

## **TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES**

The Board of Trustees 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 hire 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 – Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)*  
*(5141.1 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

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.

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, submit to the Superintendent or designee either an Activity Supervisory Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance. (Education Code 49024)

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*  
*(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the 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. (5CCR 5594)

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In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the extent to which the district's coaches have completed the trainings required by law, including those required pursuant to Education Code 33479.6 and 49032, and district policy.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

35179-35179.7 Interscholastic athletics  
33479-33479.9 The Eric Parades Sudden Cardiac Prevention Act  
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  
44916 Written statement indicating employment status  
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

Neily v. Manhattan Beach Unified School District, (2011) 192 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 187  
Kavanaugh v. West Sonoma County Union High School District, (2003) 29 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 911  
CTA v. Rialto Unified School District, (1997) 14 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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**

Minimum qualifications for temporary athletic team coaches shall include, but are 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
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

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- 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)

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)

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)*

### **Training**

Each employee or volunteer high school athletic team coach shall complete, at his/her expense, a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the CIF and includes, but is not limited to, training in regard to sport psychology, sport physiology, sport management, statewide and school regulations, and CPR and first aid, including the signs, symptoms, and appropriate response to concussions. 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. 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 35179.1, 49032)

In addition, prior to coaching an athletic activity and every two years thereafter, athletic coaches shall complete an approved training course on the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.6, 33479.7)

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**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
5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times
6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players
7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game
8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment
9. Avoid exerting undue influence on a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any public or private postsecondary educational institution
10. Avoid exerting undue influence on students to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics
11. Avoid suggesting, providing, or encouraging 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. Avoid recruitment of 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