

MODIFIED ATHLETICS CODE OF ETHICS

IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CONCERNED WITH THE MODIFIED PROGRAM OF ATHLETICS:

1. To provide as broad and varied an athletic program as is possible with an opportunity for competition on an equal basis for all students. A desirable **modified interscholastic program will encourage participation at several achievement levels. Interschool competition in a modified sports program should encourage participation for as many children as possible.**
2. To realize that the individual schools have the final responsibility to equalize competition and must administer the program so that no overmatching of teams or individuals shall be permitted.
3. To conduct the athletic program so that educational objectives shall be achieved; so that the highest ideals of sportsmanship are upheld; so that no single phase of the educational program is promoted at the expense of other equally important programs.
4. To realize that the athletic program **should be balanced** with all other activities essential to youth, including those which may be conducted by out-of-school groups, to avoid an excessive load for any student.
5. To administer the program in such a manner that participants are properly examined, approved, equipped, insured, selected, classified, instructed, and supervised so that as safe a program as is possible is conducted.
6. **To administer the educationally based athletic program in its proper perspective, with minimal loss of school time, limited publicity, competent officiating, and limited awards focused on participation.**
7. To provide **qualified leadership** that understands the teaching of sports to the age group, the objectives of this modified sports program, and the emphasis on safety procedures.
8. To cooperate with schools in the area in providing an **interscholastic athletics administrative organization within your section** that will achieve the objectives and will aid in the development of the highest type of cordial interschool relationships.
9. To conduct the program so that proper respect for authority is achieved. **All participants, coaches, parents, spectators and interested individuals will demonstrate appropriate conduct at all events.**
10. **To promote sportsmanship by competing** within the spirit of the rules, to give every opponent due credit and respect, and to win honorably and to lose graciously.
11. To finance the program through Board of Education approved funds.
12. To cooperate with the Sectional Athletic Council, **League or Conference** in its efforts to provide sound leadership for all **in the modified athletics program**. No sectional team or individual championships are to be conducted in **modified interscholastic athletics**.

Approved unanimously.