

California Interscholastic Federation - Central Section

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ETHICS IN SPORTS

I. Policy Statement

The Central Section, CIF is committed to the exhibition of sportsmanlike and ethical behaviors in and around all athletic contests. All contests must be safe, courteous, fair, controlled and orderly for all athletes and fans alike.

It is the intent of the CIF that violence, in any form, not be tolerated. In order to enforce this policy, the Central Section has established rules and regulations, which set forth the manner of enforcement and of this policy and the penalties incurred when violation of the policy occurs. The rules and regulations shall focus upon the responsibility of the coach to teach and demand high standards of conduct and to enforce the rules and regulations set forth by CIF.

The Central Section requires the following Code of Ethics be issued each year and requires signing by student athletes, parent/guardian and coaches prior to participation as a guide to govern their behavior.

II. Code of Ethics

- a. To emphasize the proper ideas of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- b. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
- c. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
- d. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
- e. To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
- f. To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- g. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- h. To encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the players on a team.
- i. To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players.
- j. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game, not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, official, fan, or nation.

I have read and I understand the Policy Statement, the Code of Ethics and the violations and Minimum Penalties of the "Ethics in Sports" policy. I agree to abide by the policy and related consequences while participating in interscholastic athletics, regardless of context, site or jurisdiction.

- Student Signature

Printed Name

Date

- Parent Signature

High School