

CIF Code of Ethics

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extra-curricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

As a condition of membership in the CIF, all schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parents, legal guardian/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition (Article 523).

By signing below, both the participating student athlete and the parents, legal guardian/ caregiver hereby agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition. We recognize that under CIF Bylaw 202, there could be penalties for false or fraudulent information. We also understand that the SVUSD policy regarding the use of illegal drugs will be enforced for any violations of these rules.

SVUSD Athletic Code and Student Athlete Conduct Standards

Any conduct known to have occurred during or after school hours, or as part of a school activity, by an athlete that brings discredit to him, his team, or his school, is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Such acts may cause the athlete to be disciplined by the coach and/or said acts to be reviewed and disciplined by the school administration. Disciplinary action may include withdraw/fail from athletics, community service, counseling, restriction of athletic privileges, and/or suspension or expulsion from school. Violation of the CIF's Code of Ethics may also result in severe disciplinary action by the coach or school administration.

Acts that Discredit the Athlete, Team and School, Not Limited to the Following:

Violations That Warrant Suspension or Expulsion, Dismissal from Team, or Withdraw/ Fail from Athletics

1. Student convicted of a crime, including theft of school and/or personal property
2. Acts of violence/vandalism on or off campus
3. School related problems of a disciplinary nature, including threats, bullying, harassment, or hazing
4. Being in possession of or having used alcohol, drugs, or narcotics, on or off school premises, or at any school related activity
5. Selling or furnishing alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or substances represented to be said substances on or during school related activities

*Violation of the above examples may also result in immediate removal from the athletic program for one year from the date of the incident.

Violations that Warrant Coach or School Disciplinary Action

- Use of obscene language or obscene act, posting inappropriate pictures or phrases on the public internet that reference sexual activity or illegal drug or alcohol use

- Unauthorized use of school uniforms and/or equipment
- Insubordination to coaches or other school personnel
- Failure to maintain required academic standards and attendance standards
- Improper conduct on the bus
- Violation of C.I.F. or District regulations governing eligibility

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Transportation

Saddleback Valley Unified School District has been forced to cut over \$58 million dollars from its budget the last few years, which has had a direct impact on providing students opportunities in athletics and co-curricular activities, including transportation to and from events. As a result, several programs have been reduced or eliminated; however, with your help, athletic transportation will continue to be provided. To reduce the financial encroachment on the district's instructional program, our district suggests a donation of \$75.00 per student, per sport. This also includes Band, Drumline, Colorguard & Pep Squad. District funded transportation will be provided for away contests limited to Orange County only. At the beginning of each season of sport or co-curricular program, parents of participating students are encouraged to make a \$75.00 donation to Saddleback Valley Unified School District submitted to the Activities Office at your school.

Donations are tax deductible and non-refundable. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate if they do not make a donation. I understand that all athletes must be transported to and from all athletic events by District transportation when available. Any waiver to this policy must be approved in advance by the Athletic Administrator.

Voluntary Contributions

The Saddleback Valley Unified School District is very proud of the extensive co-curricular programs offered at the comprehensive high schools. Through limited state funding, the District provides financial support for these programs, which may include stipends for one or more coach/advisor for each program, superb facilities, transportation, officials, CIF membership fees and general maintenance of the facilities. However, costs for athletics continue to exceed the limited state allocations, thus necessitating booster/parent organization support and the request for suggested contributions from participants. **As such, a continued lack of funding may result in athletic programs being reduced and/or team levels eliminated.** Participation in any school sports program and booster/parent organization is strictly voluntary and no student will be denied the opportunity to participate in a SVUSD co-curricular activity because of a parent or guardian's failure to participate in fundraising activities, failure to devote time or resources to the booster/parent organization. However, they may request voluntary donations and assistance in fundraising activities and programs. ***These donations and fundraising financial contributions are voluntary, and all students will be allowed to participate in school activities and extracurricular activities regardless of whether the parent or legal guardian makes a donation or contribution.***

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE & NON-REFUNDABLE.

PARENT CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ITEMS

Academic Eligibility

Parents understand that to participate in athletics my son/daughter must be academically eligible at the end of the last grading period; GPA of 2.0 or higher, no more than 1- "F", no more than 1-"U" in Citizenship. A one-time waiver may be used with parental and administrative approval. I understand that this probationary period for athletics cannot be granted if my son/daughter does not meet the CIF eligibility and SVUSD requirement: Athlete must have passed four classes in the previous quarter (or trimester for incoming 9th grade students) and must be currently enrolled in five classes. Falsified information by any student, parent or guardian (court appointed) shall result in the Student being declared ineligible for any sport up to 12 months.

Uncleared Fine List

I understand that my student must be cleared from all financial obligations (lost textbooks, library fines, unreturned equipment and uniforms, returned checks, etc.) and off the official fine list in order to participate in athletics. These fines can be paid in the library.

Sports Screenings

I understand that sports screenings are valid for one calendar year and to be cleared for a sport, a sports screening must be valid during the entire season of sport.

Athletic Cut Policy

I understand that all sports require students to try out and must meet minimum standards as designated by the coach.

Classroom Dismissal

Teachers have the right to withhold students from early dismissal due to academic or discipline issues. I give permission for my son/daughter to miss class due to an athletic event.

Notice Of Open/ "Free" Period

I am aware that my athlete is scheduled into 7th period athletics. I understand that some athletic teams MAY NOT meet during this time, but hold daily practice or scheduled games at a later time during the day thus leaving period 7 "free". I expressly acknowledge that this free period will be considered non-school hours for my student and that he/she is released from school. As a result, I understand and acknowledge that the school will have no liability with respect to my athlete's coming or going to school during the free period, pursuant to Education Code Section 44808.

Attendance/Missing Practice Or Contest

- An athlete must consult with the coach if a practice or contest must be missed.
- An athlete must attend school for a minimum of 4 periods (a minimum of 240 minutes) on the day of a co-curricular activity/event.

According to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145.1, students absent from school on days of competition are not eligible to participate, e.g., a student absent all day cannot participate in an evening football game. A student must attend school on the day of competition or performance for at least a minimum of 240 minutes.

School Equipment and Uniforms

1. An athlete is financially responsible for all uniforms and equipment issued to him/her.
2. The uniforms and equipment are to be used only when it represents the school.
3. An athlete who fails to turn in all equipment and uniforms will not receive any awards or grades and will not be permitted to go out for another sport until financial records are cleared.

Dropping/Quitting A Sport

My child understands that the proper way for him/her to withdraw from a sport for reasons beyond his/her control is to make personal contact with the coach/advisor and to obtain his/her approval. A withdraw from athletics may result in a schedule change. My child also knows that if he/she drops/quits that they forfeit the opportunity to participate in another sport until that current sport has concluded, including playoffs and may result in a W/F (Withdraw/Fail grade) for that particular class. Furthermore, my child knows that they forfeit receiving any award and will not be allowed to attend the banquet.

Treatment Consent

I understand that immediate first aid will be administered, if needed.

Concussions

I understand that Education Code (EC 49475) states that an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day, and shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he or she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider, trained in the management of concussions, acting within the scope of his or her practice. The athlete shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he or she receives written clearance to return to the activity from that licensed health care provider.

My signature below is confirmation that I have read this document in its entirety and agree to the policies that govern participation in SVUSD athletics.

Student Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date