

PROCEDURE GOVERNING ATHLETICS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. School officials and coaches shall be thoroughly familiar with "Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics in the Public Schools of North Carolina" as adopted and amended by the State Board of Education.
2. In all instances, decisions must strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education (middle school) and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (high school).
3. In all instances, athletic conference rules and regulations are to be followed.
4. Conference rules and regulations shall not in any way conflict with rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.
5. The principal is to retain the same degree of authority over athletics that he/she has over other school programs.
6. The control of each school budget for athletics shall be the responsibility of the principal. All receipts from athletic events should accrue to the school.
7. All students should be guaranteed an equitable opportunity in the athletics.
8. All students participating in athletics are to be covered by an appropriate insurance plan.
9. It is the responsibility of the principal and coach to promote good sportsmanship, first through example and second through proper discipline and supervision. Visiting teams, coaches, and patrons, as well as game officials, shall be accorded due respect. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players, spectators, cheerleaders, coaches and other school officials shall not be tolerated.
10. Judgment calls on the part of officials are not subject to question or discussion.
11. School athletics shall be an integral part of the total school program, especially that of the physical education department. The line of authority and responsibility for the school athletic program is as follows: the County Board of Education, the Superintendent, the principal, the Athletic Director (county and school), and the coaches.
13. All major purchases of athletic equipment and supplies shall be approved by the principal.
14. Each coach in football and/or basketball should attend at least one official rules clinic conducted by his/her association or conference.
15. All transportation of athletic teams should be by public carrier or by school-owned and operated buses. If transportation is by private automobile, the Pitt County Board policies/procedures pertaining to transportation are to be followed.
16. If activity buses are used, they must be properly chaperoned.

17. Practice sessions shall be restricted to eligible (API, NCHSAA) participating athletes only. After practice sessions or an athletic contest, the area shall be cleared as quickly as possible and small groups should be discouraged from lingering. Several exits should be allowed for dispersal.

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