

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY  
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

References: (a) DS Manual 2740.2, "Interscholastic Athletic Program," dated September 8, 1981, hereby canceled

(b) DoDEA Regulation 2740.1, "Interscholastic Athletic Program," dated August 19, 1997

A. PURPOSE

This manual reissues reference (a) and implements reference (b). The Interscholastic Athletic Program (IAP), as an important cocurricular program, is designed to promote and to encourage maximum participation of all students in wholesome, supervised activities in order to enhance individual, social, physical, and emotional development. These valuable educational experiences directly complement classroom academic performance. They are also viewed as very important in the total preparation of every student to be a productive citizen in the 21st Century.

B. PHILOSOPHY

In concert with Benchmark 10.5 of the Community Strategic Plan, DoDDS has an obligation to create environments which focus upon including all students in valuable experiences and opportunities as part of educating the "whole child" concept for success in the 21st century. In order to accomplish this priority target area, it is recognized that some traditional practices previously implemented to exclude participation will no longer be recognized in conjunction with the IAP. While the argument for establishing a higher grade point standard for participation may be seen by some as a stimulus for higher academic performance, this position does not recognize the contribution athletic participation makes to the educational development of all students in preparing them to be quality adults. Therefore, the IAP, as an important cocurricular experience, will focus upon encouraging maximum participation of all students in each activity. Further, the IAP will be conducted in accordance with existing DoDDS policies, rules, and regulations.

### C. INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

A well-administered athletic program is an integral part of the total curriculum of a school and should enhance the physical, mental, social, and emotional growth of each participant. The athletic program provides the opportunity for young men and women to participate on an equitable basis in the school's sports program.

A school should not attempt to promote or compete in an athletic program unless adequate student interest, equipment, playing facilities, and responsible faculty supervision can be provided.

1. The following listed sports may be included in the DoDDS IAP:

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Junior Varsity</u>
a. Basketball . . . . .	x	x
b. Cross Country . . . . .	x	x
c. Football . . . . .	x	x
d. Golf . . . . .	x	x
e. Gymnastics . . . . .	x	x
f. Soccer . . . . .	x	x
g. Tennis . . . . .	x	x
h. Track and Field . . . . .	x	x
i. Volleyball . . . . .	x	x
j. Wrestling . . . . .	x	x
k. Cheerleading . . . . .	x	x
l. JROTC Rifle Team . . . . .	x	x
m. Softball/Baseball . . . . .	x	x
n. Swimming . . . . .	x	x

Determination of sports to be included will be made by the Area Superintendent. The Area Superintendent may designate someone in his/her office to be the point of contact (POC) for IAP policies and issues. In some cases, the Area Superintendent may designate some of these responsibilities to the District Superintendent Office (DSO). Only activities authorized and fully funded by DoDDS will be part of the IAP. Each principal will determine which sports will be offered at his/her respective school. Local area exceptions may be approved by the Area Superintendent.

DoDDS high schools may be organized into conferences (leagues) based on geographical location, student enrollment, and competition record.

2. The athletic regulations promote and maintain a proper balance between the athletic and academic programs at the school: high standards of academic performance, standards of amateurism, educational control of athletes, uniform eligibility rules for participants, high ideals of sportsmanship, fair and equal competition among participating schools, a continuous appraisal of the programs and problems, and officiating standards for athletic contests.

3. Teams will be sponsored and chaperoned by an appointed Public Law Employee. This individual must attend every practice and athletic competition.

#### D. ELIGIBILITY RULES

School administrators, athletic directors, and coaches shall ensure that the following eligibility rules are observed in all DoDDS interscholastic athletic competition.

1. Age. Any student who, on the first day of September, has reached or passed his or her 19th birthday, will be ineligible to practice/participate in athletic events. A contestant who is age-eligible prior to the first of September remains eligible throughout the school year.

2. 8 Semester Rule. A student shall be eligible for competition only during 8 consecutive semesters after entry into the 9th grade and prior to graduation. Extenuating circumstances may be the basis of an appeal to the Area Superintendent.

3. Undergraduates Only. Only students currently enrolled in grades 9-12 shall take part in any contest. An eligible student is defined as being enrolled in at least one-half of the periods offered.

Foreign students required by their countries' regulations to attend a 13th year of school will be allowed to compete during their 13th year providing:

- a. They meet all age and academic eligibility requirements.
- b. They will not violate the 8 consecutive semester rule during the last year of competition.
- c. They show their date of entry into the 10th grade and a statement that the individual(s) did not participate during the 9th grade.

No student may participate on a high school team who has not entered the 9th grade. Students must be officially enrolled in the particular school for which they participate. However, a 9th grade student from a feeder school is eligible to participate for the high school varsity or junior varsity program.

4. 7th and 8th Grade Eligibility. Exceptions that include 7th and 8th grade students in unofficial or exhibition capacity are granted for the following sports:

- a. Cross Country
- b. Golf
- c. Gymnastics
- d. Tennis
- e. Wrestling
- f. Track and Field
- g. Swimming

These exceptions are granted with the following limitations:

- (1) No varsity or junior varsity participation.
- (2) No overnight travel unless specifically authorized by the Area Superintendent.
- (3) Participation does not exclude a willing 9-12 grade student.
- (4) No team points awarded for 7th or 8th grade participation.
- (5) All 7th and 8th grade participants are clearly identified before the contest begins.
- (6) 7th and 8th grade students are not authorized to travel to or participate in conference, district, or area championships.

#### 5. Physical Examinations.

a. Each student eligible to participate in tryouts, practice, and regularly scheduled contests must have a physical examination and a certified statement from a physician (certified nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant), that the candidate is medically qualified to participate in the designated sport(s). (See sample 1, AEM Form 40M-R (Test) dated August 1, 1989). This form must be on file with the school Principal or his/her designee.

b. DoDDS assumes no responsibility for the cost of physical examinations. An athletic physical is valid for one calendar year from the date of examination.

c. DoDDS assumes no financial responsibility for medical insurance or incurred medical expenses as a result of participation in the IAP.

6. Transfer Students. Students changing schools within DoDDS retain their eligibility. Students transferring from other schools must meet DoDDS eligibility requirements. A school must be able to produce evidence that effort has been made to obtain the student's transcript or the student will not be eligible. If, upon receipt of the transcript, the student is discovered to be ineligible, no protest may be entered for the games in which the student has participated.

Students who are ineligible at a DoDDS school, or a stateside school, for disciplinary reasons shall not be permitted to participate at the receiving school during the sport season in question.

7. Transcript Record. Any student who does not have an official transcript of credits from a school previously attended may not compete in any interscholastic competition.

Exception. A transfer student will be eligible to participate in an athletic contest provided the scholastic progress is satisfactory and all DoDDS eligibility requirements have been met. The student may continue to participate on a basis of weekly scholastic approval until the official transcript arrives. In a case of this kind, a school must be able to produce evidence that effort has been made to obtain the student's eligibility record or the student becomes ineligible immediately. If, upon receipt of the transcript, the student is discovered to be ineligible, no protest may be entered for the games in which the student has participated.

8. Current Scholastic Eligibility. Students who receive more than one failing grade in the classes in which they are enrolled are ineligible for competition. The following classification is made regarding the above stated policy:

a. All student participants will be monitored on a weekly basis throughout the season. Grades during the quarter of monitoring will be cumulative to date for that quarter.

b. A student with one failing grade cannot be denied the opportunity to participate in practice or competition.

c. A student declared ineligible can practice but is not authorized to participate, be in school uniform at a scheduled event, or travel with the team to any away event, until regaining eligibility.

d. Schools may not establish additional eligibility criteria. Schools will provide intervention support services to students who have been identified as having academic difficulty. Examples of these support services include, but are not limited to monitoring sessions, tutoring, before and after school study halls/instruction, etc. This paragraph is intended to establish equity for all students, to include those transferring to other DoDDS schools and who wish to continue participating in the IAP.

e. Each school is to develop a specific plan for monitoring grade eligibility; however, to achieve uniformity, all schools must complete the grade checks by 4 p.m. every Tuesday of each week that interscholastic programs are being held. A student declared ineligible on the Tuesday grade check will be ineligible from Wednesday 8 a.m. through the following Wednesday 8 a.m. A letter of exception to this policy may be submitted to the Area Athletic Coordinator for changing the day. This request must be based upon unique needs.

f. A student participant who has been identified as being ineligible for 3 consecutive weeks following receipt of intervention assistance may be dropped from the team.

g. Scholastic eligibility may be waived for students at the discretion of the Principal if the student is identified as “special needs” by the Case Study Committee and the Individual Education Program is on file. All other eligibility requirements, i.e., age, number of semesters, etc., must be met.

9. Limitation of Team Membership. Any player who competes in the first scheduled game or is a member of a given team on that date, is not authorized to participate in any other sport during that sport season. Therefore, students are authorized to participate in only one sport in the fall, one sport in the winter, and one sport in the spring. Exceptions can be approved by the Assistant Superintendent.

Students withdrawing from school on the last student school day maintain/retain eligibility through that weekend.

**NOTE:** There is no official DoDDS policy on the requirements of selection to varsity or junior varsity teams. Individual coaches, with the approval of their principal, will determine the guidelines.

10. Competition Limited to Eligible Students. No high school shall enter athletes or athletic teams in any interscholastic competition unless they are eligible under the current DoDDS high school regulations, nor shall any high school knowingly permit its athletes or athletic teams to compete with another school in a game or contest in which an ineligible athlete is used. Teams playing ineligible players will forfeit any game in which ineligible players participate. Exceptions will be made if a player is discovered to be ineligible after his or her transcript arrives from the previous school attended. It is the responsibility of the student's sponsor to provide evidence of eligibility prior to participation in any athletic competition.

11. Non-DoDDS Schools Responsibilities. All non-DoDDS schools desiring to participate in the IAP must forward the following information to the Area Superintendent prior to the first scheduled competition:

a. A list of team members showing date of birth, and date of entry into the 9th grade. Follow-up reports will be required for students added to the team after the first scheduled competition.

b. A copy of a valid physical examination good through the length of the season of participation.

#### E. GENERAL RULES

1. Limitations. All schools operating within a given schedule will observe common season limitations.

a. Post-season games are not authorized unless approved by the Area Superintendent.

b. Additional games, not included in the published yearly schedules, may be arranged locally but must meet the following criteria:

(1) Approval from principals of school concerned.

(2) No cost to DoDDS for officials, transportation, awards, or temporary duty orders for coaches unless approved by the Area Superintendent.

(3) Will not be arranged before 10 calendar days of organized practice of a sport.

(4) No entry fees unless approved by the Area Superintendent.

(5) No loss of school time unless approved by the Area Superintendent.

(6) Any school participating in a DoDDS sponsored sport season does so only within the time constraints established by DoDDS.

c. Practice Limitations.

(1) Members of high school teams shall not participate in a contest until they have practiced a minimum of 10-calendar days. Authorized dates for start of practice for each season are published in the Annual Interscholastic Athletic Schedule.

(2) Students transferring from another school may start immediately if they have met the 10-day practice requirement at their previous school.

(3) Instruction of a sport is prohibited by a coach, or any member of his/her staff, prior to the first starting date of that sport season. Coaches may supervise a weight training/conditioning program during the off-season.

(4) Any athlete or team participating in the DoDDS IAP is expected to participate in all DoDDS events and practices. Participating in a non-DoDDS event in lieu of a scheduled DoDDS practice or event is not permitted. Any athlete or team who does so forfeits the privilege of continued participation for that season.

2. Schedule. Changing conditions and availability of facilities frequently require modifications of the athletic schedules. Accordingly, modification of a school athletic schedule may be necessary from time to time. Any changes must be submitted in writing through the Principal to the Area Superintendent.

3. Travel.

a. Schedules must minimize loss of school time due to travel.

b. The DoDDS Transportation Mobilization Organization (DTMO) should be contracted in order to provide schools with the most economical method of transportation and utilization for the teams.

c. All coaches will carry powers of attorney authorizing emergency medical treatment in case players are injured.

d. Teams will travel as a unit under the supervision of the coach and/or sponsor to and from the athletic event. Exceptions will be the responsibility of the local school administration.

e. Overnight travel arrangements are to be coordinated in advance between the visiting and host school. The host school has the responsibility for making all arrangements for visiting teams, to include a sponsor to meet the team, sleeping arrangements, local transportation, eating, etc., as required, for a positive competitive experience. Principals will request orders for the coach when an overnight stay is involved, or if the trip requires the coach to be away from

his/her duty station in excess of 12 hours. The use of appropriated funds to provide lodging and/or meals for students participating in the IAP is prohibited.

**NOTE:** Request for orders are to be submitted 4 times during the school year for the respective coaches who travel during the month of September, the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

f. Students are responsible for all work assigned during their absence. An away trip is not an excuse for missing assignments.

g. Visiting coaches are responsible for the conduct of students under their supervision from the time of departure until the time of return. Coaches or faculty sponsors directed by the principal are to travel with and be billeted with their teams.

h. It is official DoDDS policy that the head coach is responsible for the supervision of all locker rooms used by his/her teams when visiting another school. He/she should be the last one to leave the facility after a thorough inspection with the host school management.

i. Transportation, as coordinated with the local DTMO, is the responsibility of the local Principal or Athletic Director, within the limitations of the school budget.

j. DoDDS will provide safe, and cost effective modes of transportation for interscholastic athletic competition.

#### 4. Officiating.

a. Officials for athletic contests must be fully qualified. Rates of pay and number of officials authorized per contest are published in the annual schedule.

b. Regular season golf, cross country, and tennis meets will not require officials.

c. The local Officials Association will have approved lists of officials for each sport. If qualified officials are not available, contact the Area Superintendent.

d. The host school will be responsible for coordinating contest times with officials and the visiting team

5. Protests. DoDDS policy is not to recognize protests after the contest has begun until its completion. Officials' decisions during the game will be final and are not subject to appeal.

Letters of protest concerning administrative decisions must be sent through the Principal to the Area Superintendent. Impartial hearings may be held if deemed necessary. The Area Superintendent will notify the coaches and officials in question when a decision is made. Schools submitting an official protest are required to forward a courtesy copy to the Principal of the school or schools involved.

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6. News Media. Game reports including first and last name of players must be reported by telephone to The Stars and Stripes at the completion of each competition by the host school. If unable to reach them, every effort should be made to contact them the following morning. All schools are encouraged to mail team rosters and individual player photos to The Stars and Stripes prior to the first scheduled contest.

7. Training Rules. All athletic teams will adhere to commonly accepted training rules, i.e., proper rest and diet, no use of drugs, no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages. Enforcement procedures will be left to the discretion of the local school administration.

a. Students will not consume alcoholic beverages while participating in the DoDDS IAP. **Consumption of alcoholic beverages by coaches/sponsors will not be authorized at any time when in a supervisory capacity.**

b. Use of tobacco products by students while participating in the IAP is not permitted. DoDDS faculty and sponsors may not use tobacco products in the presence of students.

c. Mind-altering drugs of any kind are prohibited for use by all coaches and participants.

8. Scouting. Faculty members or students will not be excused from school for scouting purposes.

9. Tie Breaker Conference Standing.

a. All Conference games will use the established tie breaker from the rule book adopted for each sport when the game ends in a tie after regulation time. Non-conference and junior varsity games will remain as a tie and the tie breaker is, therefore, not authorized.

b. Winning game percentage will be computed to determine league champions. (Games won divided by games played.) Only conference games will be considered.

c. Teams with equal winning percentages will be compared as follows:

(1) Head to Head competition.

(2) Total point differentials of head-to-head competitions between tied teams only, **not to exceed 13 points per game**. Example:

Knights 10    Brigands 15    Bearcats 6

Bearcats 0    Knights 7    Brigands 0

Totals:        Knights +2    Brigands +2    Bearcats -4

d. Head-to-Head point differentials between tied teams only, not to exceed 13 points. For example:

Brigands 15

Knights 7

Winner of Tie Breaker: Brigands

e. If a tie still exists, the total point differentials of all league competition, not to exceed 13 points per game, will be utilized next. For example:

<u>Knights</u>	<u>Brigands</u>
Knights 21	Brigands 21
Brigands 21 (0)	Knights 21 (0)
Knights 10	Bearcats 20
Bearcats 0 (+10)	Brigands 6 (-13)
Knights 34	Brigands 18
Falcons 0 (+13)	Lions 0 (+13)
Lions 16	Brigands 17
Knights 7 (-9)	Falcons 6 (+11)
Total +14	Total +11
**Knights win Tie Breaker	

## F. TOURNAMENTS

1. Post season championship tournaments or meets will be conducted in golf, cross country, gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track and field, tennis, soccer, and cheerleading.
2. Post-season playoffs will be conducted in football when applicable.
3. Only DoDDS sponsored tournaments or playoffs will be funded as published in the yearly interscholastic athletic schedule.
4. Invitational tournaments are authorized, provided 10 calendar days of practice have been completed. Each team sponsor must be the assigned DoDDS employee under contract for that sport.
5. Students participating on both a DoDDS team and a Host Nation team are eligible for post season competition providing the student participated in every DoDDS scheduled competition from the time of enrollment. Participation on a Host Nation team is not an excusable absence from a DoDDS scheduled event.

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## G. AWARDS

1. Varsity and Junior Varsity Letters. All DoDDS schools **must** purchase and award varsity and junior varsity letters. A full-block chenille letter (not to exceed 8 inches for varsity and 6 inches for junior varsity) will be awarded to qualifying students in all league activities. It is recommended that one letter be issued during a student's tenure at the school. Letters earned

in additional sports could be indicated by an emblem for that sport. A bar may identify sequential awards earned in that sport.

a. A chenille 8 inch letter will be used for recognizing athletes for varsity competition. Coaches must inform their players in writing what the requirements are for earning a varsity letter.

b. A chenille 6-inch letter will be used for recognizing athletes for junior varsity competition. Coaches must inform their players in writing what the requirements are for earning a junior varsity letter.

c. A chenille 4-inch letter **may** be used for recognizing 7th and 8th grade participation. Coaches must inform their players in writing what the requirements are for earning a 4-inch letter if awarded. The 7th and 8th grade participants are not authorized to receive the 6-inch letter.

2. Awards. Awards will be purchased for divisional/area tournaments and area championships as determined by DoDDS. Criteria and award procedures will be determined by the Area Superintendent. Only DoDDS purchased awards will be given out at a DoDDS sponsored tournament or championship.

3. Unauthorized Athletic Awards. A student competing as an individual in a DoDDS sponsored or a non-DoDDS sponsored event may receive merchandise awards, medals, plaques, or trophies as an award of any kind, which has a retail purchase value of less than \$50, exclusive of engraving.

4. Conference Champions. Conference champions in football, golf, volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, tennis, gymnastics, soccer, softball, and baseball will be determined on a percentage basis in conference play. When conference games are not able to be played due to inclement weather, the percentage of league matches won will be used to establish the order of finish in all leagues.

5. All-Conference Team Selection. The guidelines for selecting All-Conference Teams are stated below. The funding authorization for administrative leave for all head coaches to meet as a group for selecting the team will be determined annually. The decision of granting or not granting administrative leave will be made by the Principal. The following procedure will be used:

a. All-Conference Teams will be selected in the following sports: basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, softball, and baseball.

b. Coaches will select an All-Conference Team and may select an Honorable Mention Team.

c. Criteria and numbers will be specified in the annual newsletters.

6. DoDDS Tournaments and Championship Awards.

a. Conference Awards. The conference champion (if needed, tie breaking will be utilized) will be recognized for all sports involving conference play.

b. All Conference. Individuals selected to the All-Conference Team will receive an award.

c. Tournament Awards.

(1) Teams awards will be given at all DoDDS Tournaments.

(2) Individuals selected to the All-Tournament Team will receive an award.

(3) A Most Valuable Player Award will be given at DoDDS Championships as specified in the annual newsletter.

(4) Individual medals will be awarded in the following sports: golf, cross country, tennis, wrestling, gymnastics, and track and field.

7. Academic All-Conference. Academic All-Conference recognition will be based on the following criteria:

(1) The student must be a varsity letter winner in that particular sport.

(2) The student must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher for the school quarter during the season of the sport.

Fall Sports:	1st Quarter GPA
Winter Sports:	2nd Quarter GPA
Spring Sports:	3rd or 4th Quarter GPA

(3) Certificates will be purchased by DoDDS.

8. Amateur Standing.

a. Each student in order to represent his/her school in any sanctioned contest, shall be and shall remain an amateur.

b. A person who has lost his/her amateur standing in any DoDDS sanctioned sport loses his/her amateur standing in all sports in interscholastic competition for a maximum of one full calendar year from the date of discovery of the infraction or until reinstated by the Area Superintendent.

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c. Amateur athletes shall retain their amateur standing even though they participate during the summer vacation at school facilities or clinics sponsored by professionals.

(1) An amateur athlete is one who engages in sport for the physical, mental, or social benefits derived therefrom, and to whom the sport is nothing more than an avocation.

(2) An amateur athlete is one who has never used and is not using his/her knowledge of athletics or athletic skills in an athletic contest for financial gain.

Individual students may receive monetary rewards for participation in luck-of-the-draw or lottery type programs. This type of competition must be limited to individual type competition and not to pit one contestant against another. There is no limit on the amount of monetary award for this type of competition. Examples: Shooting baskets at half time at professional basketball games; shooting hockey pucks at goals during intermission at hockey events.

Exception: An amateur may receive merchandise awards that do not exceed the limit as set forth on page 12, G3, in this IAP document.

(3) Amateur athletes shall participate and always have participated under their own name.

(4) An amateur athlete shall not compete for money or other monetary compensation.

(5) Amateur athletes may receive a fee for officiating non-interscholastic high school and non-intercollegiate sports without jeopardizing their amateur standing.

(6) Amateur athletes shall retain their amateur standing even though they receive compensation from private clubs for instructing students not enrolled in high school.

(7) Amateur athletes may enter a tournament with or against professionals without jeopardizing their amateur standing provided they do not receive any monetary awards, gift certificates, or merchandise awards that exceeds the limit as set forth on page 12, G3 of this document.

(8) Amateur athletes shall not enter into any agreement with any corporation, association, partnership, or individual for services as an athlete until they have terminated their attendance in high school, except for a letter of intention to attend a college or university.

(9) No member of the family of an amateur athlete may receive remuneration, either directly or indirectly, such remuneration being given to influence the student or the family to reside in given high school district for purposes of establishing the student's eligibility on a team of said school.

## I. MEDICAL SUPPORT

1. Power of Attorney. A Power of Attorney is a prerequisite to a student's participation in the IAP.

a. The student's parent or guardian must execute a Power of Attorney authorizing school officials, (teachers/coaches), to obtain medical attention for the student.

b. A sample Power of Attorney is attached (see Sample 6 Power of Attorney for Medical Care of Dependents).

- c. A Power of Attorney will be completed for each sport season.
- d. Coaches/sponsors will carry the Power of Attorney forms with them at all times.

2. Medical Personnel. The host school has the responsibility of working with the local base commander in providing medical support for athletic contests.

- a. Arrangements for medical personnel will be made in writing with the local dispensary to insure medical services at all home athletic events.

- b. Procedures must be developed to insure prompt and efficient handling of injuries occurring during practice periods. In accordance with page 2-3, para. E.2 of DoD Manual 1342.6, "Administrative and Logistic Responsibilities for DoD Dependents Schools," dated August 1995, emergency medical support is to be provided for contact sports. Otherwise, the games shall be canceled.

- c. Prompt contact must be made with parents and school officials in the event of an injury to a player.

3. Medical Aid. DoD Manual 1342.6, "Administrative and Logistic Responsibilities for DoD Dependents Schools," dated August 1995, Chapter II, designates responsibilities of parents, supporting installation commanders, and medical personnel, as well as DoDDS officials, in providing medical support for athletic activities.

## J. GUIDELINES FOR EACH SPORT

1. Cheerleading. Varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders are authorized in the fall and winter seasons. Schools are authorized 8 varsity cheerleaders, a school mascot, and 8 junior varsity cheerleaders. An alternate may be selected for each squad. Alternates are only authorized to participate when a regular has been excused by the coach. During the actual competition, no more than 8 cheerleaders and the mascot are permitted to participate. Half time shows may involve both varsity and junior varsity squads in a group presentation. Cheerleaders are encouraged to support all other sports offered during the season in which they cheer, i.e., by participating in pep rallies and through the use of banners, posters, spirit leaflets, and other school spirit activities, and items.

2. Other Sports. The official rules governing each respective sport will be announced annually in the seasonal sports newsletter. In addition, the following will be addressed in each newsletter:

- a. Official starting time
- b. Limitation of competition
- c. Limitation of team size for competition
- d. Length of competition
- e. Application of common sense (mercy rule) for football, basketball, soccer, baseball, and softball
- f. Color of uniforms
- g. Format of post-season competition
- h. Weight classes in wrestling

- i. Numbers/types of awards
- j. Selection criteria for All-Conference
- k. Selection format for All-Tournament

J. LOCAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It is the responsibility of the host school's athletic director to communicate, well in advance, with the visiting schools' athletic directors. The host school will furnish the following information: billeting, meals, local transportation, starting times, location of competition, and any other pertinent details.

2. It is encouraged that all Athletic Directors take advantage of using facsimile machines and cc: Mail, when coordinating with schools.

K. UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY PLAYERS AND/OR COACHES.

Students and coaches are expected to follow all DoDDS Standards of Behavior. Incidences of unethical behavior by players or coaches before, during, or after competition should be brought to the attention of the Area Superintendent. Courtesy copies will be forwarded to the Principals and District Superintendents of the participating schools. The Area Superintendent will review the reported incident and determine appropriate action.

Player/Coach Ejection Rule. It is a clear obligation of all contestants/coaches in all interscholastic athletic competition to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and ethics in competition. Any student/coach disqualified from an athletic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled game, meet, or championship contest, at that level of competition, in addition to any other penalties the Area Superintendent may assess. If a penalty is needed to be assessed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over to the next sport program in which the athlete/coach participates. Incidents must be reported to the Area Superintendent. Schools failing to enforce this policy will receive a recommendation for sanctions by the Area Superintendent.

**NOTE:** It would be prudent for head coaches to meet with officials prior to the starting of competition to the ejection rule.

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## FOREWORD

This manual is designed to provide guidance for implementation of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) Interscholastic Athletic Program, as required by DoDEA Regulation 2740.1, “Interscholastic Athletic Program,” dated August 1997.

Sports play a major role in the lives of many people within our schools as players, coaches, officials, and spectators. A well-administered athletic program is an integral part of the total curriculum of a school and should enhance the physical, mental, social, and emotional growth of each participant. In the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan, GOAL 3: Student Achievement and Citizenship, our aim is that all students learn to use their minds and be physically fit so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, and productive employment in our Nation’s modern economy.

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