



EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND SPORT PROGRAMS

Background

The Division recognizes the value of extra-curricular programs in the development of student skills, knowledge, and abilities. Extra-curricular activities are developed and encouraged through cooperative participation among the student body, staff, and interested community members.

The Fairness and Safety in Sport Act and Fairness and Safety in Sport Regulation establish the requirements for related policies, including that female leagues, classes and divisions are limited to biologically female athletes. They also include processes for determining whether individual athletes meet eligibility, as well as reporting requirements.

Procedures

1. The formation of students' unions, student clubs, and other student groups to promote or pursue specialized athletic, academic, cultural, community service or social activities is encouraged.
2. All student-sponsored clubs/organizations sanctioned by the school must have:
 - 2.1 Adequate supervision; and
 - 2.2 Acceptable procedures for the management, expenditure, and accounting of any funds raised.
3. Student participation in extra-curricular activities is voluntary.
4. Each Principal is responsible for establishing specific procedures to govern the selection and operation of their extra-curricular programs in accordance with Board policies and Division administrative procedures.
5. A fee may be charged to students to defray the costs of participation in extra-curricular athletics programs.
6. Extra-curricular athletics and sports programs, are to provide for maximum opportunities for both males and females to participate in a variety of activities (individual, dual, team).
 - 6.1 Female only competitions must have an eligibility requirement of female sex at birth. Individual confirmation is required in writing by the individual, or if the individual is a minor, the parent of the individual.
 - 6.2 The eligibility of any individual in a female only competition may be challenged in writing by any coach in the competition or any parent of an individual participating in the competition. Confidential challenges are to be submitted to the Deputy Superintendent or designate for an



immediate ruling. Subsequent to the competition, the ruling may be appealed to the Superintendent.

6.3 The Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA) must meet its obligations to the Minister of Tourism and Sport.

6.4 Females may compete in male competitions.

6.5 Mixed gender or mixed sex competitions may occur as determined by the Principal when numbers warrant.

Reference: Section 1, 6, 11, 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
Fairness and Safety in Sports Act
Access to Information Act
Protection of Privacy Act
Vital Statistics Act
School Fees Regular
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools
Safety Guidelines for Secondary Inter-School Athletics in Alberta
Physical Education Safety Guidelines