

Lowell School District 71

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Interscholastic Athletics

The Board subscribes to the Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA) policies, rules and regulations concerning student participation in interscholastic athletics and to the rules of the athletic leagues in which district teams are members.

The district is committed to the values intrinsic through interscholastic athletics and competition. The district realizes the value of sportsmanship above all else in the athletic program. All student/athletes representing the district shall, at all times, while under the supervision of district personnel, conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

The district will provide the most qualified coaches available to the student/athletes and will provide the necessary equipment to ensure a safe and injury free environment.

All district personnel hired as coaches will abide by the rules and regulations of the district, OSAA and league. They will always keep the safety of the students as a first priority in their practices and contests. No coach or district personnel directly associated with the athletic program shall accept gratuities or recompense from any outside agency as a result to the employment position held with the district.

All coaches shall abide by the code of ethics established by the Oregon Coaches Association.

All students participating in competitive athletics shall be required to present evidence of their physical fitness to participate, as follows:

1. A physical examination by a qualified medical examiner is required before entrance into competitive athletics, then every other year until grade 10. Exemption for religious or philosophical beliefs shall be allowed when documented by a parent;
2. A current (school year) Annual Interval History Form for those who have met the physical examination requirements. (Form includes health history, parent or guardian consent and insurance arrangements);
3. A student athlete must be in attendance for a full day or have a prearranged absence to be eligible for a contest or practice;
4. Observe all the special training rules imposed by the coach of the sport;
5. Complete the practice sessions required for each sport before participation in a game;
6. Attend school regularly. An unexcused absence from school constitutes an unexcused absence from practice;

7. Any injury or illness which requires a doctor's attention will also require the doctor give written permission before participation can be resumed;
8. Parent/Guardian signature consenting to/denying release of the student's name, height, weight to the media (see Athletic Handbook).

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)

[ORS 332.075\(1\)\(e\)](#)

[ORS 339.430](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1680](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2006); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2006).

OR. SCH. ACTIVITIES ASS'N, OSAA HANDBOOK (2005).

Montgomery v. Bd. of Educ., 188 Or. App. 63 (2003).