

Athletics: Policies/ Ethics

Drug and Alcohol Policies

The Board of Education believes the participation in extracurricular activities is a valuable and wholesome educational experience for our students. The Board also believes that students who represent the school on such teams or groups are held to a higher standard, because they not only represent themselves, but their school. With that in mind, the Board has enacted the following regulations pertaining to the use, possession, sale or otherwise furnishing of alcohol and drugs by members of extracurricular teams or groups that represent their school.

These rules pertain to athletes and other activities that **are purely extracurricular in nature**, meaning they are supported by the school district and are **not part of a course where a grade is assigned**.

1. Any student involved in athletics **will be removed from the team if he/she chooses to use, possess, sell or otherwise furnish alcohol or drugs** during school hours or while under the jurisdiction of the school, or at a school-sponsored event.
2. This policy applies to the use, possession, sale or otherwise furnishing of alcohol or drugs **on or after the date adopted by the CIF for the first scrimmage** allowed for that sport season.
3. Any athlete who is removed from the team for the use, possession, sale or otherwise furnishing alcohol or drugs will not receive a school letter or any other form of school recognition for that sport season.
4. In addition, any athlete violating the above provision will be suspended for up to five days, removed from **all** school activities for 20 consecutive days, plus be placed on a one year probation.
5. Any athlete detected in the immediate area (car, hotel room, etc.) of alcohol or drugs while under the responsibility of the school will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of 20 consecutive school days and be placed on probation for one calendar year.

California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Bylaw 524 Regarding the Use of Steroids

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 guardians/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 (Bylaw 524).

Both the participating student-athlete and the parents, legal guardian/caregiver must 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. It is also recognized that under CIF Bylaw 200.D, there could be penalties for false or fraudulent information. **The Tulare Joint Union High School District policy regarding the use of illegal drugs will be enforced for any violations of these rules.**

School Site Athletic Participation Attendance Code

Students shall be in attendance all periods of the day of an athletic event or in attendance the day prior to a weekend athletic competition.

Any absence from school will prohibit a student from participating in an athletic event on the day that the student was absent from school, or on the following day, if it is a weekend athletic competition.

The **only** exceptions to this attendance requirement will be:

- A doctor or dentist appointment with an off campus pass, if required
- A funeral
- A family emergency verified by the principal and the athletic director (illness of the student is not considered an emergency) A school-sponsored activity
- If a student participates in an athletic competition, which he or she was not cleared, he or she shall be suspended for the next full day of athletic competition.