



Subject: CIF Athletics
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California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Athletics

Springs Charter Schools has California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) athletics programs at certain sites for students in grades 9-12. As a part of CIF, the charter school embodies the mission and vision of the CIF athletic program.

CIF Vision

Athletic competition is an integral part of the high school experience. CIF is uniquely positioned to foster student growth in values and ethics. CIF's ideal of "Pursuing Victory with Honor," provides the opportunity to dramatically influence the actions of the athletic community. CIF strives to strengthen the integrity of students and adults across the state by promoting the concepts of sportsmanship, honesty and quality academics. These priorities advance the highest principles of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

CIF Mission Statement

The CIF governs interscholastic athletics, promoting equity, quality, character and academic development.

- *Equity – Equal opportunity without regard to race, gender, and ethnicity within all aspects of the athletic program for students, personnel, schools and governance.*
- *Quality – Training, education and commitment of coaches, officials, administrators and parents to improve the quality of athletic programs.*
- *Character – Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.*
- *Academic Development – Commitment to encourage academic growth is a high priority.*

Further, the charter will follow all CIF rules as it relates to student athletes, coaches, and athletics staff. This includes, but is not limited to, eligibility, grades, transfers, training, regulations, processes, competition, and rules.

Therefore, the charter has established a parent/student contract which delineates all of the rules and regulations for student athletes and their parents. This must be signed by each athlete and at least one parent/guardian one time per academic year, prior to participating in any sport.

The packet includes:

- Springs Athletics Mission, Vision, and Philosophy
- Athletic Eligibility (with strict adherence to academic monitoring)
- Athletic Code of Conduct
- General Team and Activity Rules
- Requirements of Athletic Participation
- Parent Complaint Procedure
- Warning to Athletes and Parents/Guardians (regarding injury/health)
- Athletic Activity Emergency Authorization
- Age and Residence Statement
- Sports Physical

The Governing Board understands that CIF athletics has strict guidelines when it comes to the care of our student athletes and coaches, and understands that the Charter will adhere to them.