

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Reference: (a) DS Regulation 2740.1, "Interscholastic Athletic Program," dated September 8, 1981, hereby canceled

A. PURPOSE

This Regulation reissues and updates reference (a) for administrative changes. It establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for the development and maintenance of a systemwide comprehensive Interscholastic Athletic Program (IAP). The purpose of the IAP is to ensure uniformity, promote good sportsmanship, and achieve sound educational objectives.

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of this regulation apply to all professional staff members within the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) who monitor athletic activities. The IAP will include provisions for management and for instructional and officiating personnel.

C. POLICY

It is the policy of the DoDDS IAP to:

1. Provide all students the opportunity to participate in the IAP without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, or other factors unrelated to that participation.
2. Provide a reporting system which will allow each administrative level to justify and account for allocation of resources.
3. Promote fair and equal competition among schools.
4. Provide uniform programs for all schools. Promote good sportsmanship and pursue sound educational objectives by providing a balance between athletic and academic programs of the school with a uniform eligibility policy for participants in all programs.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Director, DoDEA, shall:
 - a. Develop, review, and revise regulations and manuals to maintain a systemwide IAP.
2. The Chief, Education Division, shall
 - a. Maintain a DoDDS IAP that operates within the scope of the above policy.
 - b. Identify the interscholastic activities that will be authorized at the DoDDS.
 - c. Project and request funds necessary to support the IAP.
 - d. Retain the authority to apply constraints to the IAP in times of funding constraints.
3. Area Superintendent shall:
 - a. Publicize the IAP policy so that schools will have pertinent information concerning the program.
 - b. Assign allocated funds in accordance with justification and need.
 - c. Retain the authority to apply constraints to the IAP in times of funding constraints
 - d. Identify the interscholastic activities that will be authorized.
 - e. Maintain appropriate accounting of allocated funds.
 - f. Extend the IAP when appropriate to permit competition with non-DoDDS high schools on a cost effective basis.
 - g. Conduct evaluations related to the educational objectives.
 - h. Resolve, through impartial athletic hearings, cases of disputed contests and rule infractions.
 - i. Approve or deny participation in interarea competition.
4. Each sponsoring school principal/official participating in the IAP will:

- a. Conduct programs in compliance with DoDDS policies and in cooperation with other participating schools. Inform athletic directors, coaches, and sponsors of these policies.
- b. Establish and publicize the selection of school interscholastic athletic activities.
- c. Advertise the criteria for student athletic participation and eligibility.
- d. Provide opportunities for levels of competition, as appropriate.
- e. Promote the safety of all participants through requirement for physical examination and other appropriate measures.
- f. Provide schedules, equipment, facilities, awards, and contest information to appropriate personnel.
- g. Ensure that traveling team schedules minimize loss of school time due to travel and that cost effectiveness is maximized.
- h. Maintain appropriate accounting of allocated funds.
- i. Establish priorities for utilization of funds which agree with DoDEA policy.
- j. Cooperate with participating schools to determine arrangements for conference tournaments.
- k. Encourage supporting activities: e.g., cheerleaders, band, drill team, booster clubs, pep clubs, and other support groups.
- l. Provide qualified officiating and necessary support for visiting teams at host school.

E. IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This regulation is effective upon publication.

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