

POLICY: <u>ELEMENTARY INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM</u>		# <u>503</u>
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A: **POLICY**

1. 1.1 The Board endorses an Interschool Athletic Program to provide students with opportunities for growth and learning as well as opportunities to build Christian community both in their own school and amongst schools in the system.
- 1.2 The Interschool Athletic Program is designed to create an environment in which students, motivated by common purposes, unite in an effort to accomplish goals. The program fosters cooperation, leadership, the ability to take direction, fair play, honesty, respect and understanding among participants, contributes to the building of Christian character, and stimulates a desire for self-improvement.

B: **GUIDELINES**

2. **Prior to Competition**

- 2.1 Coaches are strongly encouraged to promote maximum participation of students on all school teams. All team members should be given equal consideration with regard to skill development and playing time.
- 2.2 Where a limited number of students are chosen for a team, coaches will inform successful and unsuccessful candidates in a Christian manner, taking feelings and self-esteem into consideration.
- 2.3 All guidelines and procedures relevant to the school excursions component of **Policy 705: School Excursions**, must also be followed to ensure proper safety and supervision arrangements. The reference to Student Insurance found in Form "B" in Policy #705 shall be included on all Permission Slips.
- 2.4 Principals through coaches will ensure that the playing environment is safe for both spectators and athletes and that all equipment is in proper working order. Principals through coaches will ensure that a fully equipped first aid kit will be available at all events.

3. **During Competition**

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of coaches, volunteers and other school staff to ensure respect for opponents, teammates, officials, school facilities and equipment by all competitors and spectators.
- 3.2 Referees may eject from the game any person whom they feel is displaying inappropriate conduct. In most instances, it is expected that **one** warning be given before an ejection.
- 3.3 If necessary, all guidelines and procedures relevant to **Policy 1004: Accidents and Illness**, must be followed to ensure proper safety.

4. **Following Competition**

- 4.1 Coaches and volunteers shall ensure that directly following each interschool contest, the teams will line up and shake hands with the intention of promoting and displaying good will and respect whether in victory or defeat.