



Reference: *Education Code Sections 66271.6, 66271.8, and 67360 et seq.;*
Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.C.4

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 (see Board Policy 5700). 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 While winning is an important outcome, it is superseded by the educational objectives of the District.

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 his/her 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 West Hills Community College District 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.