

Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

INSTRUCTION

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Interscholastic Activities

The program of interscholastic activities shall include all activities relating to competitive sport; intellectual contests, games, or events; or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this District when such events occur between schools outside this District.

Interscholastic Activities may be conducted with other accredited schools approved by the Idaho High Schools Activities Association (IHSAA).

Participation by as many students as possible is a primary goal of the District. In grades 7 and 8, any student who wishes to participate in extracurricular activities may be permitted to do so. The high school principal, with consultation of coaches, may limit the number of team participants if the number of students wishing to participate becomes excessive.

Although the District recognizes that there is some value in offering programs of interscholastic activities, interscholastic activities shall not be considered to be a property, liberty, or contract right of any student; any and all interscholastic activities offered by the District shall not be deemed a “right” but rather shall be considered to be a “privilege.”

Interscholastic competition for grades 7 through 12 shall be under the jurisdiction of the junior/senior high school principal. The school shall be a member of and follow the guidelines set forth by the IHSAA. Junior high athletics, grades 7 and 8, shall as much as possible follow the guidelines of the Idaho High School Activities Association.

It shall be the policy of the District to avoid allowing interscholastic events to interfere with the school day. The school principal shall exercise good judgment in making exceptions to this rule and under no circumstances shall it become excessive. The principal shall use good judgment in scheduling events with travel time, expense, and interference of school in mind. A maximum of 12 basketball games, ten volleyball games, and seven track meets may be played. Any team may, with the approval of the Superintendent and principal, participate in one local area basketball tournament not include more than two games.

All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the District, shall be inspected on a regular basis. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained and fitted.

An activity coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as described in the coach's job description. A syllabus; which outlines the skills, techniques, and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment; will be distributed to each coach.

The Board recognizes that certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic activities. While the District will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each parent

or guardian will be required to sign an “assumption of risk” statement that indicates that the parents or guardians assume all risks for injuries resulting from such participation. Each participant shall be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic team. A participant shall be free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness before participating in any event.

Coaches and/or trainers may not issue medicine of any type to students. This provision does not preclude the coach and/or trainer from using approved first aid items.

Cross Reference: 3510 Administering Medication to Students

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools

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