



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Instruction

Interscholastic Competition

1. Purpose and Scope

The Interscholastic Athletic program is designed to provide student athletes with educational experiences not otherwise offered in the curriculum which will develop learning outcomes in areas of knowledge, skills and emotional patterns that will contribute to the development of better citizens.

2. Regulations

- A. The principal is responsible for the conduct of the extracurricular program in the school and has authority to operate athletic programs within the framework of rules established by the district.
- B. The general framework for the inter-school athletic program in the district is established by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Regulations for inter-school athletic competition may be found in various CIF publications.
- C. Schools of the district shall be placed in leagues by the CIF, and league policies shall be determined by a constitution and bylaws that have been adopted by representatives of the league.
- D. A district Athletic Council shall be established to serve as a recommending, fact-finding, hearing and policy development body.

(1) Organization

- (a) Superintendent or his/her designated representative
- (b) Girls' and Boys' Athletic Directors.

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- (2) Conduct of Meetings
 - (a) The Superintendent or designated representative shall serve as chairperson of the Council
 - (b) The Superintendent's designated representative will serve as the executive secretary for the council, to expedite the preparation of the agenda and recording of minutes of all meetings conducted by the Council.
 - (c) The Council shall meet quarterly and at other times when deemed necessary upon the call of the Superintendent's designee.
- (3) The Council shall have the authority:
 - (a) To request, receive, conduct, direct and evaluate studies which will assist in the development of the competitive athletic program in its proper relationship to the total programs of the school.
 - (b) To recommend to the Superintendent policies related to the competitive athletic program where the expenditure of district funds is involved, such as:
 - 1) District support of athletic or activity programs.
 - 2) Purchasing and general finance.
 - 3) Development and maintenance of facilities used in the competitive athletic program.
 - (c) To interpret fundamental policies for the competitive athletic program, especially where it has an impact upon the educational and activity programs of the schools, such as:
 - 1) Seasons of sports.

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- 2) Times and conditions of practice or games.
 - 3) Tournaments and post-season athletic competition.
 - 4) Cooperative use of facilities.
- (d) To direct the compilation and publication of an athletic handbook for the district. The athletic handbook shall be subject to periodic review and revision by the Athletic Council.
- E. Each school shall establish and maintain an Athletic Council to provide leadership and supervision of student sports programs.
- (1) Recommended organization
 - (a) Assistant Principal of Activities
 - (b) Boys/girls athletic director (s)
 - (c) Varsity head coaches (some or all)
 - (d) Others as designated by the principal
 - (2) Functions
 - (a) The school Athletic Council may review all problems associated with local athletics, take appropriate action, and make recommendations to the principal.
 - (b) The school Athletic Council will evaluate all rules, equipment and facilities on an ongoing basis to provide the maximum safety and prevent injuries to participating student athletes.

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- (c) The local school Athletic Council will serve as a board of review whenever an athlete or parent desires to appeal disciplinary action, including removal from a team.
 - (d) The school Athletic Council will serve as a review board and take disciplinary action whenever an athlete violates the Athletic Code of Honor.
- F. An appeal process shall be initiated at the school level and follow guidelines as established by the Superintendent's Council.
- (1) Coach

If a decision is challenged, the coach directly involved and/or varsity coach will meet with the parent to hear the appeal. After reviewing all available information, the coach will either reject or accept the appeal.
 - (2) Athletic Director

If the appeal is rejected by the coach, the parent may present the case to the athletic director for review. Following a review of the case and conference with the coach, the athletic director may reject or accept the appeal. Item (1) and (2) involving coach, athletic director, and parent may be combined into one conference to simplify the communication process.
 - (3) Principal/School Athletic Council

If the parental appeal is rejected by the athletic director, the parent may present the case to the principal and/or school athletic council for review.

If the appeal is rejected and the principal was not part of the school athletic council the parents may appeal the decision of the school athletic council to the Principal. An appeal to the Principal must occur before the case is heard at the district level.

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(4) Superintendent/Superintendent's designee

If the school Athletic Council rejects the appeal, the parents may continue their appeal by putting their appeal in writing to the Superintendent or designee.

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