



Reference: *Education Code Sections 66271.6, 66271.8, 67360 et seq., 67456, and 78223;*  
*20 US Code Sections 1681 et seq.;*  
*ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.C.4;*  
*Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Constitution and CCCAA Bylaws;*  
*National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA)*

The West Hills Community College District recognizes the importance of intercollegiate athletics within the academic community and the District service area. The District's intercollegiate athletic programs are to be compatible with the overall mission of the colleges and District. The athletic programs should strive to develop the talents of students and to be competitive through both effective teaching and effective recruiting. Each college shall administer its intercollegiate athletics programs in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) and all applicable conferences. While winning is an important outcome, it is superseded by the educational objectives of the District.

Intercollegiate athletics at the West Hills Community College District seeks to provide value and significance for its members by supporting the mission of higher education and striking a balance among academic excellence, athletics competition, and social growth. The vision of intercollegiate athletics at West Hills is to develop and prepare student athletes to graduate and thrive in their lives and careers.

The program shall promote the mission of the colleges and provide opportunities for the communities to attend athletic contests.

### Eligibility

Students eligible for admission to any college of the District may be eligible for athletic competition subject to the CCCAA rules and regulations.

All rules of the CCCAA will be applicable to West Hills Community College District student athletes. Additionally, the following eligibility standards apply:

- The student athlete must have completed both the District and conference eligibility procedures before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match, or scrimmage.
- When the Director of Athletics and/or team coach are notified that a student athlete is ineligible, that athlete may not participate in any contest until the Vice President of Educational Services or designee, or the Director of Athletics certifies that the student athlete has become eligible.

- The student athlete must complete the District physical, or equivalent, and be approved for competition by the college Athletic Trainer before participation in an organized practice.

In addition to the eligibility requirements found in the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, student athletes must observe the standards of student conduct found in Board Policy 5500.

Individual team coaches are directly responsible to the Director of Athletics, the Vice President of Educational Services, and the College President for governance of their own teams and enforcement of established policies and eligibility rulings.

### Responsibilities of the Director of Athletics

On an annual basis the Director of Athletics shall:

- Conduct an annual inservice for all athletics department staff
- Ensure that all applicable CCCAA statements of compliance and mandatory forms are completed and submitted by the appropriate staff and student athletes
- Complete and submit the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report

During each semester, the Director of Athletics shall verify each student athlete's schedule to ensure they are continuously enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) semester units during the semester of sport, nine (9) of which must be working toward their educational plan.

### Name, Image, Likeness, and Athletic Reputation

**Prospective Student Athlete:** The District will not provide a prospective student athlete with compensation in relation to the athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation.

**Student Athletes:** The District will not prevent a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from either earning compensation as a result of the use of the student athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation, or from obtaining professional representation by duly licensed athletic agents or attorneys. However, a student athlete may not enter into a contract that provides compensation to the student athlete for their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation if the contract conflicts with a provision of the student athlete's team contract.

A student who enters into a contract providing compensation for use of the student's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation must disclose the contract to the Director of Athletics or designee. If the District determines that there is a conflict between the student athlete's contract and the student athlete's team contract, the Director of Athletics or designee will disclose the conflict to the student or student's legal representative, if any, and identify the contractual provisions that conflict.

Any team contract entered into, modified, or renewed on or after September 1, 2021 will not prevent a student athlete from using their name, image, likeness, or athletic

reputation for a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.

A student athlete's scholarship eligibility will not be impacted as a result of the student earning compensation for their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation.

The District will not revoke a student athlete's scholarship that provides the student athlete with the cost of attendance as a result of the student athlete earning compensation or obtaining legal representation in accordance with state law.

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