



BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

High School

Interscholastic Athletics

ATHLETE HANDBOOK

This handbook is to serve as a resource, but may not be inclusive of all policies, guidelines and laws relative to secondary athletics in the Boulder Valley Schools.

Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles

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The purpose of interscholastic athletics and activities in the Boulder Valley School District is to serve as an extension of the educational experience by providing competitive based opportunities for students to learn and develop skills for lifelong success.

Guiding Principles

- We will emphasize the ideals of character, respect, and commitment, which promote the physical, mental, social and emotional well-being of athletes, coaches, and the school community.
- We will be in compliance with, and adhere to federal and state laws, Board of Education policies, and the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) to provide ethical and safe programs.
- We will provide equitable opportunities that reflect the diversity and interests of our student population and community to both increase and enhance participation.
- We will develop and enrich programming to increase participation and promote sportsmanship and character development in an inclusive, enjoyable and healthy environment.
- We will target growth and development of students, coaches, and activity sponsors, focusing on leadership, community, and teamwork in a competitive environment.

Role of High School Athletics

BVSD, [Interscholastic Athletics \(Policy IGDJ\)](#)

NFHS, [“The Case for High School Athletics”](#)

NFHS, [“Defining Education Based Activity Programs”](#)

[“Teen Sports and Mental Health-10 Mental Benefits of Sports”](#)

ATHLETE/PARENT

Participation Guidelines

[2023-24 CHSAA Sports Calendar](#)

[Sports Offerings by School](#)

[Students Who Are Transgendered and/or Gendered Non-Conforming \(BVSD Policy ACE3\)](#)

BVSD Participation Requirements

[rSchool Sports Registration](#)

[Participation Fees](#) (paid through RevTrak)- Participation fees must be paid or waived prior to participation in official in-season practice. Contact your school for waiver information.

Expectations for Communication and Behavior

[Athlete/Parent/Coach Communication](#)

[BVSD Sportsmanship Statement](#) - written by students

[CHSAA Sportsmanship](#)

[The Parent Seat](#)

[Athletic Code of Conduct](#)

Media Relations

[Social Media Policy](#)

[Social Media Workshop](#)

[CHSAA Bylaws](#)

Administrative and General Information

CHSAA Constitution

Administrative and General Bylaws

Athletic (sport) Bylaws

Activity Bylaws

Policies

[Colorado State Statutes Handbook](#)

Summary

CHSAA participation

Outside competition

Participation opportunities for public and private school students

[Students at a School Without a School Program](#)

Home school state law

Home school participation

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

Students wishing to play sports at the college level (NCAA Div. I/II/III) must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Click on the link above for registration information. You should also notify your school counselor with your intentions at the start of your freshman year.