What Parents need to know about athletics in the Clark County School District
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ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES ARE A PRIVILEGE

Extracurricular and interscholastic activities are strictly voluntary programs. Students have the privilege of participating in a well-organized program of special interest for which the school provides coaches, sponsors, equipment, and facilities.
KNOW YOUR ELIGIBILITY RULES

• All students who participate in interscholastic athletics at a school which is a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) must adhere to the NIAA eligibility rules for student athletes.

• Students who fail to comply with the NIAA rules will lose their eligibility and an opportunity to represent their school in interscholastic athletics.

• If students participate while ineligible, their school or team will be penalized.

• It is, therefore, important for all students to be aware of the eligibility requirements.
RESIDENCY RULE

- Students are only eligible for interscholastic competition for the school located in the attendance zone in which their parents or legal guardian resides.

- A student living with a legal guardian must be approved through the CCSD Athletic Department.

- Falsification of any documents or being dishonest regarding residency will result in ineligibility for 360 school days (2 years).
PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE

All students must have signed permission from a parent or a legal guardian to participate.
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

- All students must pass a physical examination by a licensed physician.

- A complete physical examination is required every two (2) years.

- All physical examinations must be completed on the appropriate NIAA forms.

- Examination forms are available in your high school athletic office or online at NIAA.com.
AGE LIMITATIONS

A pupil whose twentieth birthday occurs during a season is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned sport during that season and any season that is conducted after that date.
INSURANCE

Students **ARE REQUIRED** to have accident and health insurance on their own prior to participation in any sport or school sponsored activity.

The Clark County School District **DOES NOT PROVIDE** any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by participants.
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enrolled in at least two (2) units of credits and regularly attend school.
- Students must have successfully completed at least two (2) units of credits the immediate preceding semester.
- Students must obtain a grade point average of at least 2.0 for the immediate preceding semester.
- All incoming freshmen are initially eligible.
SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

- Participation in an NIAA sanctioned sport is a privilege and responsibility which requires all participants to adhere to athletic training rules.

- A student athlete determined to be in possession of, or to have used tobacco, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance is in violation of the NIAA policy.

**First violation:**

- Requires a six (6) competitive week suspension from participation in interscholastic competition.

- Four (4) competitive weeks of the suspension may be waived if the student successfully completes an appropriate substance abuse intervention program.

A student athlete may practice with the team during the suspension period if approved by the coach and principal.
Second violation:

- The student is suspended from interscholastic competition for a minimum of ninety days which shall include a minimum of six (6) competitive weeks of competition.

- The student must have a substance abuse evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor within ten days of the suspension. All requirements must be met before athletic eligibility is reinstated.

- A student athlete may not practice with the team during the suspension period.

Third violation:

The student athlete shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student’s high school career.
TRANSFER RULE

• Students who move with their parents to a new school will be eligible at the new school provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

• Students who transfer schools without their parents will be ineligible for 180 days.

• Students whose parents divorce will maintain eligibility with their primary custodial parent. In the case of joint custody eligibility remains at their current school.
TRANSFER RULE

- Students whose parents are separated will retain their eligibility at their current school.

- Students on a zone variance are ineligible for 180 days.

- Students who have temporary guardianships are ineligible.
TRANSFER RULE

- Students who transfer from a public to private or private to public school are ineligible for 180 days.

- Students who transfer from a magnet school are ineligible for 180 days.
HAZING

• Hazing is defined as any verbal or physical act that intimidates, degrades, disgraces, or injures any student; or forces someone to do ridiculous acts or suffer physical or emotional pain as an initiation to a group or program.

• There shall be no hazing or the initiation of any student during any district sponsored events, activities, and interscholastic functions.
SPORTSMANSHIP RULE

If a student is ejected from an interscholastic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, he/she will be ineligible for the team’s next contest.

A student’s second ejection may result in additional penalties.

A student’s third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
SCHOLAR ATHLETE PROGRAM

Students who participate in a varsity sport may qualify for the scholar athlete program.

See your school’s athletic office for details.
VARITY

LETTERS AND PINS

Requirements for earning a varsity letter or a pin are established by each coach with the approval of the Athletic Administrator/Director.
STUDENT ATHLETES EXPECTATIONS

Student athletes are encouraged to do the following:

- CREATE A FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE FOR COMPETITION AMONG PLAYERS, COACHES, SPECTATORS, AND OFFICIALS.

- CONSISTENTLY TREAT FELLOW TEAMMATES, OPPONENTS, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS WITH RESPECT.

- CONSISTENTLY EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL IN ACCEPTING DECISIONS AND PLAYING WITH INTEGRITY.

- SHAKE HANDS WITH OPPONENTS AFTER A CONTEST.

- SERVE AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER STUDENTS.
PARENTS BEHAVIOR DURING ATHLETIC EVENTS

All parents are encouraged to do the following:

• RESPECT PLAYERS, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS.

• GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL STUDENT ATHLETES.

• RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES BY EITHER TEAM WITH APPLAUSE.

• TAKE PART IN POSTIVE CHEERS AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FROM CHEERLEADERS.

• STAY OFF THE PLAYING SURFACE AT ALL TIMES.
PARENT-COACH COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

There are times when parents need to communicate with the coach; the following is appropriate protocol for addressing concerns.
BE AWARE THAT COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. SELECTION OF THE TEAM

• Unfortunately, due to the nature of some sports, the number of participants must be restricted.

• Roster selection is the sole responsibility of the coaching staff of each sport.

• All athletes shall be given an opportunity to display their athletic ability to the coaching staff during the try-out period.

• Team roster selections will be made at the end of the try-out period.

• The coach shall personally speak with each individual affected by cuts to explain his/her reasons for the team selection. This provides for direct and immediate feedback to athletes from coaches.

• **At no time should a list be posted publicly which indicates those who did or did not make the team.**
BE AWARE THAT COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

2. DETERMINING PLAYING TIME

- Playing time is the sole responsibility and determined completely by the coaching staff.

- If an athlete is disappointed in their role or playing time, they should speak directly to the coach in order to express their concerns.

- Before, during or after a game is NOT the time to discuss individual issues such as playing time and team role.
A. Information that should be provided by the coach:

- Coaching Philosophy
- Expectations
- Practice/game times and locations
- Team requirements such as practice, special equipment needs and pre-season conditioning
B. Appropriate concerns for parents to discuss with coaches:

- Treatment of your child, physically and emotionally
- Ways to help your child improve and reach their goals
- Behavior concerns of your child
C. Issues inappropriate to discuss with coaches:

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling
- Other student athletes

These issues must be left to the discretion of the coach and only the coach. Under no circumstances should a parent ever call a coach at home to discuss these issues. Also, under no circumstances should a parent approach a coach before, during, or after a practice/game.
D. If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the following procedure should be followed:

- Call to set up an appointment.

- If a coach can’t be reached, call the athletic director. A meeting will be scheduled for you.

- DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.
E. If you have a concern that your meeting with the coach did not provide for an effective or equitable solution your next step is:

• Contact the athletic director at school.

• Set up an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.

• If the meeting with the athletic director does not bring about an effective resolution, contact the assistant principal in charge of athletics to set up an appointment.

• In all cases be sure to inform the administrator of the reason for your requested meeting so the administrator may prepare to address your concerns.
Please contact the following offices for additional information:

- **CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (CCSD) DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ATHLETICS**

  3950 South Pecos-McLeod, Suite 1-C
  Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
  Phone (702)855-9767

  Bill Garis, Executive Director
  Ray Mathis, Director of Athletics

- **NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NIAA)**

  1 East Liberty Street, Suite 501
  Reno, Nevada 89501
  Phone (775)688-6464

  Eddie Bonine, Executive Director