



TITLE: Cheerleading Guidelines

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this bulletin is to provide rules and regulations for the implementation of cheerleading as a California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sanctioned sport.

MAJOR CHANGES: This bulletin replaces BUL-6712.0, dated June 30, 2016, issued by School Operations. Competitive cheer has been recognized as an CIF sport since spring 2018.

GUIDELINES: The following guidelines apply:

The Interscholastic Athletic Department (IAD) will ensure that the District cheer programs follow CIF and L. A. Unified guidelines. Coaches will be paid from funding provided by the IAD.

I. CHEER COACHES

A. Required Certifications (L. A. Unified and CIF)

1. First Aid/CPR/AED Certification
2. Concussion Education
3. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Certification
4. Code of Conduct
5. Child Abuse Certification in MyPLN – required to be renewed each school year within 30 days of an open assignment
6. American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators Certification (AACCA)
7. Coaching Education
8. Heat Illness
9. Suicide Prevention



B. Requirements for Student Athletes

1. Physical – Must be completed each school year, signed and stamped by a doctor (School nurse verifies)
2. Emergency Card – Coach must carry at all times
3. Proof of Insurance – Hard copy
4. Bullying and Hazing Form – Signed by athlete and guardian
5. Concussion Form - Signed by athlete and guardian
6. Liability Waiver Form - Signed by athlete and guardian
7. Media Release Form – Signed by guardian
8. Steroid Abuse Form - Signed by athlete and guardian
9. Parent Consent Form – Signed by guardian
10. Code of Conduct Form – Signed by athlete and guardian
11. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form - Signed by athlete and guardian
12. Maintain 2.0 GPA and pass at least 20 credits or the equivalent
13. Uniform Contract – Signed by athlete and guardian
14. Opioid Information Form – Signed by athlete and guardian

C. PAID COACHES

Cheer coaches may be certificated or classified. Each school must enter a coach into the Principal’s Portal and submit a certified roster with a minimum of ten (10) athletes. Cheerleaders must participate in a minimum of seven (7) sideline cheer events in the fall and winter seasons. A Cheerleading Schedule must be submitted to the IAD for the fall and winter season. (See Attachment B). Cheer coaches must compete in all league, regional, and championship (if eligible) events to receive funding for competitive cheer in the spring.

II. FIELD TRIPS/COMPETITION

- A. “Application to Participate in a Competition/Tournament” (See Attachment A) must be completed and on file at the school site at least 15 days in advance of the competition/tournament start date for a “local” competition/tournament, with authorization of school Principal.
- B. Paperwork for an out-of-state competition/tournament or an overnight stay must be submitted to the Interscholastic Athletic Department, Local District Administrator of Operations, and Risk Management at least 45 school days in advance of the competition/tournament start date, and must include approval from all departments before travel is allowed.



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C. Submit a request for “Letter of Self-Insurance” to Risk Management 45 school days prior to event to allow sufficient time for processing. All approvals will be verified prior to processing the request and issuing of a “Letter of Self Insurance.”

D. No transportation will be provided for cheer competition/tournaments during the fall and winter season for the 2019-2020 school year. Sideline cheer participants may ride the bus with the athletic team they are supporting. If using a private automobile, refer to Bulletin 5310.

AUTHORITY: This is a policy of the Division of Instruction.

RELATED RESOURCES: BUL-767.1, *Participation in Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities*, dated July 20, 2007

BUL-3732.0, *Procedures for Collections of Funds at Secondary Schools*, dated July 12, 2007

BUL-6744.1, *Guidelines for Supplemental Assignment Differentials*, dated April 26, 2018

BUL-5310.0, *Guidelines on Use of Privately Owned Vehicles for Authorized School District Business*, dated October 20, 2010

BUL-6264.0, *School Athletics*, dated March 31, 2014

BUL-6373.0, *Selection and Supervision of Athletic Coaches*, dated September 3, 2014

BUL-6429.3, *Athletic Rules and Regulations*, dated July 9, 2018

ASSISTANCE: For assistance or further information, please contact the Interscholastic Athletic Department at (213) 241-5847.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Application to Participate in a Sanctioned Tournament/Event
Attachment B: Cheerleading Schedule