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ETHICS IN SPORTS (ATHLETE-PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER) – 2009-10
 (Revised 3/09)

I. POLICY STATEMENT

- It is the mission of the California Interscholastic Federation, San Diego Section (CIFSDS) to promote high standards of sportsmanlike and ethical behavior in and around athletic contests played under its sanction and, in life, in general. Citizenship, Integrity, and Fairness are embodied in that mission. CIF and CIFSDS contests must be safe, courteous, fair, controlled, and orderly for the benefit of all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators, and behavior by all involved at all times should manifest the highest standards of conduct.
- It is the intent of the section membership that poor sportsmanship, unethical behavior, and violence, in any form, will not be tolerated in athletic contests or practices. In order to enforce this policy, the membership, through its Board of Managers, has established rules and regulations.
- Coaches assume the responsibility to teach and demand high standards of conduct of their athletes both on the field of play and in everyday life, in season and out of season.
- It is the school principal's responsibility to enforce all CIFSDS rules and regulations and to demand high standards of conduct from coaches, athletes, parents/guardians, and spectators. The principal shall demand strict adherence to all the CIF State and CIFSDS rules, regulations, and procedures.
- **Participation in interscholastic athletics and section playoffs is a privilege.**
- The CIFSDS Board of Managers requires that the following Code of Ethics be issued to and signed by each student-athlete, parent, coach, and officials' association. Penalties for failure to submit a signed Code of Ethics are:

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| 1. Athlete | Ineligibility for participation in CIF-San Diego Section athletics |
| 2. Coach | Restricted from coaching in CIF-San Diego Section contests |
| 3. Officials Association | Not approved to officiate in the CIF-San Diego Section |
| 4. Parent | Prohibition/Removal from attendance at CIF or CIFSDS event |

- **Failure to abide by the standards of behavior as agreed will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification to participate.**

II. CODE OF ETHICS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE, PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER, COACH, CONTEST OFFICIAL

- A. Comply with the six pillars and 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor program (on reverse side).
- B. Be courteous at all times with school officials, opponents, game officials, and spectators.
- C. Exercise self-control.
- D. Know all rules of the contest, of CIF State, and the CIFSDS and agree to follow the rules.
- E. Show respect for self, players, officials, coaches, and spectators.
- F. Refrain from the use of foul and/or abusive language at all times.
- G. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- H. An athletic director, sports coach, school official or employee or booster club/sport group member may not provide any muscle-building nutritional supplements to student-athletes at any time. A school may only accept an advertisement, sponsor, or donation from a supplement manufacturer that offers only non-muscle building nutritional supplements. A school may not accept an advertisement sponsorship or donation from a distributor of a dietary supplement whose name appears on the label. Permissible non-muscle building nutritional supplements are identified according to the following classes: Carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks; energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, and vitamins and minerals. (Revised - Federated Council May 2007.)
- I. **Win with character; lose with dignity.**

Accept consequences of conduct deemed inappropriate or in violation of rules.

I have read, understand, and accept the Policy Statement, Code of Ethics, The Pillars and Principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor, and the Violations, Minimum Penalties, and Appeal Process (on attached page) of the CIF-San Diego Section **ETHICS IN SPORTS** Policy. I agree to abide by this policy while participating and/or being a spectator at CIFSDS athletic events regardless of contest site or jurisdiction.

 Signature – Athlete

 Printed Name

 Date

 Signature – Parent/Guardian/Caregiver

 Printed Name

 Date