

Sonoma County Junior College District Board Policy Manual

Chapter: 5 – Student Services

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The intercollegiate athletics programs at Santa Rosa Junior College is operated by the College and governed by the Athletic Code of the Community College League of California (CCLC) and by the constitution of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA). Eligibility specialists, the Dean/Athletic Director, and their supervising administrator have been delegated authority to determine individual eligibility according to the CCLC, CCCAA, and College regulations. Individual team coaches are directly responsible to the Dean/Athletic Director, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Superintendent/President for governance of their own teams and enforcement of established policies and eligibility rulings.

A. Rules Governing Athletic Eligibility

All rules of the CCCAA and the team's respective conference are applicable to Santa Rosa Junior College athletes. Additionally:

1. Each athlete must have completed both the College and conference eligibility procedures before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match, or scrimmage, including completion of and signature on the college declaration form regarding California Education Code 67362, which prohibits participation in intercollegiate athletics by a student-athlete who has been convicted as an adult of specified crimes;
2. The College's Athletics Department complies with California Community College Athletics Association bylaw article 1.5.4 F and G regarding adherence to Title IX Education Amendments of 1972;
3. When the Dean/Athletic Director and team coach are notified that an athlete is ineligible, said athlete may not participate until the supervising administrator or designee certifies that the athlete has become eligible.
4. Each athlete must complete a physical or equivalent and be approved for competition by a College Athletic Trainer before participation in a College practice or official competition.

B. Compliance Procedures

1. The College submits the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report in October of each year. All coeducational institutions of higher learning that participate in any Federal student financial aid program and have intercollegiate athletics programs

must provide the information for the report. The report tracks athletics revenues, expenses, salaries, gender of personnel in coaching positions (head and assistant), and the number of men and women student athletes. A copy of the report is submitted to the Superintendent/President.

2. The College submits the CCCAA Statement of Compliance Form R-1 to the Executive Director of the CCCAA and the appropriate team conference commissioner. The form certifies that the college athletics administrator has reviewed the contents, interpretations, and implications of the current CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws with college staff, employees, representatives, and each person who works with the athletics department. There is a special emphasis on rules of recruitment, eligibility, decorum, and sports season. The Superintendent/President, Administrative Representative, and the Athletic Director sign the form.
3. The College also submits the Statement of In-Service Training Form R-2. This form requires each college representative to certify that they have received in-service training on current CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws. The College representatives affirm that they will adhere to the CCCAA rules and regulations, and violations of the CCCAA rules and regulations may subject them, the program, and the College to penalties.
4. At the beginning of each sport season, all required California Community College Athletic Association and College forms are completed for each student athlete. These forms are verified by the Dean/Athletic Director, team coach, the eligibility specialists and submitted to the CCCAA and appropriate conference Commissioner.
5. During the semester, each student's schedule is reviewed to ensure that athletes are continuously enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) semester units during the semester of sport, nine (9) of which must be working toward their educational plan.

C. Name, Image, Likeness, and Athletic Reputation

1. Prospective Student Athlete: The College will not provide a prospective student athlete with compensation in relation to the athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation.
2. Student Athletes: The College will not prevent a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from either earning compensation as a result of the use of the student athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation, or from obtaining professional representation by duly licensed athletic agents or attorneys. However, a student athlete may not enter into a contract that provides compensation to the student athlete for their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation if the contract conflicts with a provision of the student athlete's team contract.
3. A student who enters into a contract providing compensation for use of the student's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation must disclose the contract to the Dean/Athletic Director. If the College determines that a conflict between the

student athlete's contract and the student athlete's team contract, the Dean/Athletic Director will disclose the conflict to the student or student's legal representative, if any, and identify the contractual provisions that conflict.

4. Any team contract entered into, modified or renewed on or after September 1, 2021 will not prevent a student athlete from using their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation for a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.
5. A student athlete's eligibility will not be impacted as a result of the student earning compensation for their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation.

References:

Education Code Sections 66271.6, 66271.8, 67360 et seq., 67456 and 78223

20 U.S. Code Sections 1681 et seq. ;

ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.C.4

Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Constitution and CCCAA Bylaws