

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGES OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS	INDEX NUMBER E-11
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1. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Students on intercollegiate athletic teams must meet the athletic eligibility requirements of the California Community College Athletic Association ("CCCAA," formerly the Commission on Athletics or "COA") Constitution and Bylaws.

2. PARTICIPATION AT MORE THAN ONE COLLEGE

- a. A student athlete in the Los Angeles Community College District cannot participate in the same sport in the same semester at more than one college in the District.

Participation begins with the first day of legal practice.

- b. Any exceptions to the above must be approved by the Presidents of the colleges involved.

3. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All students must adhere to the LACCD Student Code of Conduct (LACCD Board Rules, Chapter IX, Article VIII). For example, falsification of student documents, including but not limited to admissions applications and CCCAA forms, for purposes of obtaining in-state tuition rates, is subject to disciplinary action.

4. FORMS

- a. **Requirements.** Students on intercollegiate athletic teams, prior to the start of the official sport season, must complete, sign, and submit the following forms:
 - (1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for Athletic Participation,
 - (2) Medical Screening, Injury Reporting Procedure, Medical Insurance Information, and Consent for Care Authorization Form,

- (3) Emergency Information Contact Form (students under 18 years of age must have parent/guardian(s) sign the accompanying Authorization to Consent to Treatment),
 - (4) Authorization Form for Disclosure and Receipt of Medical Information,
 - (5) Declaration of Criminal Convictions for Athletic Participation,
 - (6) Verification of Other Insurance Form, and
 - (7) Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form.
- b. Retention of Forms.** Copies of the above forms will be retained by the college. The confidentiality of such forms will be maintained pursuant to college standards regarding the privacy of student records.

5. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

- a.** The college will provide physical examinations on prescribed dates for each sport season. Students who do not undergo the physical examination and medical screening provided by the college will be required to obtain a physical examination by a licensed physician at their own expense, and submit the Preparticipation Form signed by said physician.
- b. Term of Effectiveness.** A student's physical evaluation will remain in effect for one year (from August 1 to July 31). Student seeking to participate on intercollegiate athletic teams in subsequent years will be required to submit a new Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Form.

6. DECLARATION OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

- a. Disqualifying Crimes.** Effective as of January 1, 2007, student athletes will be required to submit a declaration of criminal convictions for intercollegiate athletic participation. Per Education Code section 67362, a student athlete will be prohibited from participating as a member of a any intercollegiate team, or as a participant in any intercollegiate event, if after his/her enrollment as a college student, he/she is prosecuted as an adult and convicted of the one of the following crimes (identified by California Penal Code section): 187 (murder), 209 (kidnapping), 210 (acting as a go between in a kidnapping), 211 (robbery), 220 (assault with intent to commit mayhem, rape, sodomy or oral copulation), 243.8 (battery against a sports official), 245 (assault with a deadly weapon), 261 (rape), 262 (rape by spouse), 264.1 (aiding and abetting rape), 286 (sodomy), 288 (lewd and lascivious act on a child under 14 years old), 288a (oral copulation with minor, or against the victim's will), 288.5 (sexual contact with a child under 14 years old), 289 (sexual penetration against a victim's will), 459 (burglary), 664(a) (attempted murder).

- b. **Reliance on Declaration.** The college can rely on the student's declaration, but may also seek independent confirmation of the information provided on the declaration. Students who submit knowingly false information on the declaration may be subject to student discipline, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion.
- c. **Conviction During Enrollment.** If a current student athlete is convicted of one of the foregoing crimes during his/her enrollment, he/she may be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics only after he/she successfully completes his/her assigned prison period and parole period, if any.
- d. **Conviction Prior to Enrollment.** If a student athlete has a past conviction that occurred prior to his/her enrollment, he/she may still participate in intercollegiate athletics.

7. STUDENT ATHLETE INJURY PROTOCOL

- a. **Reporting.** Student athletes must immediately report any injury, no matter how slight, incurred during practice or games, to the college athletic training staff. Student athletes must also cooperate with the college athletic training staff to complete any applicable claim forms.
- b. **Referrals.** For proper claims processing through the college, only the college athletic training staff can refer an injured student athlete to a hospital, physician, or emergency clinic. Students who seek treatment without prior authorization or referral by the college athletic training staff will be responsible for all bills incurred.
- c. **Clearance for Participation Following Injury.** Student athletes who have been injured must first be cleared for participation by the licensed physician who treated the injury and the college athletic training staff before being allowed to resume athletic activities.
- d. **“Redshirting.”** Student athletes seeking reinstatement of a year of athletic eligibility for intercollegiate competition for reasons of medical hardship must comply with any and all applicable CCCAA Bylaws.

8. PRACTICE AND NONTRADITIONAL SPORT SEASON ISSUES

- a. **Allowable Practice Dates for Fall Sports.** The first date of allowable practice for the Fall sports is August 15. (Bylaw 3.5.2.) The exception is football, whose practice period is defined in Bylaw 3.12, which permits 22 consecutive practice opportunities before the date that the team can play its first game. Any meeting, activity, or instruction of more than one member of an athletics team held at the direction of, or supervised by, any

employee or representative of the college is considered a "practice." (Bylaw 3.5.3.) "Practice" also includes field or floor practice, chalk talks, lectures, demonstrations, and showing of game or training films, etc.

- b. **No Unofficial Practices Allowed.** The District does not have insurance coverage for student injuries incurred outside of an officially sponsored activity, such as a PE course. Therefore, outside of officially established PE courses or practice periods authorized under the CCCAA Bylaws, District employees cannot arrange for Fall sports teams to engage in practice or off-season conditioning activities during the Summer sessions.
- c. **Nontraditional Sport Seasons.** Each college president may request the CCCAA for permission for teams who are not officially in-season to participate in "nontraditional contests" (i.e., competition with other colleges) during the CCCAA recognized nontraditional sport seasons. (Bylaw 3.17.) For example, men's basketball teams may engage in nontraditional contests for two 10-day periods in July.

9. **PE COURSES DESIGNATED AS OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING OR SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

- a. **Requirements.** The colleges are permitted to establish PE courses designed as off-season conditioning or skill development for intercollegiate athletes which are conducted outside the normal season of competition. A PE class during the summer session must: (1) be listed in the college catalog and schedule and open to all students (though prerequisites for an advanced class may be established), (2) be limited to the number of hours that are scheduled per week, (3) not allow intercollegiate competition or "field trips," and (4) limit the use of football shoulder and pads to the Fall sport season. (Bylaw 3.6.)
- b. **Injury Protocol for PE Courses Designated as Off-Season Conditioning or Skill Development.** Any incidents that occur during such PE courses will be treated as on-campus accidents; students must seek treatment or evaluation from the campus Student Health Center, and if necessary, the nearest emergency room. Claim forms must be accompanied by a Sheriff's incident report.
- c. **Officially Enrolled Students Only.** Only students who are officially enrolled in such PE courses may participate. Non-students wishing to participate in such courses, or to otherwise scrimmage or practice with the intercollegiate athletic team must be officially enrolled in the respective course. Students officially enrolled in PE courses designated as off-season conditioning or skill development are not required to submit a waiver form or proof of medical clearance. However, students who wish to participate on official intercollegiate athletic teams will, prior to the commencement

of the official sport season, be required to complete and sign all applicable waiver, authorization, and physical evaluation forms necessary for participation.

10. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ATHLETIC EVENTS

- a. Prohibition on Students Driving District Vehicles.** Students are prohibited from driving vehicles owned or rented by the District. Only authorized District employees who have an LACCD Driver Data Form on file with Business Services may drive vehicles owned or rented by the District.
- b. Students Who Provide Their Own Transportation.** Student athletes providing their own transportation to and from athletic events must sign and submit the LACCD Field Trip and Excursion Form.