

## **Boulder Valley School District High School Athletic Guidelines**

\*All athletes must **complete the registration** process at their home high school prior to participating in formal practices in all sports. Practice is defined as the period of time which formal practice is authorized by CHSAA By-laws and during which an assigned coach is instructing one or more of his/her team members.

\*Each student competing in an interscholastic sports program must have minimum practices as determined by CHSAA for the specific sport before playing in a *scrimmage* or game.

\***No** high school interscholastic contests, practices, camps, nor association between participants and coaches of any activity from the student's school shall **take place on Sunday at any time during the school year**. A coach may have contact with an athlete on Sunday for Post-season picnics/banquets; public gatherings; extended travel (with CHSAA approval); attendance by coach/parent at own child's contests; and chance encounter.

\*Participating school districts and schools shall have the right to impose stricter standards for eligibility than those set forth by CHSAA. A student who is participating in a non-public home-based educational program and resides within the attendance boundaries of a public or private school may participate in the activities program at a public or private school. BVSD has an establish flowchart designating where students will participate on file at CHSAA and all BVSD high schools.

\*Students who attend a school **that does not offer a specific athletic program** may only participate in the high school program within their district of residence. If a program is not available at that school, then the student may participate at the school designated on the BVSD participation flowchart.

\*During the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in courses which offer a minimum of 2.5 Carnegie units of credit (25 credits in most BVSD High Schools). **Plan A** (Boulder, Broomfield, Fairview, Monarch, Nederland, and P2P) – a student may not fail more than one class (.5 Carnegie credits). **Plan B** (Centaurus) – a student must be passing 25 credits at all times (no restriction on number of failing classes).

\***NCAA Clearinghouse** information may be obtained in the school Counseling Department. Student-athletes should consult clearinghouse information between their freshman and sophomore year to make certain they are selecting courses which meet Clearinghouse requirements.

\*Summer school courses taken after the close of the second semester may be used to replace any Carnegie units failed. Equivalent courses taken must be accepted by the school toward graduation. The equivalent credits must be completed by the Thursday prior to Labor Day. Credits made up through summer school must be in the same curricular area, be accepted to meet graduation requirements of classes previously failed and be recorded on the student's transcript.

No student shall participate in formal practice or represent his/her school in interscholastic athletics until there is a **physical examination** statement on file with the principal or athletic director. Physical exams are **valid for 365 days** from issue. Players certified to participate as a member of any high school sport team may compete on any other team, in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season with the express written permission of the principal, which permission shall be granted if: (a) the student's class attendance is not compromised; and (b) the student is in good academic standing under the school's activities policy applicable to all students. A building principal has the right to withdraw a student from representing the school in a practice, competition or performance for poor citizenship as determined by their sole discretion.

\*Further CHSAA By-laws and policies may be obtained @ Colorado High School Activities Association web site: [www.chsaa.org](http://www.chsaa.org).

**Registration Fee Refund:** BVSD athletic **fees are refundable prior to the first contest** for the specific sport. It is the **responsibility of the athlete, parent or guardian** to initiate any refund requests. All refund requests should be made directly through the building athletic director.

### **MEDIA Coverage**

**High school athletic events are public events and may be covered by the media. Parents and students are hereby notified their photo, name and other identifying information may be published by the District and/or non-District media in print and/or electronic coverage of sporting events.**

## **BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERSCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY RULES**

The interscholastic program exists to encourage participants to achieve their maximum potential and to represent their school. Participants represent not only themselves but the students, faculty and patrons of the school for which they are participating. Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege subject to compliance with the rules, regulations and standards hereinafter set forth.

Eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be determined with reference to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Colorado High School Activities Association and the rules and regulations of the Boulder Valley School District. A student shall be deemed eligible to represent a school in an interscholastic activity if such student meets the following specific requirements:

1. All applicable rules of the Colorado High School Activities Association.
2. The student is either (1) a bona fide undergraduate member of the student's high school; or (2) enrolled in a school in this School District which does not sponsor the particular interscholastic activity; or (3) enrolled in a school in another school district which does not sponsor the particular activity and the district has boundaries contiguous to the boundaries of this School District; or (4) participating in a non-public home-based educational program in the attendance boundaries of the sponsoring school.
3. In the judgment of the principal the student is representative of the school's ideals in matters of conduct and sportsmanship.
4. Participants must pass a physical examination as requested, and the examination must be consented to by the participant's parents.
5. The school district does not provide medical insurance for athletes. Participants must maintain insurance coverage which is certified by the signature of the athlete's parent or guardian. The main office at the high school may have information about coverage families may purchase for their students independently.

A student is ineligible to enter interscholastic athletic competition if he/she reaches the 19th birthday prior to August 1st of the school year. Any student who has attended more than 8 semesters (upon entering high school as a ninth grader) or 6 semesters (if he/she began high school as a tenth grader) is ineligible for high school athletics. The period of eligibility for a high school athlete shall be limited to 8 consecutive semesters (four-year entry). No high school student shall participate in more than four seasons in any one sport (9th grader) or three seasons (10th grader).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prohibit a coach or sponsoring school from establishing and enforcing additional rules applicable to the activity, curfew hours and other matters relating to the functioning of the team or group. It is anticipated that minor violations will be handled directly by the coach involved after conferring with the athletic director and/or the appropriate School District administrator. Nothing in this policy shall limit the authority of the School District to discipline students pursuant to the School Attendance Law of 1967, as amended, with the exception of students participating in a non-public home-based educational program.