

# GLOSSARY

**3C4A**—California Community College Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes

**4CA**—California Community College Coaches Association

**Academic progress**—Student athletes are required to maintain satisfactory progress toward an educational goal and good academic standing.

**Academic Standards Review Committee**—Areas of focus include periodic review of academic performances of student athletes by requiring reports from CCCAA member institutions.

**Agent**—Anyone whose actions are designed to benefit a certain athletic program.

**Amateur**—An athlete who engages in a particular sport for the educational, physical, mental, and social benefits and to whom participation in that sport is an avocation.

**Athletic recruiting**—Solicitation of an individual, a member of the individual's family, legal guardian, or coach by a college staff member or by a representative of the college's interests to encourage enrollment in that institution for the purpose of athletic participation.

**Athletic Trainers Association**—Makes recommendations regarding postconference competition medical guidelines.

**Awards Committee**—A standing committee whose areas of focus include governing rules and processes for the COA awards program. This committee reviews the equity in the awards program.

**CCCAA**—California Community College Athletic Association

**CCCAA Sport Representative**—A member of the Management Council who is the designated representative of a COA-sanctioned sport.

**CCCACA**—California Community College Athletic Commissioners Association

**CCCADA**—California Community College Athletic Directors Association

**CCCPE**—California Community College Physical Educators

**CCCATA**—California Community College Athletic Trainers Association

**CCCCIO**—California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers

**CCCCSSAA**—California Community Colleges Chief Student Services Administrators Association

**CCCSAA**—California Community College Students Affairs Association

**CCCSIA**—California Community College Sports Information Association

**CCLC**—Community College League of California. The CCLC hosts the COA in its facility and oversees the financial affairs of the COA.

**Commission on Athletics (COA)**—The Commission on Athletics is authorized by the California Education Code to supervise the administration of the men and women’s intercollegiate athletic programs for the California community colleges. It consists of two legislative bodies: the Commission on Athletics Board (COA Board) and the Management Council (MC).

**COA Appeals Board**—Consists of COA appointed members. Rules on decisions made by the conference commissioner, the conference hearing board, or the Executive Director.

**COA Board**—The governing body that establishes COA policy and oversees the Executive Director and the COA Constitution and Bylaws. Has overall responsibility for the COA and is the policy making body.

**Competition Committee**—A subcommittee of the Management Council whose focus includes but is not limited to governing rules and processes included in sport championship handbooks, rules of sport, season of sport, number of contests, and play-off structure. (*Amended: April 6, 2007; Effective: July 1, 2007*)

**Competitor**—One who competes in a game, meet, or match in COA-sanctioned sports.

**Conference Commissioner**—Each conference employs a conference commissioner who implements and assures that each college is in compliance with COA and conference rules and regulations.

**Conference Appeals Board**—Consists of the administrative representative from each member college in the conference. Rules on decisions rendered by the conference commissioner.

**Conferences**—The conferences are the administrative units of the California community college athletic programs. Each college is a member of a conference.

**Consent Items**—These are proposed legislative changes that are informational in nature and will not go through the legislative process. They will be approved as a body of information at the Management Council or COA Board meetings.

**Constitution Committee**—A standing committee whose area of focus include but are not limited to the oversight of language in the COA *Constitution and Bylaws*, production of the document, and the development of recommendations to the COA Board.

**COA Constitution and Bylaws**—Includes policies and procedures guiding the administration of California community college intercollegiate athletic programs.

**Contiguous district**—Any district that shares a district border with the college’s district.

**Counting of contests**—The method used to count the maximum number of allowable contests.

**Decorum**—COA code of conduct for participants during contests.

**Disabilities Appeals Board**—Consists of members appointed by the COA chair. Has the authority to create eligibility for qualified students for one semester by allowing modification, extension, waiving or disregarding any of the provisions of the COA *Constitution and Bylaws*.

**Disqualification**—Removal from an event by accumulation of fouls, yellow cards etc. *Not a COA Ejection*.

**Divisions**—Conferences that have ten (10) or more colleges participating in a sport may be divided into divisions for that sport. Each division shall have at least five (5) colleges.

**Ejection**—Removal from an event for physical or verbal abuse, or assaulting an official.

**Event managers**—Work with the CCCAA sport representative, sport coaches association, and the Athletic Trainers Association to administer postconference competition events.

**First contact**—An unsolicited inquiry for the purpose of athletic recruiting. Can be made by a college's employee and/or representative with individuals in their recruiting area. Prospective student athletes may make first contact with any California community college.

**Gender equity**—Describes an environment in which equitable athletic opportunities, benefits, and resources are available to all students.

**Hardship**—Is defined as an incapacity resulting from injury/illness that has occurred under certain specific conditions.

**Host conference**—A conference, COA designated or approved, as a site for a college to compete in a particular sport not offered in the home conference.

**Hosting**—When a conference has fewer than four (4) colleges participating in a sport they may ask to be hosted in another conference.

**Individual sports**—The designation given to sports that offer competition and championships for individuals and teams. Points awarded to individuals by place of finish provide a cumulative point total leading directly to a "Team Championship" and place of finish for teams. (*Amended: April 6, 2007; Effective: April 6, 2007*)

**Inducements**—Athletic recruiting acts designed to entice a prospect.

**Intercollegiate club team**—A team that meets all COA eligibility, but is not funded as a varsity sport by the college.

**Intercollegiate team**—A team that is sanctioned and funded by a college.

**Management Council (MC)**—The governing body that establishes postconference competition procedures that fulfill COA policy and the recommending body to the COA Board on policy.

**Participant**—A player, coach, team member, attendant, official, or college staff member.

**Physical education classes**—Designed as off-season condition or skill development and must meet certain criteria.

**Playing rules**—Rules governing play in a particular sport – such as NCAA, FIFA, USTA. See *Bylaw 4* for complete list of sports activities and rulebooks used.

**Policy Committee**—A standing committee whose focus is to review legislation pertinent to but not limited to governing rules, eligibility requirements, transfer rules, recruitment, season of participation, injury/illness waivers, participation and appeals.

**Postconference competition (PC)**—Regional and state championship events scheduled after the completion of conference competition.

**Postconference Competition Review Committee**—The Postconference Review Committee (PCRC), as a standing committee of Management Council, reviews proposed legislation affecting postconference competition prior to submission to the conferences, to the affiliate associations, and to the member colleges for their comments. *Adopted: April 7, 2006; Effective: April 7, 2006*

**Practice**—Meeting, activity, or instruction of varsity or separate squads held at the direction of , or supervised by, any employee or representative of the college. Includes: field or floor practice, chalk talks, lectures, demonstrations, showing of game or training films.

**Prospect**—An individual is considered a prospect from the time of: 1) first contact, or 2) any of the activities until the individual enrolls and attends a class.

**Recruiting area**—The college's district and its contiguous districts.

**Residence**—To establish residence at a college, 12 units must be completed prior to the beginning of the semester/quarter of competition for that college.

**Scheduled contest**—Game, meet, match, scrimmage, or any other engagement between individuals and/or teams representing one or more collegiate institutions or other teams/individuals not affiliated with the college(s).

**Scrimmage**—Practice activity among two or more teams or individuals from different colleges or other teams/individuals not affiliated with the college.

**Season of competition**—Competing on behalf of the college in any game, meet, match during a season shall be recorded as a season of competition.

**Season of sport**—Starts with the first day of the COA allowable practice date and ends with the completion of conference competition.

**Size of party**—The number of contestants on a team in postconference competition that are qualified for reimbursement of allowable expenses from the COA.

**Sport championship handbooks**—Are a part of the COA Constitution and Bylaws that define the policies and procedures for the conduct of the sports activities. There is a championship handbook for each sport. Sport championship handbooks contain the procedures and rules relative to all COA sanctioned postconference competition. Sport championship handbook policies and procedures are recommended by Sport Coaches Association, approved and published by the COA.

**Sport Coaches Associations**—Provide ongoing organization of administration of their sport, and make recommendations for revisions in the sport championship handbook.

**Sports Augmentation Fund**—The fund used to seed money for postconference competition events.

**Student athlete**—Is a prospect who has enrolled and attended a class.

**Subsidizing**—Providing any manner of financial assistance in return for a prospect's athletic services.

**Team sports**—The designation given to sports that offer competition and championships for teams only with no opportunities for individuals to qualify or vie for individual championships.

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**Team**—Comprised of those student athletes who have been declared eligible for intercollegiate competition according to the eligibility standards of the COA.