

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

The interscholastic athletic program of Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) shall be considered as an extracurricular part of the total school program. It is neither required nor part of the basic instructional program.

The purposes of athletic programs in the secondary schools shall be:

1. To provide a wide basis of participation in both team and individual sports in interscholastic competition.
2. To develop a strong program of competitive sports:
 - a. By encouraging and developing talented athletes in all sports and providing sufficient opportunity, especially at the middle school level, for students to develop individual ability.
 - b. By encouraging the development of team spirit among all members of the team and their coaches.
 - c. By developing good attitudes or pride, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior in students, participants and spectators.
 - d. By developing and maintaining a good relationship between athletic teams and the student body, faculty, administration and community.
 - e. By teaching fundamentals and techniques of each sport in a progressive sequence as appropriate for students at higher grade levels.
 - f. By providing student athletes with an awareness of potential opportunities as afforded them through competitive athletics.

In keeping with the above goals, the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) shall seek to provide girls' sports on an equal opportunity basis with boys' sports and shall permit and encourage coeducational teams.

The Board shall encourage students, faculty and the community to recognize the value of athletics in relation to the total school program.

Athletic associations and leagues

Customarily the principals of member schools or their school athletic directors are voting members of athletic organizations. It should be understood that such administrators serve as representatives of the District. Therefore, before voting on a change of by-laws or regulations that will in any way affect funding for District schools or athletic teams, the District's Athletic Director shall inform the Board of the proposed change.

Middle school

The middle school competitive interscholastic program shall be open to all sixth, seventh and eighth

grade students. The program shall operate under the guidelines published in the middle school athletic handbook (see D11.org>Departments>Athletics>Middle School Athletics>Forms). The handbook shall address the middle school interscholastic philosophy and contain standards for participation, eligibility and sportsmanship along with rules specific to all middle school sports. It also shall address criteria for and expectations of coaches at the middle school level.

In the middle schools, competitive interscholastic athletics may be offered in basketball, track, volleyball, wrestling, and football, subject to participation and funding.

High school

In the high schools, athletic competition may be held following the regulations determined by the constitution and by-laws of the Colorado High School Activities Association CHSAA. In the CHSAA handbook (available through the District's Athletic Office), standards have been established relative to participation, eligibility and conduct of the various interscholastic activities.

In the high schools, competitive interscholastic athletics may be offered in baseball, basketball, spirit, cross country, football, golf, hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, lacrosse and wrestling.

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