

All Personnel

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TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES

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The Governing Board desires to employ highly qualified coaches for the district's sports and interscholastic athletic programs in order to enhance the knowledge, skills, motivation, and safety of student athletes.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee may employ a certificated or noncertificated employee, other than a substitute employee, to supervise or instruct interscholastic athletic activities as a temporary employee in a limited assignment capacity. (5 CCR 5590)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

When hiring a person to fill a position as a temporary athletic team coach, the position shall first be made available to qualified certificated teachers currently employed by the district. (Education Code 44919)

All coaches shall be subject to Board policies, administrative regulations, and California Interscholastic Federation bylaws and codes of ethical conduct.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

Noncertificated coaches have no authority to give grades to students. (5 CCR 5591)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

Qualifications

The Superintendent or designee shall establish qualification criteria for all athletic coaches in accordance with law and district standards. These criteria shall ensure that coaches possess an appropriate level of competence, knowledge, and skill.

All district high school coaches, including volunteer coaches, shall have completed a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Upon completion of the program, a high school sports coach shall be deemed to have completed the education requirement for the remainder of his or her time coaching at the high school level in any school district in the state. Coaches shall bear the expense of the program. (Education Code 49032)

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Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, obtain a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check through the district. (Education Code 49024)

An individual who possesses a current Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, issued prior to July 9, 2010, shall have satisfied district requirements for the criminal background check. (Education Code 49024)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

(cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)

(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35179-35179.7 Interscholastic athletics
44010 Sex offense
44011 Controlled substance offense
44332-44332.5 Temporary certificates
44424 Conviction of a crime
44808 Liability when students are not on school property
44919 Classification of temporary employees
45125.01 Interagency agreements for criminal record information
45347 Instructional aides subject to requirements for classified staff
45349 Use of volunteers to supervise or instruct students
49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate
49030-49034 Performance-enhancing substances
49406 Examination for tuberculosis

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities
5590-5596 Duties of temporary athletic team coaches

COURT DECISIONS

CTA v. Rialto Unified School District, (1997) 14 Cal. 4th 627
San Jose Teachers Association, CTA, NEA v. Barozzi, (1991) 230 Cal.App.3d 1376

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Steroids and Students: What Boards Need to Know, Policy Brief, July 2005
A School Board Member's Guide to CIF and Interscholastic Sports, 1997

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

Pursuing Victory with Honor, 1999

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution and Bylaws

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING CODED CORRESPONDENCE

10-11 Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate
(ASCC), July 20, 2010

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Athletic Trainers' Association: <http://www.ca-at.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>
National Athletic Trainers' Association: <http://www.nata.org>

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Qualifications

The Superintendent or designee shall establish minimum qualification criteria for temporary athletic team coaches. These criteria shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, competencies in the following areas: (5 CCR 5593)

1. Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic sports injury first aid, and emergency procedures, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in the care and prevention of athletic injuries and possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card
 - b. A valid sports injury certificate or first aid card, and a valid CPR card
 - c. A valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I or II card
 - d. A valid trainer's certification issued by the National or California Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA/CATA)
 - e. Possession of both valid CPR and first aid cards and practical experience under the supervision of an athletic coach or trainer or experience assisting in team athletic training and conditioning
2. Coaching theory and techniques in the sport or game being coached, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college course in coaching theory and techniques
 - b. Completion of inservice programs arranged by a school district or county office of education
 - c. Prior service as a student coach or assistant athletic coach in the sport or game being coached
 - d. Prior coaching in community youth athletic programs in the sport being coached
 - e. Prior participation in organized competitive athletics at high school level or above in the sport being coached

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3. Knowledge of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport or game being coached, the league rules, and, at the high school level, regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
4. Knowledge of child or adolescent psychology, as appropriate, as it relates to sport participation, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in child psychology for elementary school positions and adolescent or sports psychology for secondary school positions
 - b. Completion of a seminar or workshop on human growth and development of youth
 - c. Prior active involvement with youth in school or community sports program

The Superintendent or designee may waive competency requirements for persons enrolled in appropriate training courses leading to acquisition of the competency, provided such persons serve under the direct supervision of a fully qualified coach until the competencies are met. (5 CCR 5593)

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the Governing Board, at the next regular Board meeting or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, that the coach meets the qualifications and competencies required by 5 CCR 5593. By April 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of 5 CCR 5593 have been met. (5 CCR 5594)

Volunteers who supervise or direct an athletic program shall meet the qualification criteria specified in 5 CCR 5593 required for temporary athletic team coaches employed by the district. Any volunteer who does not meet such criteria shall serve only under the supervision of a fully qualified coach and shall not be given charge of an athletic program.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

Additional Qualifications of Noncertificated Personnel and Volunteers

In addition to the qualifications listed above, any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall: (5 CCR 5592)

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1. Be free from tuberculosis and any other contagious disease that would prohibit certificated teachers from teaching, as verified by a written statement, renewable every four years, from a licensed physician or other person approved by the district

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

2. Not have been convicted of any offense referred to in Education Code 44010, 44011, or 44424, or any offense involving moral turpitude or evidencing unfitness to associate with children

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or a criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. (Education Code 49024)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

(cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)

(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)

High School Coaching Education Program

Each high school athletic team coach or volunteer coach shall complete, at his/her expense, a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the CIF. A high school coach who has completed the education program in another California school district shall be deemed to have met the requirement for this district. (Education Code 49032)

An individual who has not completed the education program may be assigned as a coach for no longer than one season of interscholastic competition. (Education Code 49032)

Code of Ethical Conduct

Employees providing supervisory or instructional services in interscholastic athletic programs and activities shall: (5 CCR 5596)

1. Show respect for players, officials, and other coaches
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct
4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority

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5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times
6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players
7. Consistently require all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game
8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment
9. Not exert undue influence on a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any public or private postsecondary educational institution
10. Not exert any influence on students to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics
11. Not suggest, provide, or encourage any athlete to use nonprescription drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Surgeon General, or the American Medical Association

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

12. Not recruit athletes from other schools
13. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the district and the league in which the district participates

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