

**All Personnel**

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**TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES**

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of qualified temporary athletic team coaches to the district's sports program and to the success of students in sports and interscholastic athletic activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish qualification criteria for all athletic coaches in accordance with law and with district standards and priorities. These criteria shall ensure that all coaches possess an appropriate level of competence, knowledge, and skill.

Any certificated teacher employed by the district who applies for a position as a temporary athletic team coach and who satisfies the qualification criteria established for the position shall first be offered the position. (Education Code 44919)

Effective December 31, 2008, all district coaches, including volunteer coaches, have been required to have completed a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Coaches shall bear the expense of the program. (Education Code 49032)

*(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)*

All coaches shall be subject to Board policy and administrative regulation, as well as CIF bylaws and codes of ethical conduct.

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

**Volunteer Coaches**

Volunteer athletic team coaches who do not meet the district qualification criteria shall serve only under the supervision of a fully qualified coach and shall not be given charge of an athletic program.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35179-35179.7 Interscholastic athletics

44010 Sex offense

44011 Controlled substance offense

44424 Conviction of a crime

44808 Liability when students are not on school property

44919 Classification of temporary employees

49030-39033 Performance-enhancing substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

5590-5596 Duties of temporary athletic team coaches

COURT DECISIONS

CTA v. Rialto Unified School District, (1997 )14 Cal. 4th 627

San Jose Teachers Association, CTA, NEA v. Barozzi, (1991) 230 Cal. App. 3d 1376

*Management Resources:*

CSBA POLICY BRIEFS

Steroids and Students: What Boards Need to Know, July 2005

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Policy  
adopted:

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