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R277. Education, Administration.

R277-605. Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics.

R277-605-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(c) Subsection 53E-3-501(1)(b), which directs the Board to adopt rules regarding access to programs.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to specify standards for school athletic and activity coaches and standards for athletic clinics and workshops.

R277-605-2. Athletics and the Core Curriculum.

High school competitive sports programs shall be supplementary to the high school curriculum.

R277-605-3. Coaches and School Activity Leaders as Supervisors and Role Models.

(1) Coaches and other designated school leaders shall diligently supervise student athletes at all times while on school-sponsored activities, including supervising students:

(a) on the field, court, or other competition or performance sites;

(b) in locker rooms, in seating areas, in eating establishments, and in lodging facilities; and

(c) while traveling.

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(2) Coaches and designated school leaders are responsible for a student as long as a student remains on school grounds following a school-sponsored activity, subject to LEA policy, consistent with this rule.

(~~2~~3) A coach or other designated school leader shall be an exemplary role model and may not use alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled substances, or participate in promiscuous sexual relationships while on school-sponsored activities.

(~~3~~4) Coaches, assistants and advisors shall act in a manner consistent with Section 53G-8-209 and may not:

(a) use foul, abusive, or profane language while engaged in school related activities; or

(b) permit hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or not, including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order under Utah law.

(5) Coaches, assistants, and advisors shall complete LEA training on bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation, consistent with Subsection R277-613-4(5).

R277-605-4. Athletic and Activity Clinics.

(1) School personnel, activity leaders, coaches, advisors, and other personnel may not require students to attend out-of-school camps, clinics, or workshops for which the personnel, activity leaders, coaches, or advisors receive remuneration from a source other than the school or district in which they are employed.

(2) Required or voluntary participation in summer or other off-season clinics, workshops, and leagues may not be used as eligibility criteria for team membership, participation in extracurricular activities, or for the opportunity to try out for school-sponsored programs.

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