

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

The Bainbridge Island School District will offer a program of interscholastic activities that includes all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games or events, or exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this district when such events occur between separate schools within this district or with any schools outside this district. The board expects that:

- A. All interscholastic activities and events will be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). The schools of the district will not participate in any out of season athletics that are not sanctioned by the WIAA.
- B. The district will not be responsible or liable for non-school sponsored programs or for programs that are organized, promoted or participated in by staff members or that occur on school grounds without school approval. The district will not be responsible for or control and incur liability for summer and/or out of season activities unless specifically sponsored by the school district
- C. The superintendent or designee will establish rules defining the circumstances under which school facilities may be used and under which announcements of summer sports leagues and/or clinics may be channeled to students.
- D. An athletic coach must be properly trained and qualified for an assignment as defined in the coach's job description.
- E. A job description which outlines the skills, techniques and safety measures associated with a coaching assignment will be distributed to each coach. A coach must secure permission in advance if he/she wishes to deviate from the job description.
- F. In-service training opportunities will be required for each coach so that he/she is trained to attend to the health care needs of participants. Prior to a sports season, the coach will prepare a plan for handling medical emergencies at practice sessions and games (home and away). In-service training will also include a review of the Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy and Procedure 3706 and the Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries Policy and Procedure 5253.
- G. Coaches will be paid pursuant to the district-established compensation schedule, and they are not to accept additional pay, or compensation of any kind for the services to be performed for the district from team members, students, parents, booster clubs or other patrons or agencies. Gifts to the coach that exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) in a season must be approved by the board of directors in advance.

- H. A volunteer coach must meet those qualifications established herein and by the WIAA. It is the head coaches' responsibility to notify the district of any and all volunteer coaches. Background checks must be completed by the district per established procedures. School district employees, booster clubs, or any third party may not personally compensate a volunteer coach. Gifts to the volunteer coach that exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) in a season must be approved by the board of directors in advance.
- I. Participants will be issued equipment that has been properly maintained and fitted.
- J. All facilities and equipment utilized in the interscholastic activity program, whether or not the property of the district, will be inspected and maintained on a regular basis.
- K. The coach and/or trainer may not provide medications of any kind, either prescribed or non-prescribed, unless written authorization has been secured from the student's authorized medical provider. This provision does not preclude the coach and/or trainer from using approved first aid items. A sign will be posted that warns students that eligibility to participate may be denied if anabolic steroids are used for the purpose of enhancing athletic ability.
- L. Certain risks are associated with participation in interscholastic sports. While the district will strive to prevent injuries and accidents to students, each participant and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to sign in writing or through the electronic registration process a statement which indicates that the parent(s) and the student acknowledge the risks of injuries resulting from such participation and give assurance that the student will follow the instructions of the coach.
- M. Prior to the first practice for participation in interscholastic athletics, each participant will be required to furnish evidence of physical fitness prior to becoming a member of an interscholastic athletic team. A report will be completed when a student is injured while participating in a school-supervised activity. A participant will be free of injury and will have fully recovered from illness before participating in any activity.
- N. Prior to participation in the first practice, each student participating in an interscholastic activity is required to have or obtain and provide documentation of full medical insurance coverage for expenses incurred as a result of injury or illness sustained during or associated with participation in that activity. The student must either participate in the school accident coverage plan made available by the district or provide the district documentation of comparable or better coverage through another provider. No student will be denied the ability to participate solely because the student's family, by reason of low income, is unable to pay the entire amount of the premium for such insurance. The superintendent or designee may approve partial or full waiver of premiums to permit all students to obtain the required medical insurance.

- O. The superintendent or designee will prepare procedures for the conduct of students participating in activities covered by this policy. Participants in all interscholastic activities will conform to those standards of personal conduct set forth under the Interscholastic Activities Code, as delineated within Procedure 2151. Both the student and parent (except in the case of an adult student) will acknowledge his/her acceptance of the Interscholastic Activities Code terms and conditions in writing or through the electronic registration process.
- P. The board of directors may recognize club sports in the community for which there are no BISD offerings at the high school level (grades 9-12). Club sports must be operated under a non-profit organizational status and provide the funds for coaches' salaries, equipment, officiating, transportation, facility use fees, and supervision. Each operating organization will maintain liability insurance policies deemed acceptable to and annually filed with the district. Recognition for any club sport will be withdrawn should the organization fail to meet its fiduciary, financial and/or management responsibilities and obligations.

Nondiscrimination

The district will not exclude any person from participation in the interscholastic program, deny any person the benefits of such a program or otherwise discriminate against any person in any interscholastic program on the basis of the categories identified in the districts' nondiscrimination policy.

Cross References:	Board Policy	2150	Student Activities Programs
		3706	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
		3211	Equal Educational Opportunity
		3416	Prohibition Against Discrimination
		3418	Medication at School
		5253	Emergency Treatment
			Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries

WIAA Handbook

Legal References:	RCW	28A.400.350	Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, and salary insurance authorized--Premiums
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28A.600.200 Interschool athletic and other extra-curricular activities for students, regulation of--Delegation, conditions

64.41.330 Public Warnings -- School districts

69.41.340 Student athletics