

AP 5700 Intercollegiate Athletics

Reference:

Education Code Sections 66271.6, 66271.8, 67360 et seq., 67456 and 78223;

20 U.S. Code Sections 1681 et seq.

Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Constitution and CCCCCAA Bylaws

The College shall maintain an organized program for men and women in intercollegiate athletics and shall not discriminate on the basis of gender in the availability of athletic opportunities. The college will provide services for student athletes that are provided to all students.

The College shall comply with the California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws, and Sport Championship Handbooks, which govern the administration of California community college intercollegiate athletics.

The College is a member of the Central Valley Conference. As a member, Taft College will comply with the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Central Valley Conference.

The Director of Athletics has been delegated authority to determine individual eligibility in accordance with the CCCCCAA, the CVC and the District rules. This determination is done in conjunction with the Eligibility Clerk, the Academic Advisor for Athletes and the Vice President of Student Services.

The Director of Athletics and the Vice President of Students Services will assume the responsibility for enforcement of the Board and Administrative Policies. General direction and administration of the athletic program, within the established policies and procedures, is the responsibility of the Director of Athletics. Individual team coaches are directly responsible to the Director of Athletics for governance of their teams and enforcement of established policies.

All rules governing athletic eligibility of the CCCCCAA, CVC and the District are applicable and in addition:

1. The College does not discriminate on the basis of gender in the availability of athletic opportunities and complies with state and federal Title IX laws pertaining to equitable opportunities for men and women.
2. Each student athlete must have completed both the College and the conference eligibility procedures before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match or scrimmage.
3. Each student athlete must complete the College physical by a medical doctor before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match or scrimmage.

In addition to the eligibility requirements set forth by the CCCAA, student athletes at the College must adhere to the Taft College Student Athlete Code of Conduct (AP 5501). Failure to do so may lead to suspension or expulsion from the team for any team member not in compliance.

Name, Image, Likeness, and Athletic Reputation

Prospective Student Athlete: The District will not provide a prospective student athlete with compensation in relation to the athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation.

Student Athletes: The District will not prevent a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from either earning compensation or as a result of the use of the student athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation, or from obtaining professional representation by duly licensed athletic agents or attorneys. However, a student athlete may not enter into a contract that provides compensation to the student athlete for their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation if the contract conflicts with a provision of the student athlete's team contract.

A student who enters into a contract providing compensation for use of the student's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation must disclose the contract to the Athletic Director. If the District determines that a conflict between the student athlete's team contract, the Athletic Director will disclose the conflict to the student or student's legal representative, if any, and identify the contractual provisions that conflict.

Any team contract entered into, modified or renewed on or after September 1, 2021 will not prevent a student athlete from using their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation for a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.

A student athlete's scholarship eligibility will not be impacted as a result of the student earning compensation for their name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation.

The District will not revoke a student athlete's scholarship that provides the student athlete with the cost of attendance as a result of the student athlete earning compensation or obtaining legal representation in accordance with state law.