

Stockton Unified School District



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

PLAYER INFORMATION PACKET



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The role of the parent in the education of a student is vital. The support offered in the home is shown in the ability of the student-athlete to accept the many opportunities presented at school and in life. There is a value system — established in the home, nurtured in the school — which young people are developing. Their involvement in classroom and other activities contribute to this development. Trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, fairness, and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics. These are the principles of good sportsmanship and character. With them, the spirit of the competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

As a parent of a student-athlete at our school, your goals should include:

- Realize that athletics are part of the education experience, and the benefits of involvement go beyond the final score of a game;
- Encourage our students to perform their best, just as we would with their classwork;
- Participate in positive cheers that encourage our student-athletes;
- Learn, understand, and respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer them and their decisions;
- Respect the task that our coaches face as teachers, and support them as they strive to educate our youth;
- Respect our opponents as student-athletes, and acknowledge them for striving to do their best, and
- Develop a sense of dignity and civility under all circumstances.

You can have a major influence on your student-athlete's attitude about academics and athletics. The leadership role you take will help you influence your child, and our community, for years to come.

We look forward to serving you in the year ahead, and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Stockton Unified School District
Athletic Department

CIF SAC-JOQUIN SECTION

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The Code of Conduct in the Sac-Joaquin Section Bylaws shall be the Code of Conduct for each league in the Section, unless the respective leagues adopt another, which is approved by the Board of Managers.
2. Each school should teach interpretations of the Code of Conduct to students.
3. The host school principal or his designee, other than the coach, shall be in attendance at all spectator sports. The visiting school principal or designees, other than the coach, should attend contests as discretion determines. (Discretion shall be influenced by rivalries, size of anticipated crowds and previous problems.)
4. Each coach, principal and other school employees shall abide by the following regulations:
 - a. To make no demonstrations himself, which will encourage unfavorable reactions on the part of his/her players or spectators or permit any such demonstration on the part of his/her players;
 - b. To require his players to accept all decisions by the officials without question; with the expectation that the captain may make reasonable protest after he has requested a time-out for that purpose;
 - c. To limit protests of captains and coaches to decisions involving interpretations of rules;
 - d. To encourage the coaches and the players to make a positive effort to assist in controlling the conduct of the school's spectators;
 - e. To voice no public criticism of the officials;
 - f. To make no unfavorable comments regarding officials or officiating to the media;
 - g. To do everything possible to prevent the press and radio from commenting unfavorably of the officials or the officiating.
5. The home school shall provide adequate security to ensure safety at all contests.
6. Schools shall deny entrance to school athletic events to all spectators who persist in baiting the officials.
7. Each school shall make a determined effort to build a better pattern of sportsmanship through advertising, news stories, on the loud speaker and in the printed game programs.
8. Each school shall endeavor to train yell and song leaders in attitudes and methods of good sportsmanship and crowd control.

VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

1. When the Commissioner receives notification of a violation, he will use his discretion as to whether he will take one of the following actions:
 - a. Direct the school's principal, in writing, to reprimand the violating coach. The principal is to verify in writing to the commissioner that the coach has been reprimanded;
 - b. Request the Board of Managers to invoke Article III, Section 2.2.
2. School may appeal under Bylaw 110.1.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

1. Protests shall be referred to the league for resolution. Decisions will be binding unless appealed to the Board of Managers.
2. Protests involving non-league games will be handled under Bylaw 1104 of the Sac-Joaquin Section Bylaws.

CIF SAC-JOQUIN SECTION

SPORTSMANSHIP RESOLUTION

That the Sac-Joaquin Section will distribute a contract to each of its member schools requesting that the appropriate administrator(s) distribute, review and discuss the enclosed recommendations of the CIF State Federated Council with all members of each school's administrative staff, coaching staffs, athletic squads, spirit squads, booster clubs, drill team, marching band, faculty and any other school entity concerned or involved with interscholastic athletics.

CODE OF ETHICS

It is the duty of all concerned with high school athletics:

1. To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play;
2. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game;
3. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly;
4. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials;
5. To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts;
6. To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials;
7. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of rules of the game and the standards of eligibility;
8. To encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the players on a team;
9. To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players;
10. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game – not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, officials, fan, community, state or nation.

SPORTSMANSHIP PREAMBLE

The member schools of the CIF are committed to providing a sportsmanlike environment for students, coaches and spectators. To that end, the CIF Federated Council has adopted the following sportsmanship and crowd control recommendations. Each member school is requested to commit itself to implementing these recommendations and completing the enclosed sportsmanship contract.

DEFINITION

A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect.

1. The following are expected to be role models demonstrating sportsmanship at all times:
 - a. principal/administrative staff;
 - b. athletic directors;
 - c. coaches, players and cheerleaders;
 - d. faculty members;
 - e. booster club members;
 - f. band director.
2. Coaches, players, cheerleaders and spectators will respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
3. The conduct of coaches, players and cheerleaders generally sets the tone for CIF contests. They will be expected to maintain the highest level of decorum at all CIF contests.
4. The following behavior is unacceptable at all CIF high school contests:
 - a. Berating your opponent's school or mascot;
 - b. Berating opposing players;
 - c. Obscene cheers or gestures;
 - d. Negative signs;
 - e. Complaining about officials' calls (verbal or gestures).
5. The following rules regarding noisemakers and bands are to be followed by all CIF Sac-Joaquin Section schools:

- a. Noisemakers at ALL indoor events are prohibited. Non-mechanical handheld devices (i.e., small cow bells and thunder sticks) are allowed at outdoor events, excluding baseball and softball. One authorized, school-sponsored air-powered/mechanical noisemaker (i.e., cannon) is allowed to be used by the home team at football games only, and only after a scoring play or the end of the game; this device may not be used if the point differential is 35 points or more or a running clock is in effect. This noisemaker must be approved at a league meeting. All other whistles, air horns and other air-powered/mechanically powered noisemaking devices are prohibited.
 - b. Bands and sound systems are the sole responsibility of home schools at non-playoff contests. Visiting teams may bring school bands and sound equipment to non-playoff contests provided they receive prior administrative approval from the home school principal or designee.
 - c. Bands are encouraged to attend and participate in playoff contests. The visiting school must make prior contact with the home team if they plan on bringing a band to a playoff game to ensure appropriate seating. The Section office, prior to the event, must approve bands participating at neutral site Section finals.
 - d. Bands are not allowed to play during the course of the actual contest.
 - i. In the sport of football, bands may play during timeouts, halftime or in between plays. Bands must stop playing when a team breaks the huddler or in the case of a no huddle offense, when the quarterback lines up in position to take a snap.
 - ii. In the sport of basketball, the band may play during timeouts, at the end of each quarter or during halftime.
 - e. It is the responsibility of the site administrators to make sure the above stated regulations are enforced.
 - f. The game officials may stop a game and seek help from the site administrators if they believe the regulations are not being enforced.
6. The following action plans are recommended:
- a. A script should be provided to the announcer including:
 - i. Welcome;
 - ii. Sportsmanlike expectations;
 - iii. Acknowledgement and introduction of the game officials;
NOTE: There should be a short statement endorsing the officials as neutral persons who have been certified by the NCOA.
 - iv. Introduction of players;
 - v. Sponsorship recognition.
 - b. Include the CIF Code of Ethics in the game programs.
 - c. Each participating school's administration is expected to emphasize sportsmanlike behavior at all CIF contests.
 - i. This shall be directed to coaches, players, cheerleaders and spectators in the day(s) prior to the contest.
 - ii. Rallies, team meetings, faculty meetings and spirit club meetings, school bulletins and P.A. announcements are all appropriate venues.
 - iii. Contact the principal or administrator-in charge of the opponent's school at least one day prior to basketball and football games and other contests as appropriate to promote practical applications of the sportsmanship and to ensure the proper environment for the contest.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the administration of each participating school to designate an administrative representative:
 - i. Who will check in with the site manager 30 minutes prior to the game time and establish where he/she will be throughout the contest;
 - ii. Enforce the highest standards of sportsmanship within his/her own student body;
 - iii. Contact the administrative representative of the opponent's school to report any violations of sportsmanship by either school's supporters.

STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC CONTRACT

I realize that it is a privilege to participate in athletic activities. Accordingly, I hereby agree to obey the following regulations set up by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and Stockton Unified School District (SUSD):

These rules and regulations shall govern any and all athletes that represent SUSD in any kind of interscholastic competition. They are designed to promote the ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork, citizenship, responsibility, and pride in representing our district and its community.

1. To be eligible for any team, the student must meet CIF and SUSD eligibility requirements (see Eligibility Chart) and they must be enrolled in at least 20 semester credits (Chavez 15 semester credits). Eligibility will be checked each semester.
2. All athletes must pass physical examinations. The athlete and parents must sign an Emergency Information Sheet and the Athlete Packet Signature Form. All forms must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director before the athlete is allowed to participate.
3. An athlete may change from one sport to another only if he/she has permission from both coaches. An athlete is not allowed to quit a sport from one season to go out for another sport the next season. The athlete MUST finish the sport from the previous season.
4. An athlete MUST be in school four out of six periods (Edison, Franklin and Stagg) or two out of four periods (Chavez) in order to participate in a game held on that day. A legal admit must be presented if the athlete misses any part of school on a game day.
5. An athlete MUST attend practices in order to play in the games.
6. An athlete MUST ride on the transportation provided by the school in order to participate in a game being held that day. If transportation is not provided by the school, the athletic must transport himself/herself.
7. An athlete will immediately become ineligible to participate in athletics for any of the following reasons until cleared by an administrator:
 - a. Quitting a sport without a justifiable reason or consent of the coach.
 - b. Smoking, drinking and/or use of illegal drugs.
 - c. Acting in a manner that may bring dishonor or shame to the community or school.
 - d. Fighting or coming off the bench or sideline during any fight on the playing area.
8. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
9. Participation in a non-school sponsored team, such as city league, shall make the athlete ineligible for a school team for that same sport and could cause their team to forfeit games.
10. The athlete is personally responsible for all school athletic equipment checked out, and will return the equipment in good condition, on time. Team pictures and awards will not be given to the athlete until they do so.
11. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
12. Win with character, lose with dignity.

STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONCUSSION POLICY

The following is the Stockton Unified School District's policy regarding concussions:

A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day, and shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he or she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider, trained in the management of concussions, acting within the scope of his or her practice. The student-athlete shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he or she receives written clearance to return to the activity from that licensed health care provider.

The Concussion Information Sheet (see next page) contains information on concussions from the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). This Concussion Information Sheet is provided for your information only and is not intended to constitute medical advice. If you have any questions regarding concussions, please consult a medical professional. If ever you believe you may have a concussion, please seek immediate medical help.

By signing the Signature Form, both the participating student athlete and the parents, legal guardians/ caregiver hereby agrees to the Stockton Unified School District's policy regarding concussions and the Concussion Information Sheet.

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CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headaches• “Pressure in head”• Nausea or vomiting• Neck pain• Balance problems or dizziness• Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision• Sensitivity to light or noise• Feeling sluggish or slowed down• Feeling foggy or groggy• Drowsiness• Change in sleep patters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amnesia• “Don’t feel right”• Fatigue or low energy• Sadness• Nervousness or anxiety• Irritability• More emotional• Confusion• Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)• Repeating the same question/comment |
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Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignments
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

Adapted from the CDC and the 3rd International Conference on Concussion in Sport. Document created 5/20/2010.

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CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET

What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns to soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athlete will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for student-athlete's safety.

If you think your child has suffered a concussion

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. The new CIF Bylaw 313 now requires implementation of long and well-established return to play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years:

“A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time and for the remainder of the day.”

and

“A student-athlete who has been removed may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.”

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember it's better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/>

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ELIGIBILITY CHART

- Students must have passed:
 - 20 credits in the previous semester.
 - 50 credits combined in the previous two semesters.
 - 9th-11th Grade Students
 - AND/OR must be on track to graduate
 - 12th Grade Students
 - AND/OR must be on track to graduate

| Traditional | | |
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| Grade | 1st Semester | 2nd Semester |
| 9 | 0 | 25 |
| 10 | 50 | 75 |
| 11 | 90 | 120 |
| 12 | 150 | 180 |

- Students must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) from the previous semester as well as fulfilled the credit requirement.
 - There is a freshman only probationary period of 1 semester for freshman who do not have a 2.0 GPA. The probationary period is automatically used if the student plays a Fall Sport. If the student does not use freshman probation, it does NOT roll over to grades 10-12. It is a use it or lose it probation.
 - There is a second probation period for students in grades 10-12 who do not earn a 2.0 GPA. This probation period can only be used one time during the 10-12 grades. Students must meet the credit requirement to be eligible to use probation.

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PARTICIPATION POLICY

WARNING CONCERNING INVOLVEMENT IN EXTRA-CURRICULUM ACTIVITY (SPORTS):

Participation in extra-curricular activity may result in severe injury, up to and including paralysis or death. Better medical coverage, and improvement in equipment have somewhat reduced these risks, but it is impossible to totally eliminate the occurrence of severe injury. Participants may reduce the chance of injury by obeying all rules, including safety rules for their particular activity and by reporting any physical problem immediately to the supervising faculty member. Participants should also follow a proper conditioning program, inspect their equipment daily and report or replace any damaged equipment immediately.

Even if all safety requirements are met, all the rules are followed, the athlete continues the necessary conditioning program and the athlete is using equipment that is in good condition, a serious injury or accident may still occur.

By signing the Signature Form, I acknowledge that I have read the material above. I assume the risks of injury that participation in this extra-curricular activity entails.

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STEROID USE POLICY

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).

By signing the Signature Form, both the participating student-athlete and the parents, legal guardian/caregiver hereby agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognize by the AMA) to treat a medical condition.

We also recognize that under CIF Bylaw 200.D. there could be penalties for false or fraudulent information.

We also understand that Stockton Unified School District's and this high school's policy regarding the use of illegal drugs will be enforced for any violations of these rules.