic events.

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