

ARTICLE 1

The Commission on Athletics The California Community College Athletic Association

1.1 THE NAME OF THE OVERSIGHT ORGANIZATION

The name of the governing body responsible for oversight of intercollegiate athletics at California community colleges is the California Community College Commission on Athletics (COA).

- 1.1.1 The name of the membership organization functioning under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Athletics shall be the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA). (*Adopted April 6, 2007; effective July 1, 2007.*)

1.2 COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS AFFILIATION

The COA functions as part of the Community College League of California (CCLC), a California nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 status granted by the United States Internal Revenue Service. The CCLC Board of Directors has delegated responsibility for the governance and fiscal affairs of the COA to the COA Board, within the fiscal parameters established by the CCLC Board of Directors.

1.3 PURPOSE

The purpose of the COA is to establish and oversee the enforcement of the rules and regulations and to guide the administration of the intercollegiate athletic programs of the California community colleges.

1.4 VALUES

In all of their activities, the COA and the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) are governed by the following values:

- **STUDENT HEALTH AND WELFARE:** The protection and enhancement of the physical health and educational welfare of student athletes is preeminent in the COA's administration of intercollegiate athletic programs.
- **ACADEMIC SUCCESS:** The COA requires that student athletes maintain satisfactory progress toward an educational goal and good academic standing in their college.
- **ETHICAL CONDUCT:** The COA requires that everyone involved with intercollegiate athletics conduct themselves with the highest degree of honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship.

- **AMATEURISM:** Students participating in intercollegiate athletics are amateurs whose motivation is to engage in sport activities as a part of their academic program.
- **EQUITABLE COMPETITION:** The COA is committed to providing the opportunity for equitable competition to all student athletes.
- **RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE:** The COA administers championship competitions and awards celebrations so that exceptional student athletes and college teams will have the opportunity to demonstrate, and be recognized for their excellence.
- **GENDER EQUITY:** The COA is committed to providing an environment in which equitable athletic opportunities, benefits, and resources are available to all students, in which every person is treated with respect and dignity.
- **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The COA is committed to promoting an atmosphere within its athletic competition that is free from sexual harassment or discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

1.5 MEMBERSHIP

- 1.5.1 California community colleges are eligible for membership in the CCCAA and shall be entitled to all the privileges and obligations of the *COA/CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws* (hereinafter referred to as the *Constitution and Bylaws*).
- 1.5.2 All California community college student athletes, athletic programs, and conferences shall be governed by the rules of the *Constitution and Bylaws*. Enforcement of statewide, conference, and member college compliance with the *Constitution and Bylaws* is the responsibility of the COA Board and the Office of the COA Executive Director.
- 1.5.3 It is the responsibility of each college administration to administer its intercollegiate athletic program in compliance with the *Constitution and Bylaws*. Enforcement of local college program compliance with the *Constitution and Bylaws* initially is the responsibility of the college president and athletic director.
- 1.5.4 All colleges participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be under the jurisdiction of the *Constitution and Bylaws* and shall be members in good standing of the COA. The definition of good standing includes but is not limited to:
- A. Administration of athletic programs in accordance with the *Constitution and Bylaws*.
 - B. Establishment and maintenance of a high standard of ethics and fair play.
 - C. Payment of annual membership dues in a timely manner.
 - D. Addressing administrative reporting by the timelines set by the *Constitution and Bylaws*.
 - E. Submitting financial reporting forms for hosted postconference competition (PC) events in accordance with established timelines.

- F. Compliance with the provisions of the Education Code of the State of California in the operation of their athletic programs. *(Adopted April 6, 2007; effective July 1, 2007.)*
- G. Compliance with state and federal Title IX and laws pertaining to equitable opportunities for men and women. *(Adopted April 6, 2007; effective August 1, 2009.)*

1.5.5 No COA/CCCAA member institution shall be permitted to participate in any sport unless all of its sport teams are under COA jurisdiction. This only applies to sports sanctioned by the COA as listed in Bylaw 3.11 of the *Constitution and Bylaws*.

1.6 MEETINGS

All meetings of the COA/CCCAA and affiliate organizations require a 50 percent plus one (1) of the current members to be in attendance to establish a quorum. Once a quorum is established it shall remain in effect until adjournment of the meeting. All motions shall require a simple majority vote of the quorum, except emergency items which require a three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote for approval, and COA/CCCAA policy items which require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote (see Article 8.2.1). *(Adopted & effective October 13, 2006.) (Adopted April 3, 2009; effective July 1, 2009.)*

1.7 GOVERNANCE

The CCCAA is governed by the COA Board and CCCAA Management Council.

1.8 ENFORCEMENT

Rules and regulations are enforced by the district, conference commissioners, conferences, COA Executive Director, and COA Board.

