

ATHLETIC - CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE SCHOOL AND THE BISHOP COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT A RIGHT.

Accompanying the privilege of athletic participation is the responsibility of the student to conform to standards established for the Bishop Union High School Athletic program as assurance that the school and community will have the most positive representation possible. Only the highest standards of performance, behavior, and citizenship are expected of Bishop High athletes. Participation in athletics provides a means of learning a way of life truly respected in professions, in businesses, or in skilled teamwork. It teaches that to break established rules jeopardizes the morale of any team or organization. Athletics exemplifies the philosophy that hard work, drive, team work, and determination will bring eventual success.

It is important to note that the law grants authority to school officials to supervise students when they are participating in school-sponsored events. When students act or behave improperly or exert a harmful influence upon the pupils of the school, they are subject to being disciplined and/or losing the privileges of participation in athletics. In addition to regular discipline rules, the Athletic Conduct Code applies extra standards to all student/athletes, on and off campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before a student is allowed to check out athletic equipment or practice with an athletic team there must be a current (defined as that period covering the school term) CIF Physician's Statement and Parent's Consent for Medical Treatment form on file with the school. An acknowledgment card signed by both student and parent/guardian signifying they have read and fully understand the Athletic Conduct Code must be on file prior to the student's participating on any athletic team.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Athletes must maintain a "**C**" average (at least a 2.0 GPA) and **must** have passed at least 20 units of credit in the most recently completed grading period.
2. Athletes who fall below a 2.0 GPA and have a 1.80 GPA or greater **may** petition for eligibility no more than once during high school.
3. Athletes who fall below 1.80 GPA will not be eligible to petition for eligibility.
4. A grade of "I" (incomplete) shall be computed as "F" in determining units passed and GPA until the incomplete is changed to a passing grade.
5. Eligibility of students transferring into the Bishop Unified School District shall be based upon confirming their eligibility status with CIF and with the district from which they transferred until the end of their first full grading period at Bishop Union High School. At that time, local eligibility criteria shall be applied.

DAY OF ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

In order to represent Bishop Union High School, on the day of an athletic contest the athlete must:

1. Attend all classes on time the day before, of, and after the contest unless the absence is sanctioned by administration.
*If an "away" contest, attend all classes until authorized time of departure.
2. Maintain a good attendance record and not have any attendance referrals.
3. Exhibit appropriate school behavior.
4. Travel to and from athletic contest with his/her team (except when released by his/her parent(s) and coach).

ALMA MATER

Lovely as the mountains

Soft with evening haze.

Brighter than the valley's

Golden autumn days.

Loyalty we pledge thee

Love we'll ever give thee.

Alma mater Bishop High

All hail to thee,

All hail to Thee.