



Conejo Valley Unified School District

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CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONTRACT

PHILOSOPHY

The development of a well-rounded student is a major goal of all educational institutions. The Conejo Valley Unified School District encourages all students to participate in co-curricular activities/athletics. It is the belief of the District that a strong co-curricular program creates and maintains positive school spirit and fosters student responsibility.

Participation in co-curricular activities/athletics is a privilege, not a basic right of all students. The school has the authority to revoke this privilege. Specific eligibility standards have been established for all students who participate in co-curricular activities/athletics. The Co-Curricular Code of Conduct and Contract sets forth these expectations.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must maintain at least a minimum 2.0 grade point average and pass at least four (4) classes in a semester/trimester to participate in co-curricular activities/athletics. Grade point average is based upon the previous grading period in all courses, including 8th grade (final 8th grade marks) for 9th grade participation.

BEHAVIOR

All participants are expected to display responsible behavior and good citizenship; respect the rights of others and abide by all school rules. Any conduct known to have occurred during or after school hours (whether school is in session or not) by a participant who brings discredit to himself/herself, the program or the school is not acceptable and may be grounds for removal from all co-curricular activities/athletics. The following consequences, in addition to school-wide discipline expectations of all students, relate directly to co-curricular participation:

1. Suspension from school will result in removal from co-curricular activities/athletics, including practice, for the period of suspension and may result in removal from the activity/sport for up to one year from the date of the incident.
2. Severe rule violations, such as vandalism, theft, possession of weapons, verbal/electronic bullying and abuse of other students or adults, unprovoked assault, and habitual violations of school rules, subject students to immediate removal from all activities/athletics for up to one calendar year from the date of incident.
3. Substance use or possession, including alcohol, steroids or any other intoxicating or mind altering chemical or substance or paraphernalia, while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period, whether on or off school campus; during, or while going to or coming from, a school sponsored activity/sport (E.C. 48900) will result in immediate removal from the activity/sport and removal from all co-curricular activities/athletics for up to one year from the date of the incident.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes inappropriate behavior toward an opponent, official, or supervisor; or use of obscenity during a contest or activity will result in disciplinary action and possible suspension from school and removal from the activity for up to one year from the date of the incident.
5. Possession or use of tobacco in any form at school or during a school activity will result in removal from the activity for up to one year from the date of the incident.
6. Any participant being arrested or cited for any misdemeanor or felony at school or in the community may be removed from the activity for up to one year from the date of the incident.
7. Being a member or affiliate of any "gang" recognized by law enforcement will be grounds for removal from the activity.

USE OF STEROIDS

The Governing Board recognizes that the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements presents a serious health and safety hazard. As part of the District's drug prevention and intervention efforts, the Superintendent, or designee, and staff shall make every reasonable effort to prevent students from using steroids or other performance-enhancing supplements.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are prohibited from using steroids and dietary supplements banned by the United States Anti-Doping Agency as well as the substance synephrine. (Education Code 49030)

1. Before participating in interscholastic athletics, a student athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign a statement that the student pledges not to use androgenic/anabolic steroids and dietary supplements banned by the United States Anti-Doping Agency and the substance synephrine, unless the student has a written prescription from a licensed health care practitioner to treat a medical condition. (California Interscholastic Federation [CIF] Bylaw 524)
2. A student who is found to have violated the agreement in this policy shall be restricted from participating in athletics for up to one year and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.
3. Coaches shall educate students at the beginning of each season about the District's prohibition and the dangers of using steroids and other performance-enhancing supplements. (Education Code 49032)
4. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that District schools do not accept sponsorships or donations from supplement manufacturers that offer muscle-building supplements to students. (Education Code 49031)

ATTENDANCE

Participants must attend all classes during the school day of the co-curricular event. Any exceptions must have prior approval from the principal or administrator in charge of the co-curricular activity. Truancy will result in disciplinary action that may include removal from participation in forthcoming events. If attendance problems become habitual, they will serve as cause for a participant's removal from the co-curricular activity.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must travel to and from contests in transportation provided for, or arranged by, the school. Exceptions require prior arrangement between the participant's parent/guardian and an administrator.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

All participants are financially responsible for all equipment checked out to them. Failure to return equipment in reasonable condition may result in an incomplete grade, the withholding of transcripts and registration for the following semester and/or of the privilege to continue in the program until the debt is cleared. Participants understand and accept that they are responsible for District approved transportation and uniform replacement fees. No other fees are required. Participants understand that participation in fund raising activities is voluntary and will not affect their participation or grade.

DROPPING AN ACTIVITY

No participant may drop one activity and become involved in another during the same season without the mutual consent of all parties involved.

CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY PETITION COMMITTEE

If a student is removed from a co-curricular activity, the parent or guardian of the student may request an opportunity to meet with the Co-curricular Eligibility Petition Committee to present any mitigating circumstances. The Petition Committee will be composed of five certificated staff members, including the Assistant Principal of Athletics. The committee will make the eligibility decision. The parent may appeal the committee's decision to the

principal, whose decision will be final. A student is entitled to two appeals in their high school career. A student may use one appeal for academics and one appeal for disciplinary action; however a student may not use two appeals for academics or two appeals for disciplinary action. Any code of conduct violation that occurs after a student has exhausted their appeals will result in the student being ineligible for all activities/athletics for one calendar year from the date of the latest incident. Please see the CVUSD Co-Curricular Appeal Process and Procedures for additional information.

As a condition of membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and in accordance with Education Code 49030, the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District has adopted Board Policy 5131.63 by prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids as specified below. CIF Bylaw 524 requires that all participating students and their parents/guardians sign this agreement.

By signing below, we agree that the student named above shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids or any dietary supplement banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency as well as the substance synephrine, without a written prescription from a licensed health care practitioner to treat a medical condition.

We recognize that under CIF Bylaws 200-207 (all inclusive) the student named above may be subject to penalties, including ineligibility for any CIF competition, if the student or his/her parent/guardian provides false or fraudulent information to the CIF.

We understand that the student's violation of the District's policy regarding steroids will result in discipline against him/her including, but not limited to, restriction from athletics pursuant to this Co-Curricular Code of Conduct and Contract and/or suspension from school and/or expulsion from school.

It is the responsibility of the participant and the participant's parent/guardian to read and understand the full content of this Co-Curricular Code of Conduct and Contract, and to provide signatures below showing your agreement to the terms of this contract.

Date

Activity

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Participant Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Participant Signature