

# REGULATION

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Responsible Office:** OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, OFFICE OF ATHLETICS

### INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide governing principles, and resources regarding interscholastic athletics.

#### B. BACKGROUND

Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) athletic programs provide educationally based environments for student-athletes to grow and develop as young adults. The Athletic Handbook serves as a guiding resource for student athletes, staff, and families.

#### C. PROCEDURES

1. Anne Arundel County Public Schools athletic programs follow the policies, regulations and guidelines regarding athletics provided in the following:
  - a. Anne Arundel County Public Schools Board of Education policies and the Superintendent’s regulations;
  - b. Anne Arundel County Public Schools Parent and Student Handbooks;
  - c. Anne Arundel County Public Schools Athletics Handbook;
  - d. Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) Handbook and seasonal bulletins; and
  - e. National Federation of State High School Associations policies and regulations.
2. Anne Arundel County Public Schools is a member of the MPSSAA. As a member of MPSSAA, AACPS can participate in state tournaments for interscholastic athletics.
3. Anne Arundel County Public Schools supports and follows the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3). Accordingly, AACPS shall facilitate the opportunity for transitioning military children’s inclusion in interscholastic athletics regardless of application or try out deadlines, in accord with MPSSAA rules, to the extent they are otherwise eligible and qualified.
4. The AACPS Athletics Handbook provides guidance related to issues including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Sportsmanship expectations;
  - b. Contact information;

- c. Athletic personnel qualifications, requirements, selection process, duties and responsibilities, and evaluations;
- d. County committees;
- e. Practice information;
- f. Scheduling;
- g. Transportation;
- h. Coaches conduct;
- i. Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation, hazing, and bias behaviors;
- j. Student pre-participation information;
- k. Medical and injury protocols;
- l. General standards for student eligibility;
- m. Academic eligibility;
- n. Conduct of student athletes;
- o. Conduct of spectators;
- p. Outside participation;
- q. Out-of-season coaching;
- r. Camp Rule;
- s. Violations of AACPS and MPSSAA rules and regulations and appeal procedures;
- t. Fundraising;
- u. Admissions;
- v. Athletic Boosters;
- w. Weather guidelines;
- x. Suspected head injuries/concussions; and
- y. County Championships.

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